

WHEN ARE WE BE TEMPTED TO MAKE IDOLS?

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Main Verse: [1 Samuel 5:1-7](#)

1. WHEN WE DON'T NEED _____ ANYMORE FOR VICTORY - vs. 1

- Ebenezer = The stone of help ☞ Ashdod = Our castle or stronghold
- [1 John 2:16](#) - *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh [internal physical cravings], the desires of the eyes [external visual attractions], and the pride of life [boastful self-regard]—is not from the Father but from the world.*
- [Isaiah 40:25](#) - *“To whom will you compare me, or who is my equal?” asks the Holy One.*

2. WHEN WE ARE OK WITH THE _____ MIXING - vs. 2-5

- “Dagon” is also found in [Judges 16:23](#) & [1 Maccabees 10:83-11:4](#).
- Every law from the TEN COMMANDMENTS addresses an IDOL for today
- No other gods - the idol of ME
- No idols - the idol of LAZINESS
- Do not take His Name in vain - the idol of ENTERTAINMENT
- Remember the Sabbath - the idol of SUCCESS
- Honor your parents - the idol of FAMILY
- Do not kill - the idol of VICTIMHOOD
- Do not commit adultery - the idol of ROMANCE
- Do not steal - the idol of MONEY
- Do not lie - the idol of DISREGARD
- Do not covet - the idol of LUST

3. WHEN WE SEEK RELIEF RATHER _____ - vs. 6-7

- What do we want more... to have the thing removed that is shaping us into Christ - OR - to be like Jesus?
- To remove an idol, SACRIFICE is required.
- [1 John 2:2 \(NLT\)](#) - *He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.*