

IDOLS IN TODAY'S WORLD

GOD'S VIEW OF IDOLS

- **Deuteronomy 5:7** (God zealously loves us with all His being & wants us to love Him)
- **Jeremiah 1:16 ; 2:1-2, 5, 11-19, 27-29 ; 3:6-14 , 19-20 ; 4:1-2 ; 32:32-35, 38-40**
(God views our idols as adultery and cheating on Him in our relationship with Him)

- "Do not **love** the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world.

- **I John 2:15-16**

EXAMPLES OF IDOLS

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| - MONEY | - RELIGION/ MINISTRY |
| - MATERIAL THINGS (HOUSES, CARS,...) | - TRADITION |
| - PLEASURE | - ACCOMPLISHMENT |
| - CAREER | - SUCCESS |
| - POWER OR INFLUENCE | - STATUS |
| - OUR OWN GOALS OR PURPOSES | - POSITION |
| - OUR OWN IDEAS OR OPINIONS | - CONTROL |
| - SELF (living to please self instead of living to please God) | |

It's not wrong to have these things; it becomes wrong when we begin to love these things more than we love God, and we turn to them and pursue & seek them more than God.

ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDOLS ?

- * WHAT DO YOU **TREASURE** AND **VALUE** AND **DESIRE** MOST ? (**Matt. 6:21**)
 - God wants to be your treasure, since He treasures you most
- * WHAT DO YOU **SEEK AFTER** OR **PURSUE** MOST? (**Prov. 21:21 , Matt. 6:33**)
 - God wants you to PURSUE & SEEK Him first
- * WHAT TAKES MOST OF YOUR TIME & FOCUS & ENERGY ? (**Col. 3:1-5**)
 - God wants you to set your heart and mind on Him and His kingdom
- * WHAT DO YOU PUT YOUR TRUST IN ? (**Prov. 3:5**)
 - God wants you to trust **in Him** with all your heart
- * WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL SATISFY AND FULFILL YOU? (**Isaiah 55:1-3; PS. 81**)
 - God wants to give you ABUNDANT LIFE & fully fill and satisfy your heart & soul
- * WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO LET GO OF ? (**Phil. 3:7-9**)
 - you need to be willing to **love** and **follow Jesus, whatever the cost** (**Luke 9:23**)
- * WHY DO YOU DO THE THINGS THAT YOU DO ? (**I Chron. 28:9 ; Matt. 22:37-40**)
 - Your **motives** should be **LOVE for God** and **LOVE for others**

" I will give them a **heart to know Me**, that I am the Lord. They will be My people and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with **all their heart**." - **Jeremiah 24:7**

"If my people, who are called by My name, will **humble** themselves, and **pray** and **seek My face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, **then** will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."
- **2 Chronicles 7:14**