



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON

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TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

Greed

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. Earlier we talked about covetousness, but we also have to consider some close relatives: greed and envy. I would like for us to start by recognizing one of Jesus's teachings on greed (**Luke 12:15**). Why should we avoid greed? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Biblical Principles

- A. Greed leads to deception (**Proverbs 1:10-14**).
- B. Greed leads to division (**Proverbs 15:27**).
- C. Greed leads to desire (**Proverbs 23:1-6**).
- D. Greed leads to destruction (**Proverbs 29:4**).
- E. Greed leads to discontent (**Proverbs 30:15-16**).

II. Biblical Examples

- A. Judah's Leaders (**Isaiah 56:9-12**)
- B. Ahab (**I Kings 21:1-16**)
- C. Zacchaeus (**Luke 19:1-10**)
- D. Judas (**John 12:1-8**)
- E. Felix (**Acts 24:24-27**)

Conclusion: We must not forget **Philippians 4:19** and **Ephesians 1:3**. God abundantly blesses us! 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 greed get in your way! It's time to give God what He deserves... our very best!