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SERMON OUTLINE -- JULY 31, 2022

Less is More

(Luke 12:15)

INTRODUCTION: *The business man and the popcorn vendor...*

I. I AM CONTENT... I HAVE ENOUGH... LESS IS MORE

- A. These statements have vanished from our vocabulary
- B. A researcher's comparison of 1950 & 2020: *"I want more, more, more!"*
- C. Jesus said: *"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world yet lose his soul?"* (Mark 8:36)
- D. John D. Rockefeller: *"Just a little more!"*

II. THE 1st PARABLE IN THE BIBLE:

THE PARABLE OF THE TREES (Judges 9)

- A. The trees elected a powerful thorn bush to be their king
- B. God warns that riches, greed & power can destroy us
- C. In a desire to be great, we can cease being any good!

III. MORE IS NOT ALWAYS MORE

- A. St. Paul tells us: *"Godliness with contentment is great gain."* (1 Timothy 6:6)
- B. God invites us to find true contentment in Him (Isaiah 26:3)
- C. The values of a greedy world do not need to rule our lives (Philippians 4:11)
- D. Our Lord Jesus gave up all heavenly riches, took upon Himself the poverty of our sin so that we might receive **eternal riches** (2 Corinthians 8:9)

CONCLUSION: *My recent time spent with Trinity members nearing death: **eternal riches in Christ***