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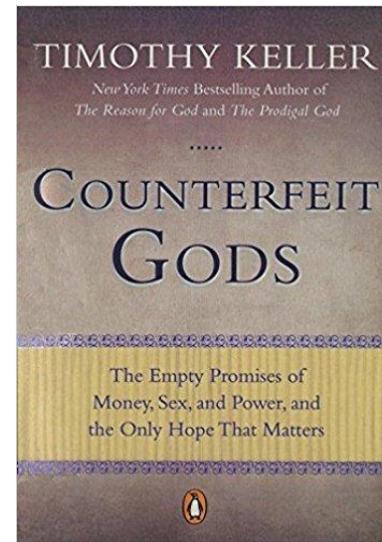


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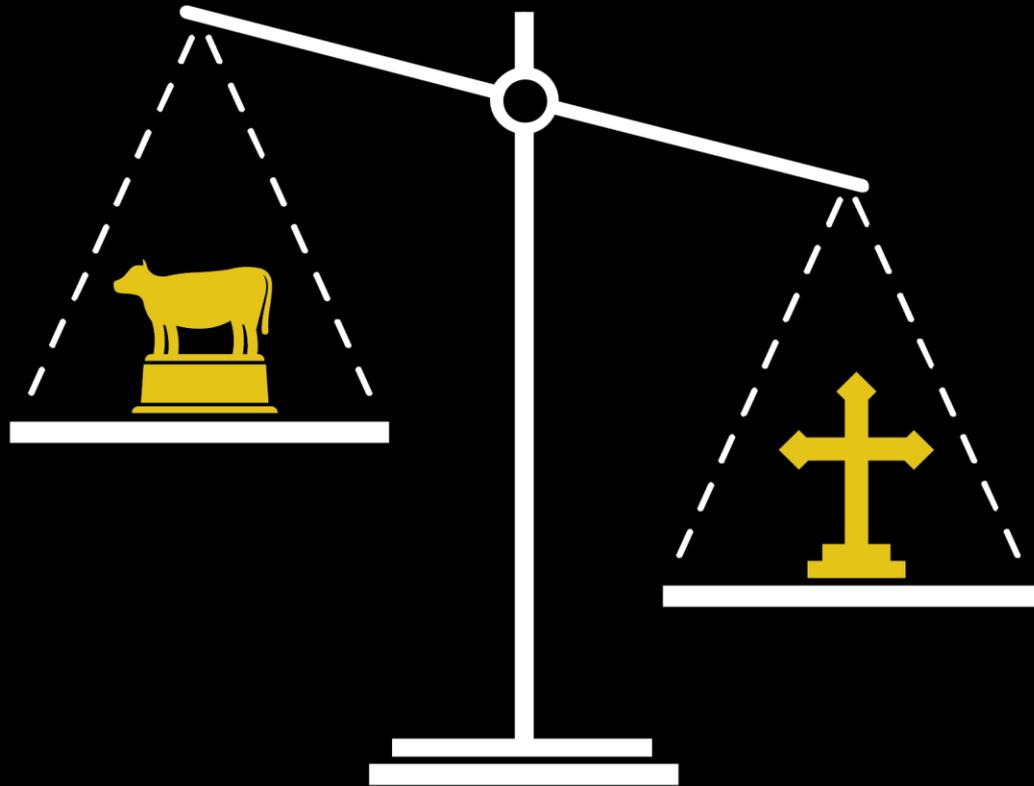
We have two great resources for you during our “Choose This Day” series:



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



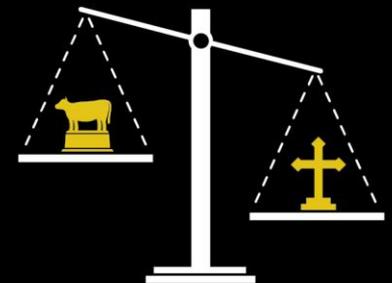
Lending Library Book: Counterfeit God by Timothy Keller – The empty promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the only Hope that matters.



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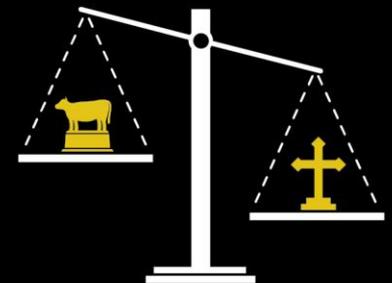
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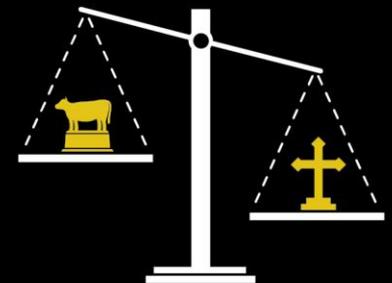
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Luke 4:8 Jesus answered (*Satan*), “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

1 John 5:20-21 And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. 21 Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts



Do you struggle with idolatry?

