

The Idols of Our Stuff

1. Songs that talk about giving our “everything” to God

2. What is an “idol”?
 - a. Anything that takes the worship we should otherwise be giving to God

 - b. Worship = an act of devotion and dedication to a thing. It ascribes worth and preeminence to whatever is worshipped

 - c. Idolatry = giving devotion and preeminence to something other than God

3. The measure of our trust determines the nature of our worship
 - a. Worship **REQUIRES** trust

 - b. When we have idols in our lives, we are inevitably **TRUSTING THEM** to fulfill or provide something for us

4. Because I have _____ I will have...

Status	Security	Happiness	Health	Knowledge
Pleasure	Worth	Purpose	Ease	Power

 - a. When we look to our idol for these things we invariably make 2 mistakes at once...
 - i. We leave God for what is **POWERLESS**

 - ii. We assume God’s role in determining that we must have status, health, power...

5. Luke 18:18-27
 - a. The man was sad because he wanted Jesus **AMONG** the idols of his wealth rather than wanting Jesus to the **EXCLUSION** of the idols of his wealth.

 - b. Judges 1:27, 29, 31, 33 = took the land but did not drive out the inhabitants

 - c. Judges 2:10-12 = The consequence of worshipping God among idols

6. How do we know when we have made an idol in our life?
 - a. Idols→worship→trust
What do you trust?

 - b. Idols + Jesus = Adultery