



**GULF SHORES**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

*SUNDAY MORNING SERMON*

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## **TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING** **Materialism**

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 we are going to talk about materialism. We have to realize that materialism sends us in the wrong direction (**Luke 12:15**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

### **I. Biblical Principles**

- A. Materialism cultivates sinful desires (**Proverbs 21:17-21**).
- B. Materialism contributes to anxiety (**Matthew 6:25-34**).
- C. Materialism causes instability (**Matthew 7:24-27**).
- D. Materialism complicates difficulties (**James 1:13-17**).
- E. Materialism creates pitfalls (**I John 5:19**).

### **II. Biblical Examples**

- A. Lot (**Genesis 13, 19**)
- B. Solomon (**Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**)
- C. The Disciples (**Luke 9:1-6, 10:4**)
- D. The Pharisees (**Luke 16:14-15**)
- E. The Early Church (**Acts 2-5**)

Conclusion: Remember what Jesus said in **Mark 8:36**. We need to be concerned about our own soul and spiritual condition. 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 materialism rule your life! It's time to give God your very best!