

Investing in Heaven

Read Matthew 6:19-24 (It is impossible to out-give God)

1. Imagine that you are one of the crowd.
 - What might you be thinking?
 - What might you say to your friend?
 - How do you react to what Jesus is teaching?
 - Suppose you are one of Jesus disciples; describe your thoughts.

2. Jesus breaks this teaching into three parts.
 - What are they and how do they fit together?
 - Jesus talks about the wisdom of investing prudently. How prudent are your investments? Could you be wiser and if so how? What kind of things are you saving up for? Is it wrong to save up?
 - What is the middle section of Jesus teaching about?
 - i. Look up Proverbs 4 verses 13 and 23
 - ii. What do these verses tell us and how do they help?
 - Part three of Jesus argument is about doing.
 - i. How easy is it to do what Jesus teaches?
 - ii. Being generous is not always easy - or is it? When do you find it easy to be generous and when is it difficult?

3. You don't have to answer these aloud!
 - Do you tithe? If you don't what is stopping you?

4. Extra giving. The Bible talks about tithes and offerings. These are offerings not part of our tithe!
 - Have you ever given or received an envelope via the offering and if so what have you thought and felt?
 - What do you think about shoe boxes, hampers etc.?
 - What other stuff are we involved with as a church to be generous?

5. Talk about how generous God has been to you and your family. (Our aim is never to try to repay God for his generosity but to honour Him by being more like Him. He is generous so we his children should be too!)