

# FALSE GODS

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**SCRIPT**

**IMAGE**

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**ANIMATION**

CN. **01**

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While the first commandment says, "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3), how are those other false gods introduced into our lives? Anything that relates to our life and is not wholly surrendered to God can become a false god.

The Greeks and Romans knew this very well. Everything could become a god for them. They created Hephaestus, for example, the god of work; Mammon, the god of money; Himeros, the god of sex; and so forth.

We must admit that, as human beings, we are prone to be addicted to false gods. For example, working is a blessing, but when it becomes the single top priority, it becomes like the god Hephaestus in our lives.

Sexuality was idealized by God before sin for the benefit of humanity. But when humans fail to follow God's established pattern and follow their own inclination instead, their sexuality becomes a false god like Himeros.

Every false god that is allowed to exist "before God," in place of Him or having priority over Him, will destroy one's spiritual life.

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[Standard opening design and animation.]

[Design: character reflecting about life]

[Design: illustrations of the greek people and their false gods]

[Design: scale with work on one side and spirituality on the other, with work outweighing spirituality.]

[Design: Broken hearts and tangled relationships symbolizing the consequences of misguided sexuality.]

[Animation: Lettering]

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In Romans 1:25, Paul says that by following their own inclinations, some are replacing the worship of the one true Creator with the worship of creature, sometimes the worship of themselves.

Paul claims that this kind of worship is based on a lie that will never make a human being truly happy. He calls this kind of mindset foolishness (Romans 1:22).

It is truly foolishness to look for true happiness in things, ourselves, or other people. Only a fool looks for peace while seeking self-fulfillment or addictions. Neither true happiness can be found just in accumulating or spending financial resources.

[Image: A shattered illusion of happiness.]

[Design of a solitary figure shaping into a thriving, one-person church]

[Animation: Lettering with Bible verse in parenthesis]

[Design: An image of a person searching for happiness in material possessions.]

CN. 03

It is only in God that we are fully happy.

By the way, one of the most destructive false gods is the god of greed and the unbridled pursuit of money.

That's why Jesus said: "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13), which was the God of money.

Faithfulness and generosity are God's appointed ways to get rid of greed.

[Image: A serene image of a person in prayer.]

[Image: people on the rat race, desperately seeking for money]

[Image: An image of a hand giving to another hand.]

[Animation: Lettering]

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When we faithfully return ten percent of our income as tithe and choose another percentage for the regular return of offerings, we allow God to eradicate from our lives the false god of greed that tries to dominate us.

Is any false god trying to control an aspect of your life? As you return your Tithes and Promise, ask God to remove it, replacing it by the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

May we put our desires last and God first.

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[Design: Hands offering a tithe and offerings envelope.]

[Standard ending design and animation.]

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