

**WHERE IS YOUR FOCUS? AVOIDING IDOLATRY...PART II**

**Tool #4** - Understand the consequences of idolatry

13. What's the major consequence of idolatry? **I Corinthians 6:9, Ephesians 5:5**
14. What are some past consequences of idolatry? **2 Kings 17:10-12**
15. What were the consequences of Hezekiah's act of idolatry? **2 Kings 20:17**
16. What are some other consequences of idolatry? **Exodus 20:5**
17. What will God do if one turns from idolatry? **Exodus 20:6**
18. What was the consequence of the rich young ruler refusing to sell all he had?  
**Matthew 19: 14-23**
19. Assuming the following are idols, what are some practical consequences of worshipping the following?

- a. Gambling
- b. Car
- c. Money
- d. Relationship
- e. Status
- f. Job

**Tool #5** - Know how to avoid/overcome idolatry

20. What is a specific way to avoid/overcome idolatry? **Colossians 3:2, 5**
21. What are some steps in overcoming idolatry? **Ezekiel 14:6**
22. When one recognizes that an idol exists, how should one respond? **2 Chronicles 33:15**
23. How will God help you recover from your idolatry? **Ezekiel 36:25**
24. Where should your heart belong? **Joshua 24:23**
25. Reading **2 Kings 20**, how could have Hezekiah prevented idolatry?
26. Name 5 practical steps can we take to ensure that we are not putting anything before God?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.

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**CONCLUSION**

Committing idolatry is easier than expected. How easy is it for one to spend time taking care of worldly things, forgetting about spiritual matters. Anytime one continuously puts a particular thing before God and His business, idolatry is committed. Evaluate the things that you adore most versus your adoration for God. You may find that you should reprioritize the things in your life.