

God at Work
Money and Giving

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Getting Started

- Individually – think about the way you spend your money – and where the Church fits
- Are there ways that the proportions could be better?
- As far as you feel comfortable, share your findings in your groups
- Discuss whether you can identify sources of blessing resulting from regular giving

Money

- The fruit of our labour
- A means of paying for our basic needs
- No-one ever seems to have enough
- The more you have the more you want

Haggai 1:6

“You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

Jesus' View

- “No servant can serve two masters”
- “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”
- “Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven”
- “... the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Then come, follow me.”

Self Seeking

- **Exclusive** (*Thinks of self at exclusion of others*)
- **Excessive** (*Tendency to always want more*)
- **Restrictive** (*Finds it difficult to give*)
- **Stifling** (*Finds it hard when others prosper*)

Seeking Sense

- **Inclusive** (*Thinking of self doesn't exclude thinking of others*)
- **Sufficient** (*Desires not necessarily excessive*)
- **Releasing** (*Giving may come easily*)
- **Empowering** (*May help others to prosper*)

Why give?

- Celebration – *God loves a cheerful giver*
- Freedom - *Freely you have received, freely give*
- Investment - *Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness*

Discussion

Identify work in your Church which excites you. Why?

Practical

- Make giving a habit
- Give with wisdom
- Give anonymously
- Give regularly
- Give proportionately

What can you give?

- Time?
- Possessions?
- Skills?

- Share your answers