

Understanding Modern Day Idolatry (Part 2)

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Scripture References:

- Acts 17:16
- 1 Corinthians 10:14
- 1 John 5:21, *NLT*
- Colossians 3:5
- 1 Timothy 6:10
- 1 Timothy 6:10, *NIV*
- Colossians 2:10
- Matthew 6:24-33, *NLT*
- Psalm 37:25
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4, *NLT*
- 2 Peter 2:18, 19, *NIV*
- Philippians 4:19
- Proverbs 16:3
- 1 Timothy 4:8, *NIV*

Summary:

When most people think of the word "idol," they think of a golden calf, carved statue, or any number of other idols from the Old Testament. However, an idol is anyone or anything that tries to take God's place in our hearts. When we idolize the things that we see around us and turn to them first, we're worshipping false gods. Keeping our priorities in order and making sure God remains first in our lives keeps us from falling prey to idolatry.

Notes:

1. We are to eschew idolatry. However, we must understand what constitutes an idol. When the things of the world become so important to us that they distract us from the voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives, they become our idols.
2. Honor is the opposite of idolatry. We honor God when His Word weighs in heavier than everything else.
3. Modern examples of idolatry include physical comfort, our jobs, or even our appearance. Romance, our children, and our relationships are also idols that can take God's place.
4. Questions we must ask ourselves to identify whether there are any idols in our lives include: Do I love and treasure anything or anyone more than God? Do I seek comfort, fulfillment, or satisfaction outside of God? Does anything please me more than the things of God?

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