

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Keeping Money in its Place

- 1) What is the most recent thing you have bought?
- 2) Read **Matthew 6v24**.
 - a) In what ways do you find it hard to keep money in its place?
 - b) What did you find helpful from Rich's message?
- 3) a) Read **Ecclesiastes 5v10**.
 - i) What does this teach us about how much we earn?
 - ii) Why do you think 'loving money' is a problem?
- b) Read **Hebrews 13v5**
 - i) How does this verse help us to avoid 'loving money'?
 - ii) What reason does this give for us to be content with what you have? How helpful do you personally find that?
- c) Read **Mark 4v19**
 - i) In what ways do you think wealth can be deceitful?
 - ii) How do you think this might influence you?
- d) Read **Matthew 6v19-21**
 - i) What do you think it means to 'store up treasure in heaven'?
 - ii) Why does this verse say 'treasure in heaven' is a better investment than 'treasure on earth'?
 - iii) In what ways can you personally use your money in this way? What, if anything, is stopping you doing this?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Luke 21v1-4**.

- a) Who do you most closely identify with in this passage: the rich people or the poor widow?
- b) Why is giving out of wealth much easier than giving out of poverty?
- c) Why do you think Jesus says the widow put in more than the rich people?
- d) How much does your giving to church cost you in terms of affecting your lifestyle?
- e) Based on this passage, how do you think Jesus would evaluate your giving?
- f) What do you think happened to this widow after she gave all her money to God? Why?
- g) How would you feel if you had to explain your financial decisions with this poor widow?
- h) How does this passage help you personally to give more generously?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the **Alpha Course**. The first week was good although not everyone was able to make it. Pray for an increase in numbers, for friendships to grow and for people to return each week.

Please pray for the ongoing work in **Lesotho** and for Pete West who is leading the church there. **Rehebothe Church** had a celebration meeting last week to thank God for his provision and the work that has been done so far. Pray for Rob who is trying to make the right contacts at Sebochi Hospital to enable the recognition of the clinic to move forward.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The next **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6th November, 7.45pm**. For more information and to book a place please speak to Al.

The '**Becoming a Contagious Christian**' course has started at small groups. Please make every effort to get to group over the next few weeks as this promises to be an exciting and valuable time. If you are not currently in a small group, please speak to one of the Elders and they can help you find the right group.

We're invited to come and worship together with other local Christians at **Lewes Churches Together** at St John sub Castro (Abinger Place, Lewes) at **6.30pm on Sunday 20th October**

Calling all men! Come and join a group of us going to **Movement** at CCK in Brighton on **1st & 2nd November**. It's an annual men's event to inspire and train godly men for influence and leadership in their homes, churches and wider culture. Speakers include Joel Virgo and worship will be led by Simon Brading. It includes a hog-roast! For more information and to book go to **<http://movementevent.com>** Please let Al know if you're planning to go.