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“Wealth, education, eloquence, your abilities, your network, the ministry itself, whatever your personal idol is, it’s a grip on your heart that is unnoticed until Jesus asks you to give it up.”

REACT

God created you for a relationship with him that is whole-hearted and without reservation. It is only in this complete surrender and placing God above everything and everyone that you experience the fullness of the abundant life he has promised.

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment.

—Matthew 22:37-38

Your whole-hearted love for God is in response to the love that he has first poured out to you. It is his love that propels your love for others.

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

—Matthew 22:39





THINK ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. DO YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS CAUSE PEOPLE TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOD?

REFLECT

It is not always obvious when an idol has taken over the place in our lives reserved for God. Like the rich young man, you might have a long list of the things you are doing "right," but they have taken the place of God.

"Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions." —Mark 10: 20-22

Is there something in your life that you are unwilling to give up? It may be so woven into the fabric of who you are that it has become your identity.

RESPOND

What steps must you take to remove those idols from their place of prominence in your life?

Notice that Jesus' invitation to the rich young man is two-fold. He is to sell all he has and then follow Jesus.

Jesus' invitation to you is the same today. Remove anything that distracts you from God and follow Jesus with all that you are and have. It is only then that you will experience the abundant life God promises.

REVIEW

- We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind.
- Even a leadership position or ministry can be an idol if it has replaced God on the throne of our lives.
- Once our idols are identified, we must choose to remove them.



MEMORIZE

"YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR MIND."
—MATTHEW 22:37a

ACTION STEPS

- Set aside time to honestly examine your life and identify anything that distracts you from God.
- Pray and ask God to give you the courage and strength to turn away from your idols.
- Plan to repeat this self-examination on a regular basis.