

## 20 Family matters - Wealth and possessions

### Personal wealth

Think for a minute about these passages and make one or two notes about what they say.



Exodus 30:15; Proverbs 22:2; Psalm 49:15-20. How does God value us, and what does he think of our riches or poverty?



"They're having money problems. Better hide your piggy bank."

### Is it good or bad to be rich?



Some more scripture teaching to look at. What do these verses teach us? If you have time, think about some biblical characters who were rich or poor, and see what lessons we can learn from them.

Ecclesiastes 5:10-17 and 18-6:3; Proverbs 28:6.

1 Timothy 6:7-11; Matthew 19:23-26; Proverbs 11:4.

Luke 6:22-25; Matthew 6:22-34; Philippians 4:11-13.

### Some instructions



What do these verses teach us about how we should use, or think about, wealth?

Matthew 5:42 and James 2:2-4; Romans 12:13 and Matthew 6:2

*you could memorise these words- they may be useful one day*

'Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God.'

(Proverbs 30:7-9)

### What are true riches?



Isaiah 55:1-2 and Jeremiah 9:23-24; James 2:5 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19

