THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

"Counterfeit god" Luke 19:1-10

November 29, 2015

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 - b. "g"od = <u>idolatry</u>.



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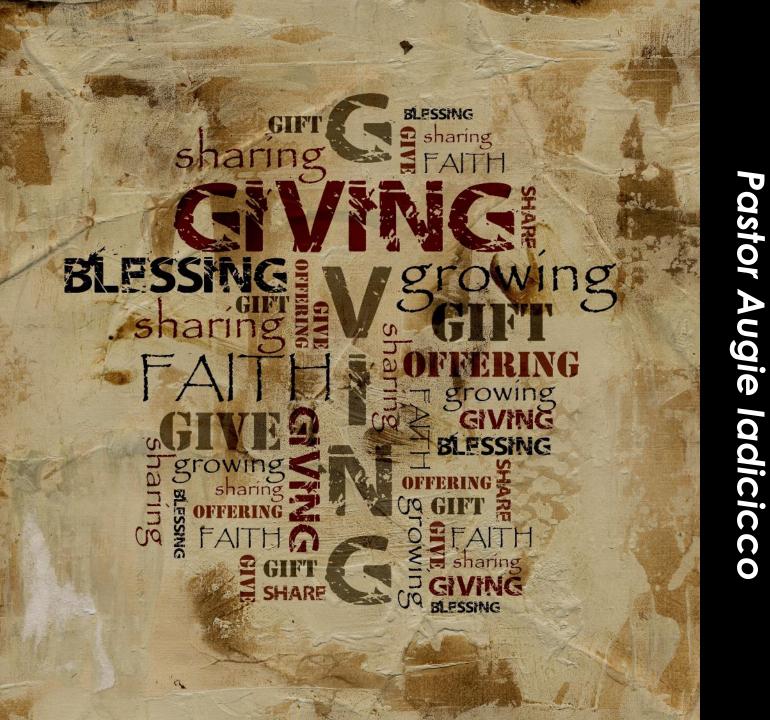
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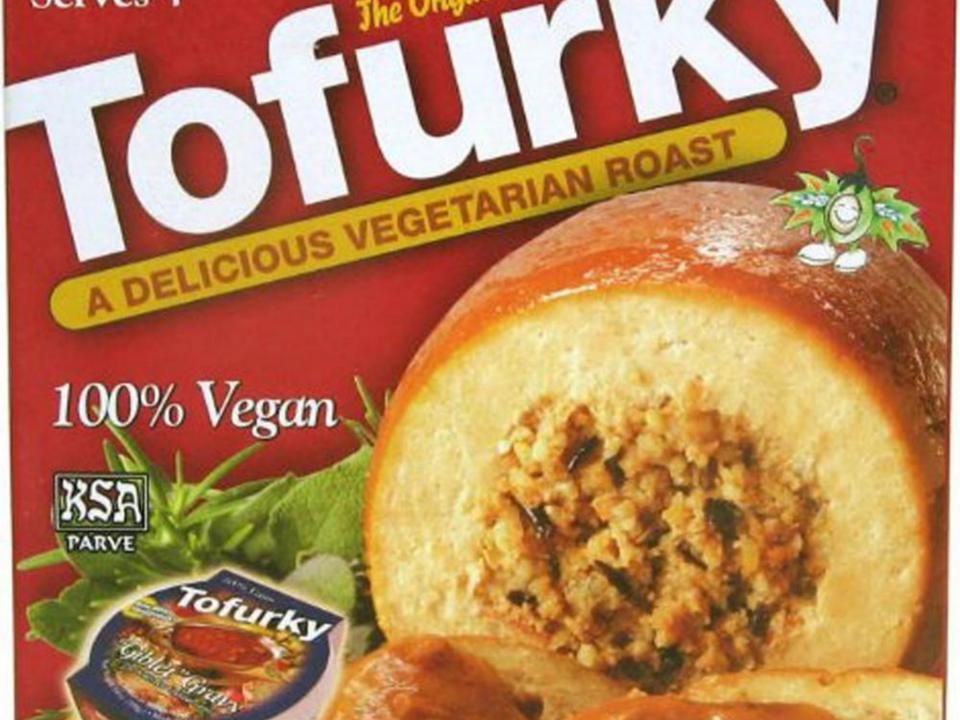
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VI. Man Must Have an <u>Idol</u>

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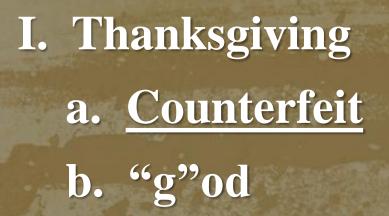
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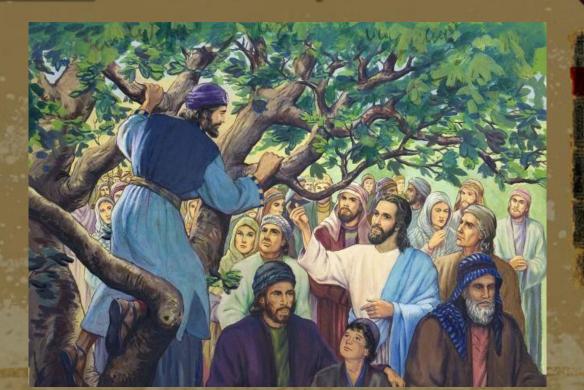




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But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give *half* of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." - Luke 19:8

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." – Luke 19:9-10 I. Thanksgiving
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