



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

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TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

Covetousness

Introduction: We are studying a series on TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING. We seek to recognize the things that happen when we DON'T give God our best. What gets in our way? What things can cripple our own spirituality along with those around us. We need to recognize these enemies and defeat them before they become toxic. Today I want us to talk about covetousness. Consider some great Bible teachings on this subject (**Matthew 6:21-24, I Corinthians 4:1-5**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Biblical Principles

- A. Covetousness leads to death (**Proverbs 1:19**).
- B. Covetousness leads to deficiency (**Proverbs 11:28**).
- C. Covetousness leads to destruction (**Proverbs 15:7**).
- D. Covetousness leads to deception (**Proverbs 22:16**).
- E. Covetousness leads to denial (**Proverbs 30:8-9**).

II. Biblical Examples

- A. Jacob (**Genesis 25, 27**)
- B. Balaam (**Numbers 22-24**)
- C. David (**II Samuel 11-12**)
- D. Gehazi (**II Kings 5:20-27**)
- E. Simon the Sorcerer (**Acts 8:24-27**)

Conclusion: We do not know the hour of our eternal departure and we are not promised tomorrow. Therefore, before we die we need to put to death some things in our lives (**Colossians 3:5-6**). Toxic Christian living consists of a hypocritical walk. Are you ready to defeat these enemies? Then take action immediately. Do you believe in Jesus? Are you following Him daily? Do you believe in the Bible? Are you obeying what the Bible tells you? Why are you waiting to make things right? Don't let covetousness overcome you! It's time to give God what He deserves... our very best!

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