



Evaluating Our Priorities

We were created to worship the true and living God. The Father seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. The apostle John says ‘Little children, guard yourselves from idols’ (1 Jn5:21). An idol is a false god, an object of worship other than the true God. Though we may not bow down to statues, it is easy for people and things of this world subtly to become more important to us than our relationship with God.

The following prayer expresses the commitment of a heart that chooses to ‘worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’ (Matt 4:10)

Dear Lord God I know how easy it is to allow other things and other people to become more important to me than you. I also know that this is offensive to Your holy eyes as You have commanded that I should have no other gods before You. I confess to You that I have not loved You with all my heart and soul and mind. As a result, I have sinned against You, violating the first and greatest commandment. I repent of and turn away from this idolatry and now choose to return to You, Lord Jesus, as my first love. Please reveal to my mind any and all idols in my life. I choose to renounce every idol that would give Satan any right in my life. In the name of Jesus, the true God, Amen. (See Exodus 20:3; Matthew 22:37; Revelation 2:4,5.)

The checklist below may help you recognize those areas where things or people have become more important to you than the true God, Jesus Christ. Notice that most (if not all) of the areas listed below are not evil in themselves; they become idols when they take God’s rightful place as Lord of our lives

- Ambition
- Money/possessions
- Financial security
- Church activities
- Sports or physical fitness
- Ministry
- Work
- Friends
- Popularity/opinion of others
- Hobbies
- Food or any substance
- Computers/games/software
- Rock Stars/media celebrities/athletes
- TV/films/music/social media
- Fun/pleasure
- Appearance/image
- Busyness/activity
- Power/control
- Knowledge/being right
- Husband/Wife/Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Children/Parents

Use the following prayer to renounce any areas of idolatry or wrong priority:

Lord, I confess that I have made _____ (person or things) more important than You and I renounce that false worship. I choose to worship only You, Lord. I ask You, Father, to enable me to keep this area of _____ (name the idol) in its proper place in my life. In Jesus’ Name. Amen