

Evicting Idols

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The enemy of your soul doesn't play fair. He tries to keep you in the dark to the very thing that may be capturing your heart. Whatever and whomever is sitting on the throne of our heart is going to govern our life. Idolatry in our life is simply when something other than God sits on the throne of our heart.

Proverbs 4:23 – Protect your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. (NLT)

Who or what may be sitting on the throne your heart today other than Him first?

A prepared heart is what we need to be ready for a sovereign move of God.

The fire of God brings healing, the fires born of the enemy bring destruction.

4 Outcomes of having an idol on the throne of your heart

1.) SPIRITUAL DECEPTION

Ezekiel 14:3 - Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin.

Embracing idols impacts your ability to see and drives you into darkness. Darkness is the absence of God's light in your life in any area.

It's very easy to justify our idols. Idols will alter the way we process what we see.

Matthew 6:22-23 – The eye is the light of the body. So if your eye is unclouded, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil or darkened, your whole body will be full of darkness...

When an idol exists in my heart spiritual blindness occurs in my life.

When God sits on the throne of heart the veil gets removed. (Ephesians 1:16-20)

2.) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

Ezekiel 14:5 - That I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols.

We commit spiritual adultery when something else is more intimate with our heart than He is. We are the bride of Christ and God wants an intimacy with us that can reproduce life in us.

Idolatry is like slipping out of bed with God, having sex with another and slipping back in, hoping he won't notice. We will make plans for sin when we fall in love with something other than the God that loves us.

God is brokenhearted when we commit idolatry. He wants us to come back to Him because there is so much more He wants to share with us.

Psalm 24:3-5 - Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

3.) SPIRITUAL DEAFNESS

Idols on the throne of our heart will cause spiritual deafness and muddle the voice of God in our hearts. It causes hardness in our hearts.

Acts 28:27 - For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them. (NLT)

Whose voice is creating the narrative to my everyday life? Whose voice am I hearing? Don't let those in the dark create the narrative for your life!

4.) SPIRITUAL CONSEQUENCES

Hebrews 12:1-2 - Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (NKJV)

God cannot take you out of this place until the idols get out of His place.

How far can you go in your race if:

- You can't see
- You love you idol
- You can't hear
- You're weighted down

God wants to do something great for you today. We have to evict every idol off the throne of our hearts.

Ezekiel 14:6 - Therefore, tell the people of Israel, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: repent and turn away from your idols, and stop all your detestable sins”.

We must choose to turn and repent, putting God back on the throne of our heart.

Don't let the actions of another person become the god and lord of your life.

Acts 3:19 - Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. (NLT)

Kingdom building isn't about an offering, it's about who sits on the throne of my heart. When God's kingdom is first in my heart I don't need to be persuaded. **My intimacy with God will lead me into loving what He loves and despising what He despises.**

He wants to prepare you for something He is about to do in the Earth. Not just to do it for you but to do it through you. No matter where you are in your relationship with God, He can take you to a greater place.

You can spend your life being comfortable with your Idols or you can lay all of them down.

Psalm 86:5-7 - O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help. Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord; hear my urgent cry. I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble, and you will answer me. (NLT)

- **God is so ready to forgive me and put these things behind me when I call upon Him.**
- **God's unfailing love will never leave you, never forsake you.**
- **God is not against you no matter what is going on in your life.**
- **He wants you free! He wants your heart!**