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Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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“Idolatry is worshiping anything that ought to be used or using anything that ought to be worshiped.”

Augustine wrote in the 4th century

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Fewer on the shelf -
more on self!

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Common Idols

- Little Children – NOT pagans!
- Idols of Ephesus
- Idols of Today
- J.I.Packer
 - Sex, Shekels & Stomach
 - Football, the Firm & Family
 - Pleasures, Possessions & Position

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Camouflaged Idols

- Good instead of best!
- Colossians 3:5-6 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- Replacing God with self-interest
- Guard - Protect from assault!

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Men make counterfeit money -
sometimes money makes
counterfeit men."


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"The evil in our desire is not in
what we want, but that we
want it too much!"
John Calvin

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Cross or Throne

- As believers – Jesus on the Cross!
- As disciples – Jesus on the Throne!


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“The human heart is a factory of idols!”
John Calvin


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Playing God is impossible!
We bounce back and forth from the:
Impossible (trying to be God)
to the
Inadequate (trying to make idols)


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That for which I would give anything and accept nothing in exchange is the most important thing in my life!

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- Where is Jesus today in your life?



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