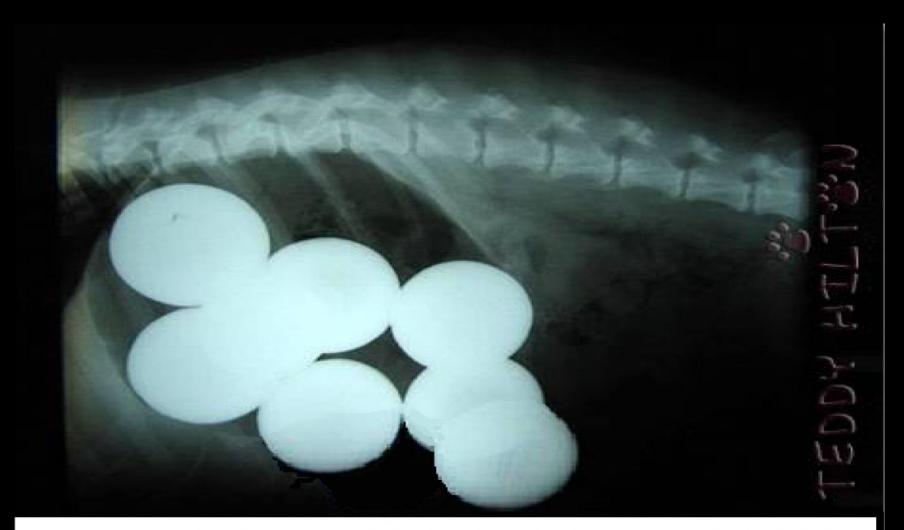


Sunday, October 8, 2017 Sermon by Rick Myatt

How many Golf Balls is Too Many?

Passage: James 4: 1 – 3



CANINE SPINAL AND ABDOMINAL X-RAY

James 4: 1 - 3

¹What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

- Our desires are the source of conflict
- Our desires are not necessarily bad
- Our desires can become dangerous

Implications

- It must matter to us
- We must see our desires
- We must hold desires loosely
- We must ask God to help us desire better

We have feasts to celebrate

Ephesians 4:22

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

Psalm 16:11

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Matthew 16:25

²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?