

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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Habit 2: Avoid The Counterfeits

Sunday, June 4, 2000

Exodus 20:4-6 (NLT) ⁴ Do not make idols of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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!