

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

July 31, 2016

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21



The Biggest Slice of the Pie. Object: Two pieces of pie. One large and one small.

Yum, yum! Look what I have. Two slices of pie. If I were to let you choose one of these slices of pie to eat, which one would you choose? I think I would probably choose the large slice, wouldn't you?

We might laugh at that, but selfishness and greed is a very serious subject. Every day we see people who not only want the biggest slice of the pie for themselves, they want it all! Jesus told a story about a man who was like that.

The man in Jesus' story was very rich. He had a large, fertile farm which produced very good crops. "What should I do?" the man said to himself. "I have had such a large harvest that I don't have room in my barns to store all of it."

What do you think the man did? He could have shared some of what he had with those who didn't have very much. Do you think that is what the man did? No, instead he said, "I know what I will do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I will say to myself, 'You have plenty of everything. Enjoy it. Eat, drink, and be merry.'"

God said to the rich man, "You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything?"

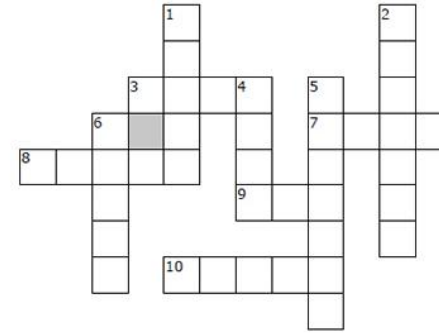
God is good and he has given most of us more than we need. The question is, what will we do with what God has given to us? Will we share it with those who don't have as much, or will we greedily keep it for ourselves? Remember the warning that Jesus gave to the listeners of his story. "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed."

Father, you have blessed most of us with more than we need. Help us to be generous and to share with those who may not have as much. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia (Matthew 5:3)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. One who acts unwisely
- 7. Having great material wealth
- 8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
- 9. To take food into the body through the mouth
- 10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

- 1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
- 2. A person who educates or gives instruction
- 4. The period of time between birth and death
- 5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
- 6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

rich	judge	crops	brother	barns
life	eat	fool	teacher	drink

“SHARING HANDS” paper plate: Have the child trace their own hands and cut out 8 "hands" and glue evenly onto a paper plate. Write SHARING HANDS in the middle of the paper plate and tie a ribbon to the top of the plate to hang on their wall. Discuss what "sharing hands" do.

“SHARING” WALL HANGING: Give the child a piece of butcher paper about 18 inches long. Have some magazine pictures of things that can be shared to make someone happy (ex: toys, food, or clothing). Let the children glue pictures of these items to their wall hanging with the heading "Share with others".



THE GREEDY FARMER

LUKE 12



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