True wealth
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Even before the great Emmaus adventure had begun, Abbé Pierre had transformed his house into a youth hostel: Following the disaster that marked the second half of the century, he had in fact understood that the future of a world that would finally be fit to live in depended on new generations and the strength of young people’s commitment. Following on from that, Emmaus – because of a universal message – has moved to meet with all generations, all of which are seeking hope and action. These young people have brought a breath of fresh ideas and renewed activism, all of which are needed in the world and among young people everywhere. Their outreach of the world the Emmaus movement has shown that just two vulnerable young people are... they are the first victims of poverty and sometimes they end up being sacrificed. Nonetheless, these young people are still here, in the movement, holding our future in their hands. The new Emmaus generation supports the old disadvantaged and opens the eyes of the privileged. Through directly experiencing this solidarity among young people, our movement shows that the emerging generation is a force which needs to be encouraged and gives the right tools in order to build a better world starting from now. If we were ever to be tempted by this, the youth world should never return as...