

Giving - Why Give?

Matthew 6: 1-4, 19 – 24

1. It's a heart matter Matthew 6: 21
 - What am I living for?
 - Where is my future?
 - Psalm 49: 16 – 20 I came with nothing, I leave with nothing
2. Giving is bigger than £ and P Matthew 6: 22 - 23
 - Giving a 'grace' not a burden
 - It reveals so much that is hidden
 - What do I really trust in? Matthew 6: 25 – 34
 - Where are my eyes focussing?
 - Matthew 6: 24 – You cannot serve both God and money
3. But we need money to live!
 - There are costs that need to be paid
 - Giving is good for us and good for those we give to
 - Budgeting makes a huge difference to how we feel
 - Can I afford not to give?
 - Self-control – a fruit of the Spirit.

Digging Deeper

Read Matthew 6: 1 – 4 and 19 - 34

1. In what ways does our attitude and use of money reveal our hearts?
2. Why does Jesus jump to an illustration about the eye in verse 22? How does this connect with our hearts?
3. If we cannot serve two masters how do we learn to live well with the material resources God has given us to use and enjoy?
4. What causes you to worry?
5. What do our worries tell us about our relationship with our Heavenly Father?
6. Look back over chapter 6 – What do you think is the key truth that flows through this section of the Sermon on the Mount?
7. Do you see your giving as a duty or a joy?

Practical questions to consider to help one another

- a. Have you made a household budget?
- b. How does it work?
- c. Do you keep to it?
- d. Have you worked out your giving and do you re-assess it from time to time?