

# Stewardship Messages

## August 2019

**August 3/4**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”*** Luke 12:15

This passage can be difficult to wrap our head around in our culture. So often, the world values things – possessions. Jesus tells us that our real value is in the way we live our lives. Rather than focusing on “things,” Jesus challenges us to live gratefully and generously and to become more “other-centered” than “self-centered.”

**August 10/11**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“For where your treasure is, there also your heart will be.”*** Luke 12:34

The world encourages us to build up our treasure in material goods – property, vehicles, apparel, “toys” and the like. But, Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. How much time do you invest in building up your worldly treasure versus building up your heavenly treasure? Sometimes you need to let go of some of the things of the world to invest more in the things of heaven.

**August 17/18**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”*** Luke 12:51

It is often quite comfortable to “play it safe,” to “stay in the middle lane.” But, living a stewardship lifestyle in today’s world often calls us to move out of our comfort zone. We should be informed, educate and take a stance on matters such as life and religious liberty.

**August 24/25**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”*** Luke 13:30

By the world’s standards, we tend to “rank” people by their wealth, their power or their success. But, God does not judge by the same standards. Think about this: When God asks you, “what have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?