

Give to Break Idols

Isaiah 44; Matthew 6:19-24; Colossians 3:5

We all have idols - things we pursue and trust in to make life satisfying and safe. Very often these idols are revealed by how we spend our money. However, when we deliberately choose to sacrificially share from our wealth, we break the hold of idols over our hearts, and we find contentment, freedom and joy in God.

Are these phrases Biblical?

- ? - God helps those who help themselves
- ? - A penny saved is a penny earned
- ? - Cleanliness is next to godliness
- ? - Hate the sin but love the sinner
- ? - God will not give you more than you can handle
- ? - Money is the root of all evils

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Colossians 3:5

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

Why should We become generous & joyful givers?

Reason #4 : Because generous and joyful giving crushes our idols

Expose our idols

Ezekiel 14:3

“Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts...”

Idolatry: worshipping anything other than, or in addition to God to get what we want or think we need for life.

Can these be Idols?:

- pleasure
- praise
- security
- power
- love
- family

Proverbs 18:11

The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

Crush our idols

1. Renew our devotion to God
2. Redirect our affections toward God

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”