

The Idol Crush

The 2nd Principle

God says, “Do not worship any created thing.”

Do not make idols of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish. 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. But I lavish my love on those who love me and obey my commands, even for a thousand generations.

Exodus 20:4-6 NLT

An Idol - An _____ image worshipped for the purpose of attaining “real life.”

3 Types of Idolatry

- An _____ loved as a god or representation of a god.
- The love of an _____ that promises to meet my desires or needs.
- The love of an _____ that serves as a channel for a god.

The Purpose

Because the One True God will not share my devotion to Him with imposters, impersonators or counterfeits, only He can be trusted to guide me into the deeply satisfying “real life” that Christ provides.

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 NLT

The Practice

I will _____ for worship of the One True God.

1. By **guarding** **against** **evidences** **of**
“ _____.”

...I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not share your affection with any other god. Exodus 20:5

How? By...

- _____ any potential idols:
Money, Power, Pleasure, Relationships, Religion, Altruism, or (fill in the blank) _____
- _____ any shared affections

The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you. Matthew 6:33 ICB

- Regularly _____ my life

2. **By entering worship through the _____.**

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NLT

The Father and I are one. John 10:30 NLT

Jesus replied, "...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father..." John 14:9 NLT

3. **By worshipping with my heart and _____.**

For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:24 NLT

We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming. Hebrews 10:25 GWT