

Modern Idolatry

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

– *Colossians 3:5*

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God

– *Exodus 20:5*

¹⁴ (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

– *Exodus 34:14*

⁵ “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”

– *James 4:5b*

Removing Idols

Jesus is Lord

⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

– *Romans 8:7-8*

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

– *Romans 10:9*

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy

– *1 Peter 3:15a*

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

– *Colossians 3:17*

¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, [...]

– *Romans 6:16-19*

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

– *John 8:34*

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Allegiance & Authority

Pearl of Great Value

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. [...]

– *Matthew 13:44-46*

[...] ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

– *Matthew 13:44-46*

Power of Comparison

Us
VERSUS
The Holy Standard

His Goodness
VERSUS
Our Wretchedness

Serious Business

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

– *Colossians 3:5-6*

Matthew 5:27-30

Matthew 18:7-9

Hebrews 12:5-8

¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

– *Revelation 3:19*