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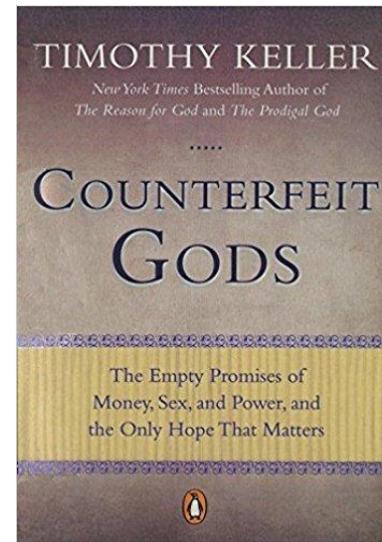


## RESOURCES

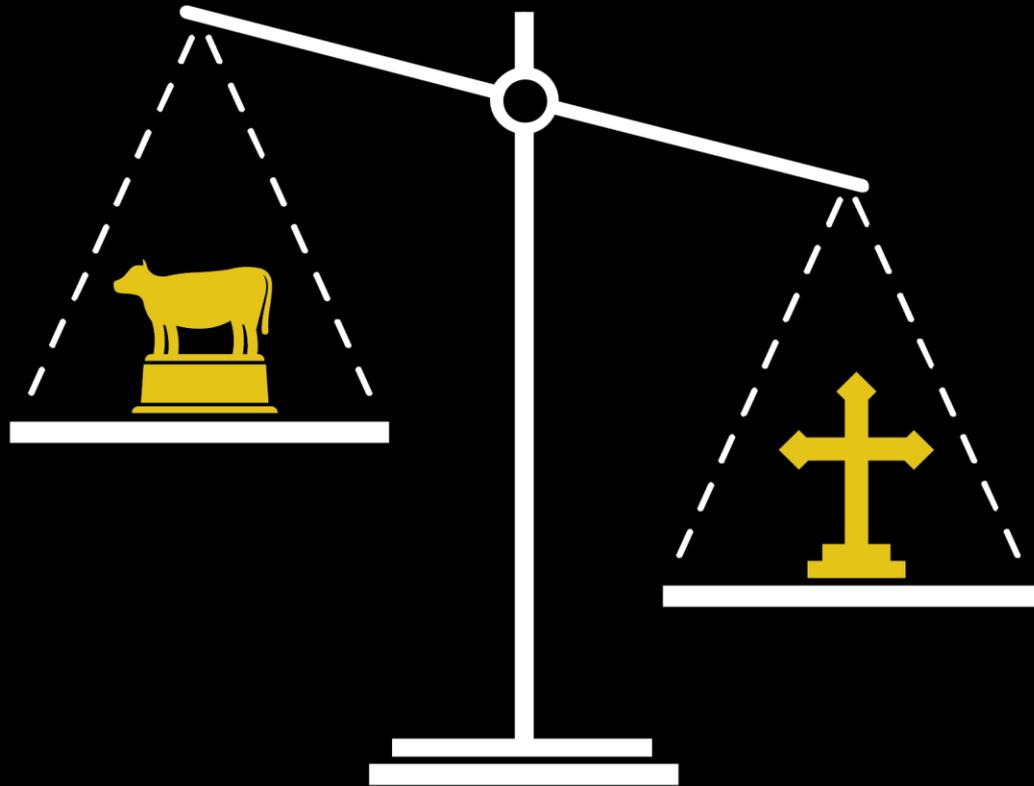
We have two great resources for you during our “Choose This Day” series:



**RightNow Media Video:** Gods at War by Kyle Idleman - Topics covered include the battle for our hearts over Pleasure, Love, Money, Power, & Me.

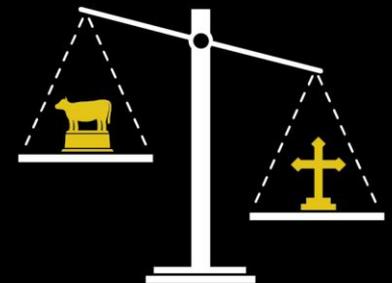


**Lending Library Book:** Counterfeit God by Timothy Keller – The empty promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the only Hope that matters.



