

# Idols of the Heart

## Selected Scripture

### Introduction

-What is an idol?

-Exodus 20:3

-Ken Sande: "Most of us think of an idol as a statue of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ worshiped by pagan people. But the concept of idolatry is much broader and far more \_\_\_\_\_ than that. An idol is anything apart from God that we \_\_\_\_\_ on to be happy, fulfilled, or secure. In biblical terms, it is something other than God that we set our \_\_\_\_\_ on, that \_\_\_\_\_ us, that masters and \_\_\_\_\_ us, or that we trust, fear, or serve. In short, it is something we love and pursue more than \_\_\_\_\_." Peacemakers, p104.

### I. The Idol of Pleasure

-Sexual pleasure is a major idol among teenagers

-Hebrews 13:4

-How do I know if it's ruling my life?

### II. The Idol of People-Pleasing

-Galatians 2:11-14

-Galatians 1:10

### III. The Idol of Possessions

-You know your interest for a possession has elevated to an idol....

- 1.) If you determine to get it despite the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.) If you find that your life \_\_\_\_\_ around that one thing.
- 3.) If you become \_\_\_\_\_ of it.

### IV. The Idol of Personal Freedom

-Ephesians 6:1

-it's not wrong to desire personal freedom as long as that desire doesn't rule your life

### Conclusion:

-John 12:41-43

-Are there idols in your life that are keeping you from making the most important decision in life?