

WHERE IS YOUR FOCUS? AVOIDING IDOLATRY...PART I

Focus text: Leviticus 19:4

INTRODUCTION

Idolatry takes many forms. It is no longer restricted to little gods made of wood, gold and silver. Today it consists of where you prioritize your time and efforts. Materialism and people can become so much a part of your life that you begin to please people and things more than God.

Tool #1 - Define idolatry

1. What is idolatry? **2 Kings 21:21**
2. How can one construct an idol? **Psalms 115:4**
3. How did Hezekiah display idolatry? **2 Kings 20:13**
4. What were the idols in the life of the young ruler? **Matthew 19: 14-23**
5. Name and explain 5 things that can be idols in one's life.
 - a. car - one can invest all their money and time adding unnecessary features to their vehicle
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e. .

Tool #2 - Know what causes one to engage in idolatry

6. What makes an idol more real than God to some men? **Acts 7:41**
7. What might have caused Hezekiah to show off his precious things instead of glorifying God?
8. How do we know that treasures were idols to the rich young ruler? **Matthew 19: 14-23**

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9. Reflect on the 5 possible idols in question. For each, determine possible reasons these things take precedence to God in our lives.
- a. car - the car might have been their biggest accomplishment, forgetting that God allowed him to have it
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.

Tool #3 - Understand what the Word of God says about idolatry

10. Discuss the following passage. **I Corinthians 10:14**
11. How does God feel about Genesis 35:2? **Genesis 35:2**
12. How specific is God about idols? **Exodus 20:4**