**Are we worshipping other gods???**

**Exodus 20:3-4**

“**You** **shall** **have** **no** **other** **gods before Me.**

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**3**“You shall have no other gods before Me. **4**“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth

[Deuteronomy 5:7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%205%3A7&version=NIV)

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[Deuteronomy 28:14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2028%3A14&version=NIV)

Do **no**t turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following **other** **gods** and serving them.

GOD instructed HIS people not to make graven images. I ask myself why that might be. My fleshly mind came up with this. We as humans need to see and touch to believe.

**John 6:46**

**No** **one** **has** **seen** the Father except the **one** who is from **God**; only he **has** **seen** the Father.

**John 4: 23-24**

**23**Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24**God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the spirit and in truth.”

***But, we can still end up making & worshipping other gods, if we aren’t careful…***

1. ***self as a god***

**Romans 12:3**

**3**For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

**Proverbs 6: 16-20**

**16**These six *things* the Lord hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+6%3A16-20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-16557a)]Him:

**17**A[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+6%3A16-20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-16558b)] proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,

**18**A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

**19**A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

**Luke 18: 10-14**

**10**“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ **13**“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ **14**“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

1. ***family as a god***

**Mark 12:30**

And **you** **shall** **love** **the** **Lord** **you**r **God** with all **you**r heart, with all **you**r soul, with all **you**r mind, and with all **you**r strength.’ This *is* **the** first commandment.

**Ephesians 5:28**

So, husbands ought to love their own wives **as** their own bodies; **he** who **loves** his wife **loves** **himself**.

**1 Timothy 5:8**

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his **household**, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever

**Matthew 10: 37-38**

**37**He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. **38**And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me

1. ***stuff as a god***

**3 John 1: 2**

**2**Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

How does GOD want our SOULS to prosper?

**Colossians 2: 6-8**

**6**As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **7**rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%202%3A6%2D8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29502a)]in it with thanksgiving.

**1 Thessalonians 4: 1**

Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God

GOD wants to have stuff. It makes our existence on earth somewhat comfortable.

The stuff CANNOT take the place of GOD !!!!

**1 Timothy 6:10**

For the **love** **of** **money** is a root **of** all *kinds****of*** evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**Luke 16: 15; 19-25** This is what happens when you let Stuff come before GOD.

**15**And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

**19**“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+16%3A+15%3B+19-25&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-25640a)]fared sumptuously every day. **20**But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21**desiring to be fed with [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+16%3A+15%3B+19-25&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-25642b)]the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. **22**So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23**And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24**“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ **25**But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.