

### Characteristics of Idolatry

<sup>19</sup> When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)  
(cp. Exodus 20:3-5)

♦ Eidōlōlatria (i-do-lol-at-ri'-ah): \_\_\_\_\_

Idolatry is the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ manifesting  
itself in the sin of \_\_\_\_\_. (Ezekiel 14:3)

Idolatry is taking a \_\_\_\_\_ and making  
it a \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:25; Isaiah 44:14-17)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you will obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master. Romans 6:12-14

♦ Kyrieuō (ko-ree-yoo'-o): \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup> "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. 1 Corinthians 6:12

♦ Exousiazō (ex-oo-see-ad'-zo): \_\_\_\_\_

Our \_\_\_\_\_ reveal our \_\_\_\_\_.

Question: "What has mastered you?" \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you mastered?

- a) Do your family and friends say that you have a problem?
- b) Do you continue even though you are hurting people?
- c) Do you arrange your schedule around "it"?
- d) Will you get angry if you can't get it or do it?
- e) Is it leading you to isolation?
- f) Are you willing to compromise your beliefs for it?
- g) Is it moving you closer to God or pulling you further away from God?

### 3 Effects of Idolatry.

#1: Idolatry creates \_\_\_\_\_ in you.

#2: Idolatry will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

#3: Idolatry \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
(see: 1 Corinthians 6:9; Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:5; Revelation 21:8; 22:15).

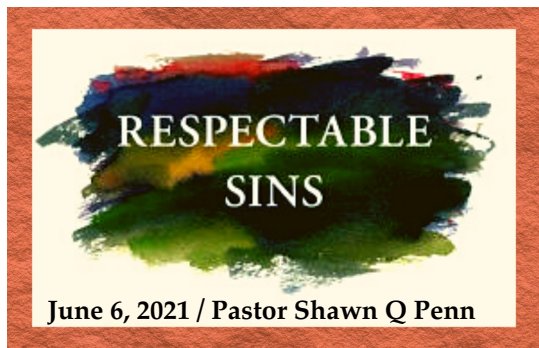
### How to Overcome Idolatry

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Colossians 3:5 (NLT)

I \_\_\_\_\_ I'm an Idolater. (Jeremiah 3:13; 1 John 1:9)

I \_\_\_\_\_ of my Idolatry. (Acts 17:30)

I \_\_\_\_\_ God. (Ephesians 5:18)



### **Discussion Questions**

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message?
2. Do you ever binge on shows, games, or books? How do you feel afterward?
3. Have you ever been set free from something by the power of God? Can you share that story?
4. How would you define Idolatry? How did Pastor Shawn describe Idolatry? Discuss the descriptions.
5. What is the Idol in your life? Are you a slave to something besides Christ? Name anything that has mastered you? (Of the 7 Self-Evaluation questions Pastor Shawn shared, how many did you say “Yes” to?)
6. Read Ezekiel 6:4-6; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Ephesians 5:5; Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8. What is the consequence for Idolatry? Do you view Idolatry as seriously as God? Why or why not?
7. Read Exodus 32:1-6, Psalm 106:19-22; Acts 7:38-43; Romans 1:18-25. According to these passages, what does Idolatry do? How have you been guilty of similar things?
8. Read Colossians 3:5. What are some ways Pastor Shawn shared on how we can “put to death” idolatry? What are some ways you can deepen your love and relationship with Jesus? Be specific. Share with your group what you will do to get closer to Jesus and how they can help/pray for you.