

Who Should I Give To?

So many needs! How do I decide?

The people to give to:

Your family

1 Timothy 5:3-4

1 Timothy 5:8

The needy

Christians

1 John 3:16-18

Everyone

Galatians 6:9-10

The work of the gospel

Local

1 Timothy 5:17-18

1 Timothy 3:14-15

Global

Philippians 4:15-16

2 Corinthians 11:9a

How do I prioritise? Two principles

Proximity

The principle: the closer you are in relationship to someone, the more obliged you are to give to them

Mark 7:10-13

Galatians 6:10

Eternity

The principle: giving to things that will have an eternal impact is more important than giving to things that will only have a temporary impact

Luke 4:43-44

What happens when we put these two principles - proximity and eternity - together?

Family

Local church

Gospel work further afield, e.g. parachurch, global mission

Needy (Christians first, but still everyone)

A challenge to go home with

Dwell on everything God has given you, and who he's made you to be

Then, work out how much you can give

Then, decide who you're going to give to

Then, start giving!