

## Idols of the Heart and True Worship - Realizing Contentment to the Glory of God

...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ~ *The Apostle Paul*

*The enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied.* ~ Jonathan Edwards

**请填空: Please fill in the blanks:** (Adapted from material by Ernie Baker)

1. 如果\_\_\_\_\_，生活就会令人满意。 Life would be all right if \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 我真的希望我可以\_\_\_\_\_。 I really wish I could \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 我需要\_\_\_\_\_。 I need \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Where do you encounter problems in relationships?
2. In what situation do you struggle with anger?
3. What experience from the past do you have a hard time letting go?
4. Where do you struggle with coveting, that is, wanting what other have and you don't?

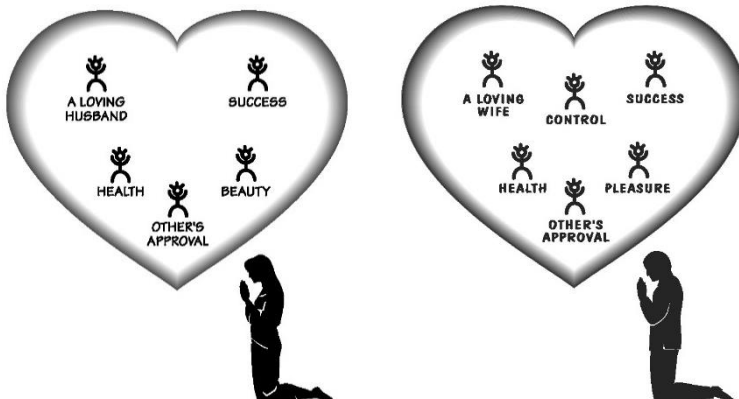
Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and \_\_\_\_\_, which is \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. **Colossians 3:5-6**

🌿 The question is not, "Are you \_\_\_\_\_?"

🌿 The questions is, "\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ are you worshipping?"

...because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. **Romans 1:25**

The questions for believers is, "Who or what am I worshipping \_\_\_\_\_?"



🌿 Who or what you worship is what you: serve, \_\_\_\_\_, sacrifice for, \_\_\_\_\_, spend time and \_\_\_\_\_ on, and \_\_\_\_\_.

🌿 We worship what we believe we desperately need or must have to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*(The Excellent Wife)*

📖 “An idol is anything that we consistently make equal to or more important than God in our attention, desire, devotion, and choices.” (*The Exemplary Husband*)

### 你的偶像是什么? What is your idol?

Security	Pleasure/ comfort	Other gods of the cults
Material things	Another person	Fair or good treatment
Knowledge	Ambition/Careerism	Significance, success, impact
Control	Pain/trouble free life	The approval of others
Wealth	Education	A desired circumstance of life (a good marriage, children, financial stability, etc.)
Yourself/ Child	An accomplishment	
Good health	Physical Appearance	

#### In relation to how you answered these questions, what is your idol?

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#### Consider the following verses:

1. Why ~~where~~ do you encounter problems in relationships? **James 4:1-4**
2. Why in that ~~what~~ situation do you struggle with anger? **Col. 3:12-17**
3. Why ~~what~~ do you have a hard time letting go of that experience from the past? **Eph. 4:31-32; Job 1:20-22**
4. Why ~~where~~ do you struggle with coveting, that is, wanting what others have and you don't? **Col. 3:1-6**

<p><b>What is True Worship?</b></p> <p>Worship is the _____ and _____ of God</p>	<p><b>Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The quickening of our conscience by <u>His</u> holiness,</li> <li>◆ Nourishment of our mind by <u>His</u> truth,</li> <li>◆ Purifying of imagination by <u>His</u> beauty,</li> <li>◆ Opening of the heart to <u>His</u> love,</li> <li>◆ Submission of our will to <u>His</u> purpose,</li> </ul> <p>all this gathered up in adoration of <u>Him</u>, worship is the greatest of human expressions. <i>Quoted by Ravi Zacharias</i></p>
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1. Life would be all right if \_\_\_\_\_. **I set my mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.** Col 3:2
2. I really wish I could \_\_\_\_\_. **Truly delight in God's Word, and on His Word meditate day and night.** Ps 1:2

3. I need\_\_\_\_\_. **to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.** Phil 3:8

***O Lord, you made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until it finds its rest in you. ~ Augustine***