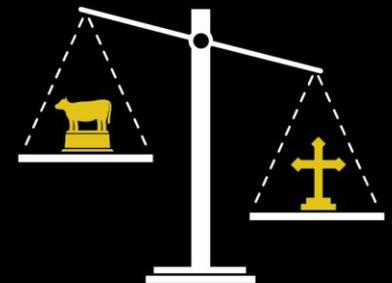
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Who and what you worship will  
determine what your life will be



# gods of culture

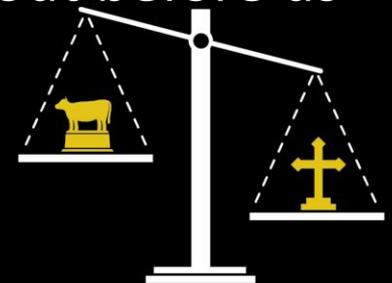
**Exodus 20:3-5** “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God...



# gods of culture

**Joshua 24:15-24** But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! 17 It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. 18 And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”



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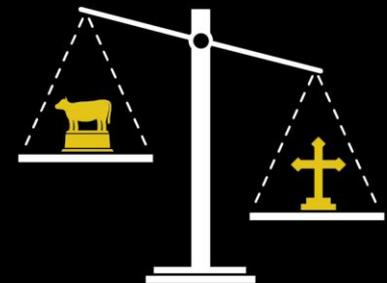
...19 Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

21 But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord.”

22 Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

23 “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

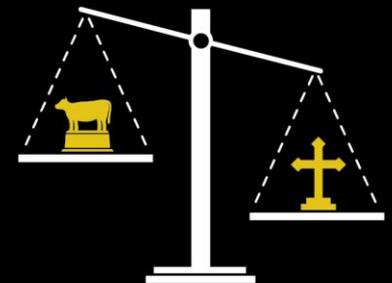
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# We are made to worship

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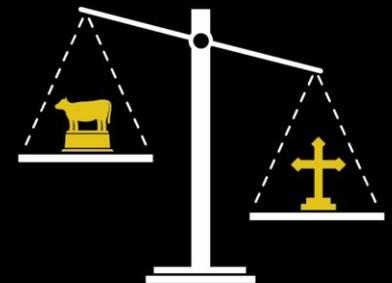


# Making idols

**Exodus 20:3** “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything...”

Anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.

*Tim Keller*



# Making idols *(It's easy to do)*

**2 Corinthians 2:11** ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

**Ezekiel 14:3** ...these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin.

**1 John 5:21** Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

NLT: keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts

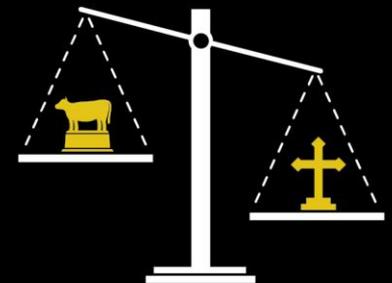


# The power behind an Idol

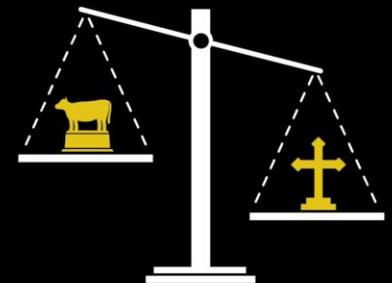
**1 Corinthians 10:19-20** Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

**Luke 4:8** Jesus answered (Satan), “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

**Revelation 9:20** They should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk....

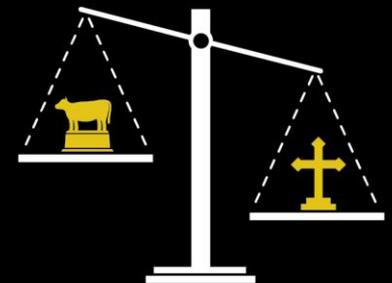


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# The gods of our culture

- Pleasure/Entertainment
- Love/Sex
- Money
- Image/Success
- Power/Control



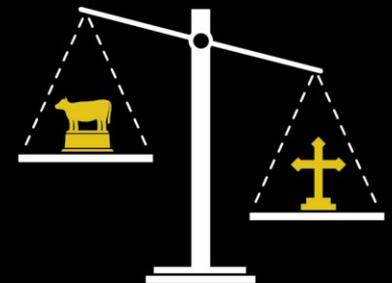
## Remember to Give Them What They Want (It's Really Very Simple)

