

# SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Excerpts:

## *“First Sunday of 2022 Sermon”*

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**Luke 13:1-5** *“Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”*

**Luke 13:6-9** *“Then Jesus used this illustration: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”*

***Here are symptoms to describe being entitled and narcissistic which means we need the miracle of manure to become more grateful and generous:***

1. You expect the same rules that apply to others shouldn't apply to you.
2. You feel massively put upon when other people ask you for small favors but expect that when you ask people for favors it's no big effort.
3. You expect other people to be more interested in you and what's on your agenda than you're interested in them and what's on their agenda. You see your own interests

as more interesting than other people's and see your goals/dreams as more valid or important than other people.

4. You disregard rules that are intended for everyone's comfort.

5. You freeload.

6. You inconvenience others without thinking.

7. You think it's ok to upset or offend other people. You see people who like to keep the peace as weak.

8. You cheat in environments that are based on reciprocity.

*Romans 2:4 "Do you have contempt for God, who is very kind to you, puts up with you, and deals patiently with you? Don't you realize that it is God's kindness that is trying to lead you to him and change the way you think and act?"*

*Considering the Great, Generous, and Gracious way God has blessed me, is it too much to require of me to do the simple and ordinary for Him, let alone something great!!!!!!*

- I am the New Year.
- I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
- I am your next chance at the art of living.
- I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

***Dear Lord, please give me...***

- *A few friends who understand me and remain my friends.*
- *A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer.*
- *A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.*
- *An understanding heart.*
- *A sense of humor; Time for quiet, silent meditation.*
- *A feeling of the presence of God.*
- *The patience to wait for the coming of these things, With the wisdom to recognize them when they come.*