

10 PRINCIPLES
FOR

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EXODUS 20:4-6; DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5; MATTHEW 22:37-40

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And God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “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, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20:1-6

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NLT

Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’

This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40 NLT

OBSERVATIONS: WHAT TO KNOW

- ❖ **This command does not forbid works of art**
- ❖ **The first commandment is about worshipping the right God, the second is about worshipping God the right way.**
- ❖ **This is the Longest commandment**



OBSERVATIONS: WHAT TO KNOW

- ❖ **This commandment is repeated most in the Bible**
- ❖ **Most think this is the easiest one to keep**
- ❖ **God's people broke this commandment throughout thier history**
- ❖ **This is the only commandment with both a punishment and a promise**



The second commandment says, “Don’t idolize anything and worship God only because you become what you love.”

Big Idea

I. DON'T IDOLIZE ANYTHING

- ❖ **Idolize= to value something/ someone more than God**
- ❖ **“For your own good... Don't sin by making an idol in any form at all. (Deut. 4:15-16 GNT)**



WHY? IDOLS WILL DISAPPOINT ME

- ❖ **“...Those who make idols are disillusioned because the gods they make are false and lifeless.” Jeremiah 10:14 (GNT)**
- ❖ **“Whats the use of an idol? It’s only something a man has made. What good does it do... to trust it?” Habakkuk 2:18 (GNT)**



WHY? IDOLS WILL DOMINATE ME

You will remember that before you became Christians you went around from one idol to another, not one of which could speak a single word. 1 Corinthians 12:2 (LB)



WHY? IDOLS WILL DEFORM ME

And those who make idols are just like them, as are all who trust in them. Psalm 115:8 (NLT)

They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves. Jeremiah 2:5 (NLT)



II. WORSHIP ONLY GOD

- ❖ **“Worship”= To give my highest devotion**
- ❖ **“They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshipped and served the things God created , instead of the creator Himself, who is worthy of eternal praise. Amen” Romans 1:25 NLT**



BENEFITS: IT WILL DELIGHT ME

- ❖ **Take delight in the Lord,
and He will give you your
heart's desires. Psalm 37:4
NLT**
- ❖ **“As the scriptures tell us,
Anyone who trusts in Him
will never be disgraced”
Romans 10:11 NLT**



BENEFITS: IT WILL DELIVER ME

- ❖ **Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, ‘You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. John 8:31-32 NLT**
- ❖ **If the Son sets you free, you are truly free. John 8:36 NLT**



BENEFITS: IT WILL DEVELOP ME

- ❖ **We become what we Love.**
- ❖ **“And the Lord who is the Spirit, makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image. 2 Cor. 3:18b NLT**
- ❖ **“We arrive at maturity -- that measure of development which is meant by ‘the fullness of Christ.’”
Eph. 4:13-15 NLT**



WHAT DO I DO ABOUT IDOLS

- ❖ **Surrender to god whether or not you like what He does**
- ❖ **Be careful about covetousness and guard against greed**
- ❖ **Eradicate all idols from your life**
- ❖ **Become an intentional grandparent.**



**“Don’t idolize anything and worship God only
because you become what you love.”**

Big Idea

ASK YOURSELF

- ❖ **How do I spend my money?**
- ❖ **How do I use my time?**
- ❖ **What do I talk about the most?**
- ❖ **What fills my secret thoughts?**



Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Benediction