

## Daily Devotional, November 19, 2020 What Do You Place Before God?

***“Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all? Ezekiel 14:3 (NIV)***

Do you worship idols?

No, seriously. Do you worship idols? Because I bet that if I poked around a bit, I might find some things in your heart that have begun to rival the place that rightfully belongs to Jesus.

I think a lot of times we think that idols are merely statues, forgetting that the real idol is the thing inside the person's heart that makes them bow down to a lifeless image. The image was never the god. It was only supposed to represent the real god in whom the worshiper trusted.

Whom do you trust today?

In the days of Ezekiel, the Lord spoke to him and said essentially, all these people have set up idols in their hearts, trusting in them for their needs. Should I let them ask my opinion on things when their trust is in idols?

Think about it It's kind of like asking God a question when you're not really listening for God's answer. God says, Should I really pay attention to them when they're not paying attention to me?

What are you paying attention to today?

Worshiping God means that we give God our whole attention, affection, and devotion. That doesn't mean we neglect our work or families, but it means that God is our first priority, and that God's opinion on a matter trumps what anyone or anything else says.

We take our worship lifestyle wherever we go, not in singing worship songs in our office cubicle, but by working hard because we represent Christ. We are the best employee because we want to honor God in our work. We are the best dads and moms because we want to honor God in our families. We are the best neighbors because we want to be God's witness to the lost. Worship means that our lives are not our own, they belong to God.

Does your life belong to God and God alone?

***Prayer: Lord God, My life needs to belong to You alone. Please help me to see anything in my heart that rivals You for my affection and attention. I choose to trust in You alone and follow You no matter what. Through Christ. Amen.***