



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON
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TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING ***Selfishness***

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. Tonight we are going to talk about selfishness. We have to realize that selfishness is the antithesis of the Golden Rule (**Matthew 7:12**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Biblical Principles

- A. Selfishness ignores humility (**Matthew 18:2-4**).
- B. Selfishness ignores responsibility (**Matthew 18:5-7**).
- C. Selfishness ignores temperance (**Matthew 18:8-10**).
- D. Selfishness ignores compassion (**Matthew 18:11-14**).
- E. Selfishness ignores discipline (**Matthew 18:15-18**).

II. Biblical Examples

- A. The Prophet Jonah (**Jonah 1-4**)
- B. The Rich Young Ruler (**Mark 10:21-27**)
- C. The Rich Fool (**Luke 12:13-21**)
- D. The Unjust Steward (**Luke 16:1-13**)
- E. The Rich Man (**Luke 16:19-31**)

Conclusion: Remember what Paul said in **Philippians 2:4**. We need to be concerned about the needs of others. 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 selfishness rule your life! It's time to give God your very best!