

Idol Investigation

It is easy to think of idols in our lives as statues before which we bow. In truth, idols can be much subtler. Consider some functions idols serve that are identified below. For each category, list something in your life that may be acting as that type of idol. Take time this week to meditate on the related Scripture passage to help you put away such idols.



HAPPINESS IDOLS

Things in my life that promise joy, but in the end, leave me empty.

“The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psalm 19:8).



SUPERSTAR IDOLS

Prominent people to whom I look to for direction before seeking God.

“Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” (1 Corinthians 1:20).



TIME-STEALING IDOLS

Activities in my life that keep me busy without being truly productive.

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15, 16).



RECOGNITION IDOLS

Ways I try to draw attention to myself rather than humbly point others to Jesus.

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Corinthians 4:17).



POWER IDOLS

Where I look for comfort and renewal rather than seeking my true source of strength.

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

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