

ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES

Ten Values That Build Strong Families - Part 2

"You shall not make any idols ... you must never bow to an image or worship it in any way." Exodus 20:4-5 (LB)

2 Principles

I. DON'T 'IDOLIZE' ANYTHING!

"Idolize" - to _____ something more than God.

"For your own good ... don't sin by making an idol in any form at all." Deuteronomy 4:15-16 (GN)

Why?

1. Idols will _____

"...those who make idols are disillusioned because the gods they make are false and lifeless." Jeremiah 10:14 (GN)

"What's the use of an idol? It's only something a man has made. What good does it do ... to trust it?" Habakuk 2:18 (GN)

2. Idols will _____

"... (before you knew Christ) you were controlled by dead idols, who always led you astray." I Corinthians 12:2 (GN)

3. Idols will _____

"Those who make idols will become like them, and so will those who trust in them." Psalms 115:8 (GN)

"They worshiped worthless things and became worthless themselves." Jeremiah 2:5 (GN)

II. WORSHIP ONLY GOD!

Worship" -- to give my highest _____

"(Many) exchange the truth about God for a lie; they worship and serve what God has created instead of the Creator himself!" Romans 1:25 (GN)

The Benefits of Worshiping Only God

1. IT _____

"Seek your happiness in the Lord and He will give you your heart's desire." Psalms 37:4 (GN)

"Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." Romans 10:11 (GN)

2. IT _____

Jesus said, *"If you obey my teaching ... you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."* John 8:31-32

"If the Son sets you free, you will be really free." John 8:36

3. IT _____

"As the Spirit of the Lord works with us, we become more and more like Him." 2 Corinthians 3:18b (LB)

"We arrive at maturity -- that measure of development which is meant by 'the fullness of Christ.'" Ephesians 4:13-15 (Ph)

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:5