

## THE TEN(DER) COMMANDMENTS

### Part 2: “The One and Only”

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Idolatry is when we take a good thing and turn it into a God thing which is a bad thing. Why is this a bad thing? Because it is an affront to the true God. But Isaiah also reminds us that we desire out of an idol what it can never give: help and fulfillment. Idols always disappoint. God, however, always keeps His promises.

**“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.” Exodus 20:3-5**

#### My Next Step(s):

- I will identify those things that tend to “cut” in front of God in my life.
- I will not let anything come between me and God.
- I will *appreciate* good things that God has blessed me with, but not *elevate* them.
- I will remember: false gods always disappoint; they over-promise & under-deliver.

**Memory Verse:** “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.” – Exodus 20:3-4

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**Something we can possess**



**Something we can possess**  
**Something that we elevate**



**Greed makes money an idol.**



God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it...

Genesis 1:28



and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'

Matthew 19:5



**Greed makes money an idol.**

**Lust makes sex an idol.**



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**Lust makes sex an idol.**

**Vanity makes our bodies idols.**



**Good things that turn into God  
things – become bad things.**



**“nothing” – tohu**



Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:2



<sup>13</sup> The carpenter measures with a line and makes an outline with a marker; he roughs it out with chisels and marks it with compasses. He shapes it in the form of man, of man in all his glory, that it may dwell in a shrine.

Isaiah 44:13, 16-17



<sup>16</sup> Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, “Ah! I am warm; I see the fire.” <sup>17</sup> From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, “Save me; you are my god.”

Isaiah 44:13, 16-17



#1

Idolatry is cunning.





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#1

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#2

Idolatry is  
disappointing.



**Idolatry always over-promises  
and under-delivers.**



[Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:15



Idolatry is cunning...  
it takes good things  
and makes them god things.



“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

John 15:15



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<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



MY MUM IS EVERYTHING ROLLED UP  
INTO ONE LOVELY PACKAGE. MY ROLE  
MODEL, MY CONFIDANT, MY COUNSELLOR  
AND MY BEST FRIEND. I SPEAK TO HER  
EVERYDAY WHICH GIVES ME A LITTLE  
SPARKLE. SHE'S A SPECIAL LADY AND I  
LOVE HER AND HOPE THAT I CAN BE  
THE SAME TO MY CHILDREN



# 10 REASONS WHY

*I love you Mum*

YOU'RE VERY SWEET

YOU ALWAYS MAKE TIME FOR EVERYONE.

SO EASY TO TALK TO

YOU'RE UNDERSTANDING

YOU'RE ALWAYS CHEERFUL.

YOU ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PROMISES.

YOU'RE A GREAT TEACHER.

YOU'RE KIND TO EVERYONE.

YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE FOR THOSE YOU LOVE

YOUR EYES SMILE WHEN YOU LAUGH.

*Love, Brandi*





**We can't turn a good thing  
into a God thing,  
without making it a bad thing.**



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