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**Message Series:** Soul Detox

**Today's Message:** Toxic Influences

### 1. **Mood Poisoning: The \_\_\_\_\_ Promises Money Makes**

Matthew 16:26 "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Proverbs 13:7 "Some people like to 'pretend to be rich' but in reality, have nothing."

**Entitlement:** "I \_\_\_\_\_ it" ... "Life is short" ... "No payments till..."

Romans 1:25 "They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised."

**Money's Promises It Can't Keep:** "HAPPINESS" ... "SIGNIFICANCE" ... "SECURITY"

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 12:15 "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

**Truth:** This earth is not heaven; it will \_\_\_\_\_ fully satisfy us.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "God has planted eternity in the human heart."

### 2. **Germ \_\_\_\_\_ : Cleansing Our Lives of Cultural Toxins**

Isaiah 5:20 "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light..."

\* "God's grace never encourages us to live in sin; on the contrary, it \_\_\_\_\_ us to say no to sin, and yes to truth." ~Alcorn

**Truth:** Sadly, we rarely recognize the negative impact of the cultural diet we consume daily.

1 Corinthians 5:6, 7 "Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as you really are."

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 "Test everything. Hold onto the good. Avoid every kind of evil."

**Three Questions:**

- 1) Am I being entertained by sin?
- 2) Is this \_\_\_\_\_ to God?
- 3) Does this lure me away from Christ?

### 3. **Radioactive Relationships: Loving Unhealthy People \_\_\_\_\_ Getting Sick**

\* "Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company." ~George Washington

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character."

2 Timothy 2:16, 17 “Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like gangrene.”

**Three Types of Toxic People:**

- 1) **Chronic Critics** — they find fault in everything
- 2) **The Controller** — these force their way and opinions on others
- 3) **The Tempter** — these encourage you to do what you know you shouldn't do

**Establish Healthy Boundaries:**

- 1) **Talk Plainly** — Hold your ground; stand strong
- 2) **Be Loving But Firm** — “No thanks, I'm not going there”
- 3) **If Poison Still** — Protect yourself—Sever the relationship

⇒ **Note:** In Families: Build Bridges —→ NOT Barriers

1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24