

The Second Commandment

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LESSON: The desire to improve our lives was instilled in us by God Himself. It is Satan's desire by redirect our desires and lead us astray through the misuse of our imagination. The second commandment protects us from Satan's many deceptions.

"There is a way which seems _____ to a man, but the _____ thereof are the ways of _____." (Proverbs 14:12)

1. *What is the 2nd Commandment?* (Exodus 20:4-6)

2. *What words define idolatry in the Holy Scriptures?* (Colossians 3:5)

3. *What is the Biblical cure for Idolatry?* (Colossians 3:2)

"Set your _____ on things _____ not on things on the _____."

4. *Who will feel the full force of God's judgments for our acts of idolatry?* (Exodus 20:5)

5. *Identify the first instances from the following Bible story?* (Genesis 3:1-6)

- a) Who was the first false god _____
- b) What was the first idol _____
- c) Who was the first idolater _____

6. *What was the response of Jesus towards idolatry?* (Matthew 4:8-10)

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7. *Does God deprive those who keep the second commandment from achieving true success in their lives?*

(Matthew 6:31-33)
_____(Yes) or _____(No)

8. *What happens to those who cling to image worship?* (Psalms 135:15-18)

- "They that _____ them are _____ unto them: so is every one that _____ in them."

9. *How can we overcome the spirit of Idolatry today?* (2 Corinthians 3:18)

- "But we all, with unveiled face, _____ as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being _____ into the same _____ from glory to glory."

- *When objects become Idols -*



We may think that idol worship was a thing of the distant past, but idolatry is very much alive in our modern world today. Our society has

merely exchanged the superstitious gods of the past for a new set of "modernized" gods.

We now idolize a system that ignores the authority of the Creator. Idols that once captivated superstitious men have been exchanged for the dazzling wonders of modern technology. Unholy representatives of the media have now replaced the ancient heathen priesthood. We may no longer gather to bow before strange heathen images, but daily, families regularly gaze transfixed before their various forms of electronic media that promote their degrading themes.

Still, the principle set forth by the Second Commandment remains unchanged. Our nature demands that we seek out and emulate an influence that is greater than ourselves. As glamorized views of violent and degrading content become acceptable, men and women become transformed into the same image and the cycle of idolatry is complete.

Those remaining faithful to God must firmly resist these influences and allow their minds to dwell upon that which uplifts the soul.

10. *What was King David's attitude towards idolatry?* (Psalms 101:3)

I will set nothing _____ before my _____; I hate the work of those who _____; It shall not cling to me.

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