Successful Brands Do a Good Job of Satisfying People's 10 Basic Desires



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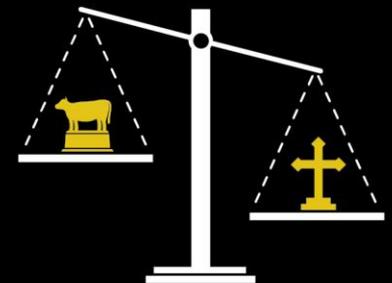
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## Pleasure

*Entertainment, internet, gaming, social media, food, adventure travel, recreation, sports, sex, pornography, fantasy, alcohol, drugs, buying things, stamp collecting etc..*



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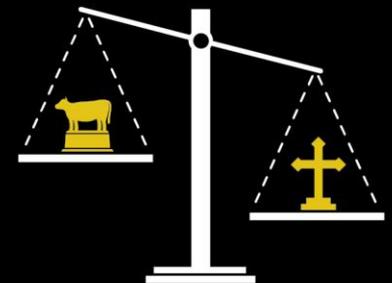
## Love and Relationship

Family and friendships

Romantic Relationships

Sexual fulfillment

*Lust & pornography, fantasy, fornication,  
adultery, prostitution*

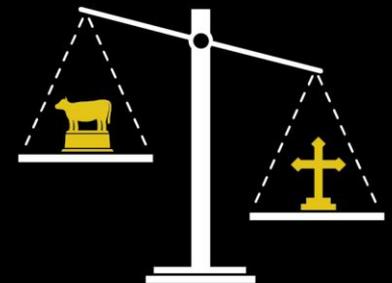


# The gods of our culture

## Money

Money promises pleasure, image, success, and power.

*Work, hoarding money and things, spending and debt, shopping, stealing, gambling*

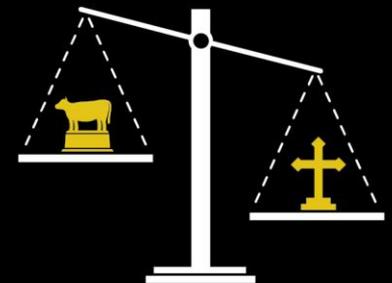


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## Image/Success

The way we are seen by others and ourselves and how that is tied to our worth.

*Physical beauty, body image, intelligence, skills, abilities, career, exaltation of self*

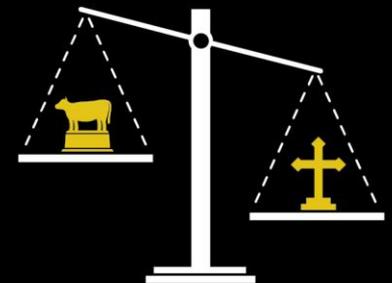


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## Power/Control

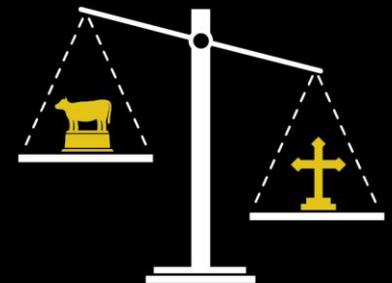
To be number one, to be in charge, to determine your destiny, to protect yourself, to get what you want

*Position and title, anger, manipulation, lying, exaltation of self, self righteousness*



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**John 17:15-16** My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

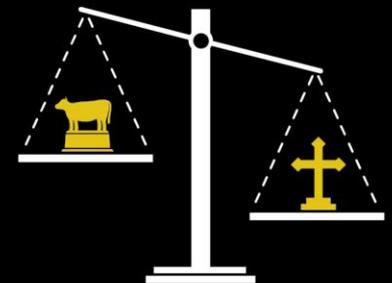
**Colossians 3:4-5** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.



# Challenge

Spend 30 minutes to an hour prayerfully reflecting on these culture gods and ask God to show which have power in your life.

- Pleasure
- Love/Sex
- Money
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1. What has left you feeling the most disappointed?
2. What do you sacrifice your time and money for?
3. What do you fear losing?
4. Where do you go when you are hurt, where do you go for comfort?
5. What makes you mad, what makes you lose your temper?
6. What do you dream about and are the most passionate about?
7. Who's encouragement means the most to you?

