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Sermon Title: Slay Greed and Save your Joy

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): Luke 12:7-8, 11-21

- 1) Richard opened the sermon by saying this about the culture, "Choose as your primary objective to make your life secure through your own plans and strength." Discuss ways you see this played out in everyday life at work, in social media, in your family, etc.
- 2) What does Jesus say about this attitude?
- 3) Read Luke 12:13. What was this man's attitude and only concern?
- 4) Read Luke 12:15. Why would Jesus give us this kind of warning?
- 5) Another quote that Richard gave us was this, "The voice of greed seeks to persuade you that until God increases your possessions on earth, you cannot have joy." How have you seen this in your own life? In what ways has this mindset influenced you to make decisions that were contrary to God's best for you?
- 6) When was the last time you cried out to God and confessed that you have a problem with greed?
- 7) Read Luke 12:16-21. Richard brought out of this scripture three lessons for us to learn. The first one was that this man is a fool for inviting unnecessary anxiety into his life. How have you brought unnecessary anxiety into your life? What were the results?
- 8) The second lesson was that this man was a fool because he had no thoughts of God. Tell of times in your life when you had no thoughts of God. What did your life look like? If you're on the other side of it looking back, what did you learn from it?
- 9) The third lesson was that this man was a fool because he was denying the fact that his life will end. What do you learn from this and how can you change your perspective in order to live life abundantly?
- 10) Richard asked us, "What does it mean to be rich towards God?"
- 11) Read Luke 12:34. Examine how your money moves in the direction of your values. What is the remedy?

