

3. It will \_\_\_\_\_ me.

- **2 Corinthians 3:18 (LB)** *As the Spirit of the Lord works with us, we become more and more like Him.*

## God wants you to know Him as He really is!

How do we know what God is like? Get to know \_\_\_\_\_!

**Colossians 1:5 (NLT)** *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.*

**1 John 5:21** *Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

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# 10 HABITS of Highly Healthy Homes



## Habit 2: Avoid The Counterfeits

*Sunday, June 4, 2000*

**Exodus 20:4-6 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup> Do not make idols of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish. <sup>5</sup> You must never worship or bow down to them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not share your affection with any other god! I do not leave unpunished the sins of those who hate me, but I punish the children for the sins of their parents to the third and fourth generations. <sup>6</sup> But I lavish my love on those who love me and obey my commands, even for a thousand generations.

### WHAT IS AN IDOL?

- An idol is anything that takes the \_\_\_\_\_ off God and puts it on something else. When anything besides God is first in my life it is an idol – even if it is \_\_\_\_\_!
- In Bible times, there were three primary idols:
  - Baal, the god of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mammon, the god of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Molech, the god of \_\_\_\_\_
- In our modern culture, we don't worship objects as much as we worship \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The second commandment is aimed directly at the human tendency to \_\_\_\_\_.
- We try to make God over in our own image so that we won't feel \_\_\_\_\_.

- The devil tries to portray God as the \_\_\_\_\_ when He is really the \_\_\_\_\_.
- **James 1:17** *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*
- If God allowed us to engage in idol worship, He would be willfully abandoning us to harmful \_\_\_\_\_ that inflict cruel disappointment and disillusionment on humanity every day.
- **Deuteronomy 4:15-16 (GN)** *For your own good ... don't sin by making an idol in any form at all.*

## WHAT IDOLS DO TO ME

1. Idols will \_\_\_\_\_ me
  - **Jeremiah 10:14 (GN)** *Those who make idols are disillusioned because the gods they make are false and lifeless.*
  - They always promise more than they can \_\_\_\_\_
2. Idols will \_\_\_\_\_ me
  - **1 Corinthians 12:2 (GN)** *[Before you knew Christ] you were controlled by dead idols, who always led you astray.*
  - There are **two inevitable effects** when you love something more than you love God:
    - a) It begins to \_\_\_\_\_ you.
      - The modern word for idol is "\_\_\_\_\_."
    - b) It causes you to be \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Idols always make you lose your \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Idols will \_\_\_\_\_ me
  - **Psalms 115:8 (GN)** *Those who make idols will become like them, and so will those who trust in them.*
  - Idols cause you to lose the \_\_\_\_\_ that God gave you, as you become like what you value most.
  - Human \_\_\_\_\_ are one of the biggest idols today.
  - Addictions are \_\_\_\_\_ answers to timeless problems.

## WHY WE WORSHIP IDOLS

1. We are attempting to limit God's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We are attempting to reduce God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Many people change their theology because they can't justify their \_\_\_\_\_ any other way.
3. We are attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

## THE BENEFITS OF WORSHIPPING ONLY GOD

1. It will \_\_\_\_\_ me.
  - **Proverbs 37:4 (GN)** *Seek your happiness in the Lord and He will give you your heart's desire.*
2. It will \_\_\_\_\_ me.
  - **John 8:36 (GN)** *If the Son sets you free, you will be really free.*
  - God will set you free from your PAST (\_\_\_\_\_), your PRESENT (\_\_\_\_\_) and your FUTURE (\_\_\_\_\_). That is REAL freedom!