



The Idols of Our Age

We live in an age attempting to do without God

We are surrounded by idols

Deuteronomy 5:7

"You shall have no other gods before me."

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We are surrounded by idols – what do they look like?

Colossians 3:1-6

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

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All sins come out of idolatry

Idolatry is not just a failure to obey God, it's a setting of the whole heart on something besides God – Tim Keller

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Love out of order – what have you set your heart on?

Ambition	Work
Food and wine	Busyness and activity
Money and Possessions	Friends
Computer Games	Power and control
Financial security	Boyfriends and Girlfriends
Rockstars, celebrities and athletes	Getting married
Church activities	Spouse
TV, Films and Music	Children
Sports or physical fitness	Popularity; opinion of others
Fun and pleasure	Knowledge; being right
Ministry	Hobbies
Appearance and Image	Parents

God is Glorious – Be satisfied in Him

CS Lewis: If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires too weak. We are half hearted creatures fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by an offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

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Jeremiah 2:11-13 Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD. "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

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God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him – John Piper

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Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is; his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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- God is holy and jealous
- God loves us and wants the best for us
- Be aware of the idols
- Constant repentance and turning to Jesus in faith
- Be ruthless, fill your vision with Jesus, renew your mind and live a life of worship

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Watch your heart constantly

God desires to be central in our lives

Put God in the centre – live a life of worship