

*Counterfeit Gods—Defeating the Idols that Battle for Our Hearts*  
**“Idolatry Is The Issue”**

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1 John 5:21

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- A. Can you guess what is the number one problem in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. If we start scratching at whatever struggle we are dealing with, we will eventually find that behind the struggle is an \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ god we are worshiping.
- C. So idolatry isn't \_\_\_\_\_ issue, but is \_\_\_\_\_ issue.
- D. Paul wrote that \_\_\_\_\_ is not just bad behavior, but that it is \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 3:5).
- E. God said about the elders of Israel: “These men have set up \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_” (Ezek. 14:3).
- F. Idols are spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that lead to terrible \_\_\_\_\_, both in Tolkein’s novel *The Lord of the Rings*, and in real life.
- G. One of the most important things we will learn throughout this series is that \_\_\_\_\_ can become an idol.
- H. If anything becomes more fundamental than \_\_\_\_\_ to our happiness, meaning in life, and identity, then it is an idol.
- I. Categories that idols fall into:
1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ idols.
  2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ idols.
  3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ idols.
- J. The Bible uses three basic metaphors to describe how people relate to idols:
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ metaphor - God is our \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ metaphor - God is our \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. The \_\_\_\_\_ metaphor - God is our \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. What is the first of the 10 Commandments? “You shall have no other gods \_\_\_\_\_ me.” (Ex. 20:1-3)
- L. What is the second of the 10 Commandments? Do not \_\_\_\_\_ idols to \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 20:4-6)
- M. The Psalmist said of the Israelites’ golden calf experience: “They \_\_\_\_\_ the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats \_\_\_\_\_.” (Ps. 106:19-20) - Not a good trade!
- N. How do we identify what are our idols?
1. What \_\_\_\_\_ you?
  2. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ about the most?
  3. Where do you make \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices?
  4. What \_\_\_\_\_ you?
  5. What are your \_\_\_\_\_?
  6. What \_\_\_\_\_ you?
  7. Where is your \_\_\_\_\_?
- O. There is only one true God who is worthy of our \_\_\_\_\_ and through whom we find forgiveness and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our needs and longings.
- P. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the battleground for the spiritual war that is taking place.
1. That’s why we must \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts. (Prov. 4:23)
  2. That’s why we must \_\_\_\_\_ God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (Mt. 22:37)

Answer Key: A. Idols. B. idol, false. C. an, the. D. greed, idolatry. E. idols, hearts. F. addictions, evil. G. anything. H. God. I.1. personal. I.2. cultural. I.3. intellectual. J.1. marital, Spouse. J.2. religious, Savior. J.3. political, King. K. before. L. make, worship. M. exchanged, grass. N.1. disappoints. N.2. complain. N.3. financial. N.4. worries. N.5. dreams. N.6. infuriates. N.7. sanctuary. O. worship, fulfillment. P. heart. P.1. guard. P.2. love.