



## IDOLS: Dealing With The Competition

F1RST – Part 5

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Do not worship any god except me.

**Exodus 20:3 (CEV)**

Don't bow down and worship idols. I am the Lord your God, and I demand all your love. If you reject me, I will punish your families for three or four generations.

**Exodus 20:5 (CEV)**

Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun (keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be) any sort of idolatry (of loving or venerating anything more than God).

**1 Corinthians 10:14 (AMPC)**

My little children, guard yourselves from idols. **1 John 5:21 (ASV)**

**I guard myself against idolatry...**

### 1. When I search my heart for personal idols.

Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts...

**Ezekiel 14:3a (CSB)**

Let's take a good look at the way we're living and reorder our lives under God.

**Lamentations 3:40 (MSG)**

#### • **Idolatry Quiz:**

1. What do I feel like I have to have to be happy?
2. What do I think of in the middle of the night, or when I first wake up in the morning?
3. What do I pray for?
4. What areas do I experience my greatest struggles?
5. What do I escape to when I'm having a hard time?
6. What do people tell me that I spend too much time on?
7. What do I hide from others?
8. What do I talk about too much?
9. What could I not live without?
10. What would I compromise my faith for?

### 2. When I'm convinced that my idols have to go.

*This is what you must do to those people: Tear down their altars, smash their holy stone pillars, cut down their Asherah idols, and burn their idols in the fire. <sup>6</sup> You are holy people who belong to the LORD your God. He has chosen you from all the people on earth to be his very own.*

**Deuteronomy 7:5-6 (NCV)**

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

**Colossians 3:5 (NLT)**

So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way. And we should remove the sin that so easily catches us.

**Hebrews 12:1 (ICB)**

### 3. When I dedicate all I have to God's glory.

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

**Romans 1:25 (NIV)**

For everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory. To him be glory evermore.

**Romans 11:36 (TLB)**

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)**

### 4. When I make it clear who is Lord of my life.

So who even comes close to being like God? To whom or what can you compare him? Some no-god idol? Ridiculous!

**Isaiah 40:18 (MSG)**

Idols are of no use, so don't worship them. They can't help you or save you. They are useless!

**1 Samuel 12:21 (NCV)**

But in your hearts set Christ apart [as holy—acknowledging Him,  
giving Him first place in your lives] as Lord.

**1 Peter 3:15a (AMP)**

You are to regard only the Lord of Hosts as holy. Only He should  
be feared; only He should be held in awe.

**Isaiah 8:13 (HCSB)**

