

Idols of the Heart





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James 4:1-3

“Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures...”



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Why do I feel like I feel?

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I. Why do I feel like I feel?

Psalm 32:1 *“Many sorrows shall be to the wicked...”*

Proverbs 13:15 *“Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.”*



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I. Why do I feel like I feel?

Romans 6:23 *“For the wages of sin is death...”*

Proverbs 14:12 *“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”*



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I. Why do I feel like I feel?

Matthew 5:3-4

*Happy are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Happy are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”*



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I. Why do I feel like I feel?

James 1:25

“But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”



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I. Why do I feel like I feel?

Galatians 5:22-25

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”



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I. Why do I feel like I feel?

Because I do what I do.



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Why do I do what I do?



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II. Why do I do what I do?



January 1st



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II. Why do I do what I do?



February 1st



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II. Why do I do what I do?



Stapling Fruit



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II. Why do I do what I do?

Galatians 5:19-21

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”



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II. Why do I do what I do?

Because I want what I want.



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III. Why do I want what I want?

James 4:1 & 2

*“Where do wars and fights come from among you?
Do they not come from your DESIRES...”*



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III. Why do I want what I want?





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III. Why do I want what I want?

Proverbs 4:23

*“Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it
spring the issues of life.”*



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III. Why do I want what I want?

Because of what is on the
throne of my heart.



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III. Why do I want what I want?

Matthew 15:11

“Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”



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III. Why do I want what I want?

Exodus 20:2

“You shall have no other gods before Me.”



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III. Why do I want what I want?





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III. Why do I want what I want?

An idol is anything that you are willing to sin in order to get or something that causes you to sin because you don't get it.



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III. Why do I want what I want?

C. S. Lewis

“When I come to my evening prayers and try to reckon up the sins of the day, nine times out of ten the most obvious one is some sin against charity; I have sulked or snapped or sneered or snubbed or stormed. And the excuse that immediately springs to my mind is that the provocation was so sudden and unexpected: I was caught off my guard; I had not time to collect myself...



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III. Why do I want what I want?

C. S. Lewis

“On the other hand, surely what a man does when he is taken off his guard is the best evidence for what sort of a man he is? Surely what pops out before the man has time to put on a disguise is the truth? If there are rats in a cellar you are most likely to see them if you go in very suddenly...”



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III. Why do I want what I want?

C. S. Lewis

“But the suddenness does not create the rats: it only prevents them from hiding. In the same way the suddenness of the provocation does not make me an ill-tempered man: it only shows me what an ill-tempered man I am. The rats are always there in the cellar, but if you go in shouting and noisily they will have taken cover before you switch on the light.”



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IV. The 4 P's

2 Timothy 3:1-4

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”



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IV. The 4 P's

**“Man's nature, so to speak,
is a perpetual factory of idols.”**

John Calvin



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IV. The 4 P's

#1 Pleasure



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IV. The 4 P's

#1 Pleasure

#2 Power



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IV. The 4 P's

#1 Pleasure

#2 Power

#3 Possessions



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IV. The 4 P's

#1 Pleasure

#2 Power

#3 Possessions

#4 Praise of men



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IV. The 4 P's

PRIDE

#1 Pleasure

#2 Power

#3 Possessions

#4 Praise of men



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Ezekiel 14:2-3

“And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity...’”



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Why do I feel like I feel?

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Why do I do what I do?

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Why do I want what I want?

Because of what is on the throne of my heart.



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Self-Pleasing Heart

	Feelings



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Actions	Feelings



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	Desires
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 <p>Self</p>	<p>Desires</p>
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**“Just two choices on the shelf,
pleasing God or pleasing self.”**

Ken Collier



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Self-Pleasing Heart

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I Corinthians 10:31

***“Therefore, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”***



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II Corinthians 5:9

*“Therefore we make it our aim,
whether present or absent,
to be well pleasing to Him.”*



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Colossians 3:23

***“And whatever you do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord and not to men.”***



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Mark 12:30

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



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God-Pleasing Heart

 <p>God</p>	



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God-Pleasing Heart

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VI. Our Response

Identifying and actively repenting
and surrendering one idol
the Holy Spirit lays on your heart.



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VI. Our Response

James 1:23-25

“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”



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VI. Our Response

**If you still have a pulse
Then you still have a purpose**



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1 Thessalonians 4:4

*“...that each of you should know
how to possess his own vessel
in sanctification and honor”*



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VI. Our Response

“There’s a Hole In My Sidewalk”

**“I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I fall in.**

I am lost... I am helpless.

It isn't my fault.

It takes forever to find a way out.



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VI. Our Response

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I am in the same place.
But, it isn't my fault.
It still takes me a long time to get out.



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VI. Our Response

**I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in. It's a habit.
My eyes are open.
I know where I am.
It is my fault. I get out immediately.**



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VI. Our Response

**I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I walk around it.**



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VI. Our Response

I walk down another street.”

By Portia Nelson



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VI. Our Response

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing EVERY THOUGHT into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”



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It's not about perfection

It's about direction



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