



Idol Worship

Anything that is an idol drives from something that was initially good but decided to let "that" replace God

Mentality of an Idol Worshipper

Anything or anyone that we deeply believe that could deliver us from whatever situation or environment we're in that substitutes the place of God, himself

3 - Mark 9:33-35 ESV

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

4 - MATTHEW 20:20-28

A genuine human existence is discovered in relying fully on Christ

So what does our life look like if we are depending on our own power?

- **Absence of Prayer Life**
- **Absence of Biblical Urgency**

- **Absence of Living our Lives Sacrificially**
 - **Absence of abiding in Christ**

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 ESV

“Human flourishing is not about self-actualization, but about discovering our life in Christ... The flourishing self is the abiding self, not the actualized self. It is the self wholly dependent upon Jesus.” - *Kyle Strobel*

“We all have an Achille’s heel, and so we use our natural abilities to compensate for the limp it has caused. We compensate through self-improvement. A lot of what we think of as our strengths is really just the result of this compensation. Rather than looking to Christ to redeem, we have acted as our own redeemer. Twice over we neglect our Redeemer. We neglect him in our self-accomplishment, in our attempt to overcome our weakness with strengths. We also neglect him because we don’t believe we need him where we are powerful; we only need him where we are failing or still poor. In this sense, operating from our strengths is practicing atheism.” - *James Houston*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:25-31 ESV

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”