Sermon Two

Lessons from a Rich Fool

**SCRIPTURE EMPHASIS**


**MAIN THOUGHT**

Greed is a self-centered disease that causes us to treat God and others with little to no respect.

**OUTLINE**

1. Greed can cause us to demand things of God.

   Luke 12:13 "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
   
   - Greed clouds our judgment (Proverbs 11:28).
   - Greed treats God as a means to material wealth and belongings.

2. Jesus makes clear that our lives are not made up of simply accumulating material possessions.

   Luke 12:15: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
   
   - Jesus asks us to be on our guard, implying that we are all susceptible to let our guard down and be overcome by greed.
   - Closely related to greed is envy. It’s not only dangerous to want more things; it’s dangerous to compare ourselves to others who might have more.

3. Jesus gives us an example of a greedy person.

   
   - The rich fool thought only of himself. (Note how often he referred to himself in the passage).
   - The rich fool did not share his wealth, but accumulated things so he could simply eat, drink, and be merry.
   - The rich fool failed to take the future into account, as his life was abruptly taken.
Concluding Challenge

Has greed clouded your judgment? Has it kept you from giving when God has asked you to give? Let the Spirit fill you with gratitude today and enable you to overcome greed.