

- Ethical considerations about acquisition and use of wealth
- Actions and attitudes of Christian charities: Christian Aid

### Key Concepts

<b>Censorship</b>	Limiting access to materials considered offensive or a threat.	<b>Extremism</b>	Believing and supporting ideas far from that which people consider reasonable.
<b>Discrimination</b>	Treating people differently.	<b>Prejudice</b>	Pre-judging people.
<b>Personal Conviction</b>	What a person strongly believes.	<b>Human Rights</b>	Basic entitlements of all human rights.
<b>Relative and Absolute Poverty</b>	<b>Relative</b> poverty is in relation to standards of where the person lives. <b>Absolute</b> poverty is acute state of deprivation.	<b>Social Justice</b>	Promoting a fair society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity.

### Christian considerations about acquisition and use of wealth

Christians believe it is the actions of a person and not how much money they have that's important. **Jesus** taught that being rich doesn't earn a place in **Heaven**. In the story of **Lazarus and the Rich Man** it was the poor beggar **Lazarus** who went to Heaven and the **Rich Man** who went to **Hell**. There is nothing wrong with Christians being wealthy but they should use their wealth to help others. In some **denominations** a **tithe** (set amount of money) is paid to the fund the work of the **church**. Money should not be gained through **immoral** means. Some **denominations** such as **Methodists** do not gamble. **Jesus** taught that money doesn't make people happy and the disciples had to give up their riches to become **disciples**.

### Actions and attitudes of Christian Charities: Christian Aid

There are many different Christian **charities that** help people locally and globally. In Component 2 there is a study of **Tear Fund**. **Christian Aid** works in many countries to illustrate **God's love** for all and the **dignity** of each human being. It works in many countries to help stop **poverty**, challenge **social injustices** and support those in need. Its actions are in partnership with the local community in a spirit of cooperation and partnership.

### Key Sources of Authority

- The actions and teachings of Jesus e.g. story of Lazarus and the Rich Man in Luke 16:19-31
- Conscience and Personal Conviction

### Key Connections

Each area of study will connect with other areas in Component 1 and Component 2 (Christianity).

Consider how...

- acquisition and use of wealth relate to *agape in action* (Component 1)
- actions of Christian Aid relate to the *work of Tearfund : Christian beliefs in action* (Component 2).

### Exam Practice

What is meant by relative poverty? (2)

It's up to you what you do with your money. Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You must refer to religion and belief in your answer. (15)