

THE BIBLE RECAP

IDENTIFYING IDOLS

PART 1: SURFACE IDOLS

In what ways do you complete this sentence: "Life only has meaning or I only have worth if..."

- I have power and influence over others." (*Power Idolatry*)
- I am loved and respected by ____." (*Approval Idolatry*)
- I have this kind of pleasure experience, a particular quality of life." (*Comfort idolatry*)
- I am able to get mastery over my life in the area of ____." (*Control idolatry*)
- People are dependent on me and need me." (*Helping Idolatry*)
- Someone is there to protect me and keep me safe." (*Dependence idolatry*)
- I am completely free from obligations or responsibilities to take care of someone." (*Independence idolatry*)
- I am highly productive and getting a lot done." (*Work idolatry*)
- I am being recognized for my accomplishments, and I am excelling in my work." (*Achievement idolatry*)
- I have a certain level of wealth, financial freedom, and very nice possessions." (*Materialism idolatry*)
- I am adhering to my religion's moral codes and accomplished in its activities." (*Religion idolatry*)
- This one person is in my life and happy to be there, and/or happy with me." (*Individual person idolatry*)
- I feel I am totally independent of organized religion and am living by a self-made morality." (*Irreligion idolatry*)
- My race and culture is ascendant and recognized as superior." (*Racial/cultural idolatry*)
- A particular social grouping or professional grouping or other group lets me in." (*Inner ring idolatry*)
- My children and/or my parents are happy and happy with me." (*Family idolatry*)
- Mr. or Ms. "Right" is in love with me." (*Relationship Idolatry*)
- I am hurting, in a problem; only then do I feel worthy of love or able to deal with guilt." (*Suffering idolatry*)
- My political or social cause is making progress and ascending in influence or power." (*Ideology idolatry*)
- I have a particular kind of look or body image." (*Image idolatry*)

Continue to the next page to identify how these idols impact your life and those around you.