

# Sunday, August 1, 2010

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
*Communion Sunday – Fellowship Feast Sunday*

## **What's It All About?**

It's called the "Prosperity Gospel," and there are – and always have been – those who preach it. Basically, it says that if you give your life to Christ, it is God's intention to make you wealthy, and you will become so, if you have enough faith. Lack of wealth is interpreted as a lack of faith. It's odd – but not unexpected – that this "gospel" is predominantly a white, middle-class American phenomenon. That makes sense, when one thinks historically about all those who have felt that their wealth was a sign of God's special blessing and favor upon them. But that doesn't jive with all the truly faithful disciples who live in dire poverty all over the world. The "prosperity gospel" certainly doesn't work in their case, does it? This Sunday, as we return to the Lord's Table to be fed spiritual food yet again, Pastor Glen will look at Christ's parable of the rich fool, pointing out some of the dangers of this false gospel of earthly prosperity, and suggest what Christ's invitation to prosperity might truly mean for those who seek to follow Him.

## **Thought for Worship Preparation**

*"It is God's will for you to live in prosperity instead of poverty. It's God's will for you to pay your bills and not be in debt."*

– Popular contemporary "prosperity Gospel" preacher

## **Adults' Sermon Title**

*"Jesus...Just Give Me What I Want...Now!"*

Rev. Glen W. Bocox – Senior Pastor

## **Scripture Reading**

*Luke 12:13-21 NRSV*

Parable of the Rich Fool

**Remember to bring a non-perishable food item for "Helping Hands" as your special mission offering this Sunday. "As we are fed at God's table, so we are invited to feed others."**

**Salads, Salads, Salads, Salads, Salads**

***Free Fellowship Feast Meal at Noon for All!***

**INVITE A FRIEND! BRING A FRIEND! BE A FRIEND!**