



Accept No Substitutes! - Handout

Exodus 20:4-6 (NLT) ⁴ Do not make idols of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish. ⁵ 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. ⁶ But I lavish my love on those who love me and obey my commands, even for a thousand generations.

WHAT IS AN IDOL?

1 An idol is anything that takes the _____ off God and puts it on something else.

1 When anything besides God is first in my life it is an idol – even if it is _____!

1 In Bible times, there were three primary idols:

- o Baal, the god of _____
- o Mammon, the god of _____
- o Molech, the god of _____

1 The devil tries to portray God as the _____ when He is really the _____.

o **James 1:17** *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

o **Deuteronomy 4:15-16 (GN)** *For your own good ... don't sin by making an idol in any form at all.*

WHAT IDOLS DO TO ME

1. Idols will _____ me

1 **Jeremiah 10:14 (GN)** *Those who make idols are disillusioned because the gods they make are false and lifeless.*

1 They always promise more than they can _____

2. Idols will _____ me

1 **1 Corinthians 12:2 (GN)** *[Before you knew Christ] you were controlled by dead idols, who always led you astray.*

1 There are **two inevitable effects** when you love something more than you love God:

a) It begins to _____ you.

The modern word for idol is “_____.”

b) It causes you to be _____.

1 Idols always make you lose your _____.

3. Idols will _____ me

1 **Psalm 115:8 (GN)** *Those who make idols will become like them, and so will those who trust in them.*

1 Human _____ are one of the biggest idols today.

Addictions are simply _____

answers to humanity's timeless problems.

WHY WE WORSHIP IDOLS

1. We are attempting to limit God's _____.

2. We are attempting to reduce God's _____.

Many people change their theology because they
can't justify their _____ any other way.

3. We are attempting to _____ God.

WHY I WORSHIP GOD ALONE

1. It will _____ me.

1 **Proverbs 37:4 (GN)** *Seek your happiness in the Lord and He will give you your heart's desire.*

2. It will _____ me.

1 **John 8:36 (GN)** *If the Son sets you free, you will be really free.*

1 God will set you free from your PAST (_____), your PRESENT (_____) and your FUTURE (_____). That is REAL freedom!

3. It will _____ me.

1 **2 Corinthians 3:18 (LB)** *As the Spirit of the Lord works with us, we become more and more like Him.*

God wants you to know Him as He really is!

Colossians 1:5 (NLT) *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.*