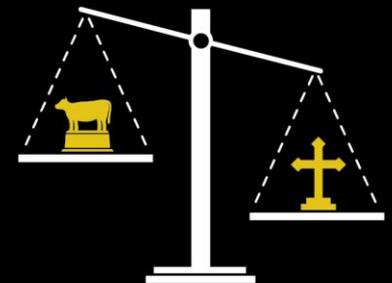




What is an Idol?

Love, Pleasure, Image, Power

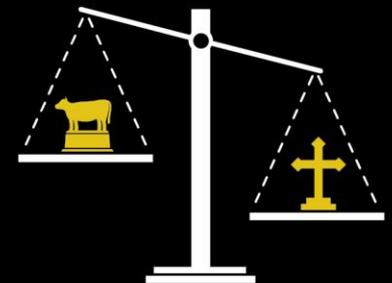
- sex, money, possessions, relationships, control, fame, success, career, politics, pleasure, beauty, image, comfort, physical strength, skills, gifting, intelligence



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Idolatry takes places in our hearts

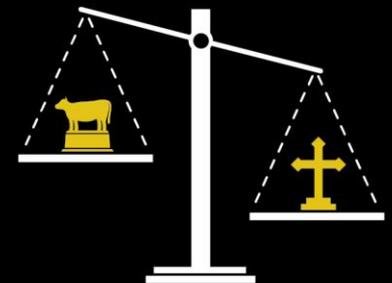
Ezekiel 14:1-3 Then some of the leaders of Israel visited me, and while they were sitting with me, this message came to me from the Lord: “Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin.



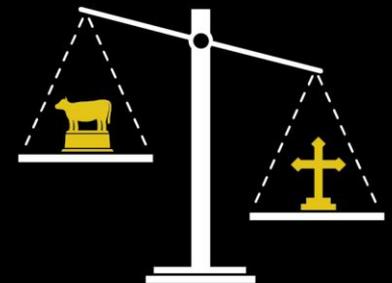
What is an Idol?

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

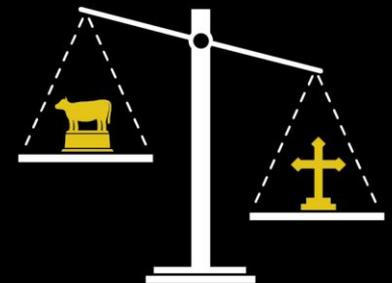


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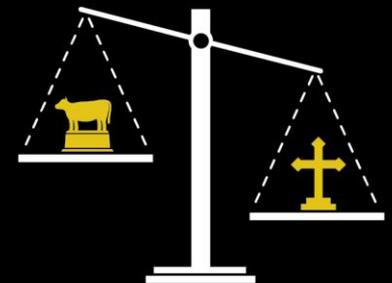
Worshiping God and Dethroning Idols

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Joshua's final words

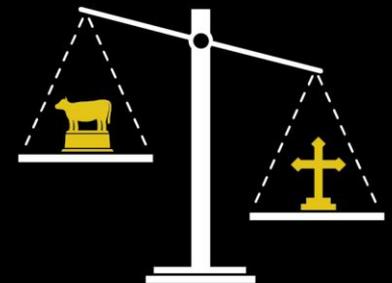
Joshua 24:14-15 “So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. 15 But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then **choose today whom you will serve**. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? **But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”**



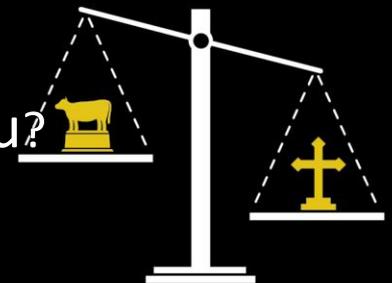
Who and what you...

- Worship
- Trust in
- Love most
- Serve

will determine what your life will be



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 the passionate about?
7. Whose encouragement means the most to you?



Challenge

Spend 30 minutes to an hour in prayer, asking God to show you your heart and if there is anything or anyone who has become an idol in your life.

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