



The power of a Question

Title: Q.6
Date: Sunday 12th November 2017
Reading: Luke 12:13-21

“Generosity releases blessing” (Luke 6v38)
Can you think of examples of this in your life?



“Who appointed me judge between you?”

Two brothers are fighting over an inheritance – one feeling that the other is not being fair. They want Jesus to sort things out but Jesus answers with a question which challenges their view of him. Is Jesus a ‘cosmic referee/umpire/judge’ sent to sort out issues between us? Why did Jesus move the focus from declaring who’s right and wrong to encouraging people/us to examine our own motivations?

“Guard against all kinds of greed” (v15)

Why is it easier to spot greed in others than ourselves? Why do you think Jesus said “guard against all kinds of greed” rather than “don’t be greedy”? Greed creeps into us all – how do we spot it? In Luke 12:34 Jesus says *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* What does this reveal about you?

Be Generous towards God (v21)

Is being generous towards God different from being generous towards other people? Does selective generosity (only with certain things and certain people) fulfil what Jesus is calling for? How do we ensure ‘good stewardship’ is not simply a smoke screen to hide a type of greed? Should we downsize our... house, car, holiday, hobbies... in order to give away more/be more generous toward God (v21)? Why or why not?