

Series: #Struggles

Sermon: Idolatry

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1. Are you addicted to social media? How many of the following questions would you answer “yes” to?

- Before I get out of bed, I check my Facebook / Twitter / Email / Snapchat / Instagram.
- It is not unusual for me to take a picture of my meal and post it on \_\_\_\_.
- When I am asked about my weekend, I pull out my phone and show them pics.
- It is not unusual for me to “check in” on social media several times a day.
- When someone famous dies, I immediately post #RIP.
- I frequently tweet about the show I am watching on TV. (How many of you follow the Walking Dead on Twitter as much as on TV?)
- My friends or family complain that I spend more time on my phone than talking to them.
- When I hear something funny I immediately post it on Facebook / Twitter / Snapchat / Instagram.
- I take selfies nearly every day.
- I know how many followers I have on the social media. (At least, I could give you a pretty close estimate.)

2. On your device, do you keep your apps as individual items or do you put them in folders?  
Why?

3. How does social media positively affect you? How does social media negatively affect you?

4. Share your top 5 priorities in life. Who/what do you put time, effort, resources and energy in to?

5. If aliens observed you for the next year of your life, what would they say your priorities are based on how much time, effort, resources and energy you give to people or things?

6. Read Exodus 20:1-5 and Deuteronomy 4:15-20. Do you think you have any idols in your life?

7. When you do out to eat with someone, do you leave your phone on the table or do you put it up?

8. Answer the following questions about any idols you may have identified:

A. If it was taken away, would I be okay?

B. Has it caused me to rearrange my God-honoring priorities? Is it a higher priority than God?

C. Is it cultivating self-obsession?

9. Read Matthew 6:33

10. Read Mark 10:17-22.

A. What do you notice about Jesus in this passage?

B. What do you notice about the “rich” man in this passage?