

“Idolatry is for Idiots”

Guess what? - We are all idiots.

Idolatry - The worship of anyone or anything other God.

Worship - adore, idolize, esteem worthy, respect, **assign worth**

- What you assign worth to will determine your actions.

Stop worshipping idols! They're not worth it!

I. Everybody _____ something.

C. **Your life is all about** _____. (Rev. 4:11;
Rom. 1:21-23; John 4:21-24)

Sin is not just something you do; it is a worship disorder.

D. **Your** _____ **drive your worship.** (Deut.
6:4-5; Matt. 6:21-24)

You can change your outward actions without ever really dealing with your idolatry.

E. **Your** _____ **target your desires.** (James
1:14)

You can only be tempted with things that you want. You sin when you give in to temptation to pursue good things in a wrong way or at the wrong time.

III. Everybody _____ something.

You sin when a love for God is replaced by some “pretend god” (an idol).

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

A. **The Desires of the** _____ - The desire to do
The lust of the flesh tempts you toward **pleasure**. It tells you that life will work only when you can experience whatever you want or escape what you are experiencing right now.

B. **The Desires of the** _____ - the desire to have
The lust of the eyes tempts you toward **possessions**. It tells you that life will work only when you have stuff that says “good thing” about you.

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C. **The Pride of** _____ - the desire to be

The pride of life tempts you toward **power**. It assures you that life will work only when people give you your “proper place” or recognize your “deserved position.”

IV. **Everybody must** _____ **SomeOne.**

There is a reason you do what you do. There is a reason you say what you say. It is because you worship what you worship. “This is worth it!” There is a reason you don’t do what you don’t do. There is a reason you don’t say what you don’t say. “It’s not worth it!” It boils down to what you truly believe. What do you truly believe about God, His Word, and yourself?

A. **Do not be** _____ **by your desires.**

When you truly believe that something is good, you worship it. You say, “It’s worth it!” You must believe that **God is good.**

James 1:14-18 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

B. **Be renewed in your** _____.

When you truly believe that God is good because of Christ’s death on the cross, you lose your desire for sin.

Col. 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your[a] life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

C. **Be** _____ **by the truth.**

2 Cor. 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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