

# **SMASHING OUR American Idols**

## **1.“Introduction to The Idol Factory”**

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### **Sermon Notes**

*“I am the Lord your God . . . you shall have no other gods before me”*

*Exodus 20:3*

**Our American Idols are PEOPLE, POSITIONS, POSSESSIONS,  
OR PLEASURES THAT WE PURSUE IN PLACE OF GOD**

*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.*

*Colossians 3:5*

**And ALL IDOLS MUST BE SMASHED**

#### **I. 1 John 2:15-16 (The Voice)**

<sup>15</sup> Don’t fall in love with this corrupt world or worship the things it can offer. Those who love its corrupt ways don’t have the Father’s love living within them. <sup>16</sup> All the things the world can offer to you—the allure of pleasure, the passion to have things, and the pompous sense of superiority—do not come from the Father. These are the rotten fruits of this world.

**We Manufacture Idols when WE LOVE ANYTHING MORE THAN THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS**

*Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

*1 Corinthians 6:18-20*

#### **II. Psalm 20:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand. <sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but

we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

### We Manufacture Idols when OUR CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY ARE FOUND OUTSIDE OF GOD

*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.<sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”*  
Jeremiah 17:7-8

#### III. Galatians 4:8-11 (The Message)

<sup>8-11</sup> Earlier, before you knew God personally, you were enslaved to so-called gods that had nothing of the divine about them. But now that you know the real God—or rather since God knows you—how can you possibly subject yourselves again to those paper tigers? For that is exactly what you do when you are intimidated into scrupulously observing all the traditions, taboos, and superstitions associated with special days and seasons and years. I am afraid that all my hard work among you has gone up in a puff of smoke!

### We Manufacture Idols when OUR THOUGHTS, DESIRES, AND ACTIONS ARE CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE OR SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOD

*But Samuel replied: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:20-22*