

WHITFIELD PARISH

St James' Church † St Luke's Church

LIFE Group Notes w/b Sunday 1 June 2008

The Good Life – Good Giving

Matthew 6.1 – 4

1. Should Christians give to the poor? Have a look at some of these scriptures: Proverbs 31.20; Amos 2.6-8; Acts 2.44-45; James 1.27.
2. Jesus takes a word 'hypocrite' which means actor and applies it to behaviour. What can we learn from this?
In the rest of Matthew 6 there are a number of other examples of how hypocrites behave. You could also look at Isaiah 29.13 and 2 Corinthians 11.14-15 to help you.
3. Compare this passage with Matthew 5.14-16. Do they contradict or complement one another? What does this tell us about the difference between Jesus' teaching and that of the scribes and Pharisees?
4. How do we become people who please God instead of pleasing people?
Here are some scriptures to get you started: Daniel 2.20-22; Matthew 7.5; Matthew 15.1-3; Mark 7.9; Mark 12.30; Romans 10.1-4; Romans 12.1-2; I Corinthians 2.2; 2 Corinthians 10.4-5; Galatians 5.16; 2 Timothy 3.1-5; James 4.4-10; I Peter 5.5.