

Only God

Exodus 20: 3-5 (New International Version)

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³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

Introduction

Show pictures of an Xbox, Money, and flat-screen tv.

What do you see?

Do you think an Xbox can be another god?

Do you think television can be another god?

Do you think money can be another god?



Other gods could be our television. How many hours do we spend per day watching television? What do we watch on television? Do we watch programs where the Lord's name is abused? Are we watching programs full of violence?

Love of money can be an idol. Money can be so important that people forget that everything we have comes from the Lord. We forget that the Lord cares for us every day.

Video games on your Xbox or computer can become an idol.

Possession of yours that has become more important than God can be considered as another god or an idol

We may have no other gods. We may not worship other gods. We have to worship one God, the Lord Jesus Christ. We may not make any images to worship. We may not worship or serve idols.

Other gods can be anything we love more than God.

Remember, anything that has become more important than God can be considered another god or an idol

Serve only God

Spend more time with God. Read your Bible. Talk to God through prayer. Know God in everything you do. Ask God for help and advice throughout the day. Keep God in your mind. See God in His creation.



Caring for your neighbour.

Read Matthew 22:37-40 (Contemporary English Version) ³⁷ Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. ³⁸ This is the first and most important commandment. ³⁹ The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." ⁴⁰ All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets^[a] are based on these two commandments.

By caring for our neighbour and loving our neighbour as ourselves, we honour God. Jesus told us that the Ten Commandments could be summarized as follows. You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and mind; second, you must love your neighbour as yourself.

We should be thankful for everything we receive from the Lord. We must thank the Lord in prayer that He cares for us each day.

Prayer

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for what we receive from you. Thank you so much for our daily bread. Please help us always to put You first. Help us that other things will not become more important to us than You.

Amen

Geen afgode

Eksodus 20:3 -5 (1983)

Lees

Eksodus 20 Afrikaans 1983/1992 (AFR83) ³Jy mag naas My geen ander gode hê nie. ⁴"Jy mag nie vir jou 'n beeld of enige afbeelding maak van wat in die hemel daarbo of op die aarde hieronder of in die water onder die aarde is nie. ⁵Jy mag hulle nie vereer of dien nie, want Ek, die Here jou God, eis onverdeelde trou aan My.

Inleiding

Wys prente van Xbox, geld en televisie.

Dink julle 'n Xbox kan 'n ander god wees?

Dink julle 'n televisiestel kan 'n afgod wees?

Dink julle geld kan 'n afgod wees?



Ons mag geen ander gode hê nie. Ons mag nie ander gode aanbid nie. Ons moet net God aanbid. Ons mag nie enige beelde maak om te aanbid nie. Ons mag nie afgode vereer of dien nie. Afgode kan enige iets wees waarvoor ons liever is as vir God.

Ander gode kan ons televisiestel wees. Hoeveel uur spandeer ons per dag om na televisie programme te kyk? Waarna kyk ons op televisie? Kyk ons na programme waar die Here se naam misbruik word? Kyk ons net na programme vol van geweld?

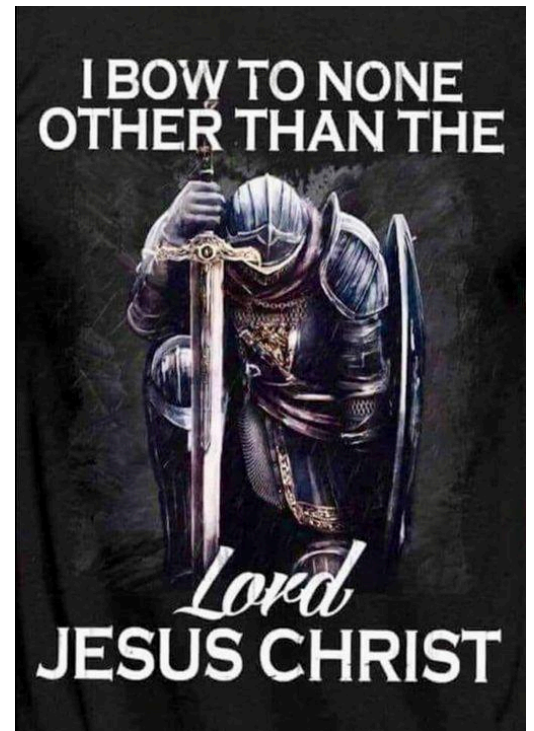
Liefde vir geld kan 'n afgod wees. Geld kan so belangrik wees dat mense vergeet dat alles wat ons het van die Here kom. Die Here sorg elke dag vir ons, en ons moet dit elke dag onthou.

Video speletjies op jou Xbox of rekenaar kan 'n afgod word. Enige besitting wat vir ons belangriker is as God kan as 'n afgod beskou word.

Dien net God alleen.

Spandeer meer tyd met God. Lees jou Bybel. Praat met God deur gebed. Ken God in alles wat jy doen. Vra God om hulp en raad. Nie net een keer per dag nie maar deur die hele dag. Hou God in jou gedagtes. Sien God raak in Sy skepping.

Gee om vir jou naaste. Deur om te gee vir ons naaste en ons naaste lief te hê soos onself, eer ons God. Jesus het vir ons gesê dat die tien geboois saamgevat kan word as volg. Jy moet die Here jou God liefhê met jou hele hart, en jou hele siel en hele verstand en die tweede wat hiermee gelyk staan, moet jy jou naaste liefhê soos jouself.



Lees

Mattheus 22:37 - 40 (Afrikaans 1983/1992 (AFR83) ³⁷

Jesus antwoord hom: "Jy moet die Here jou God liefhê met jou hele hart en met jou hele siel, en met jou hele verstand. ³⁸Dit is die grootste en die eerste gebod. ³⁹En die tweede, wat hiermee gelyk staan, is: 'Jy moet jou naaste liefhê soos jouself.' ⁴⁰In hierdie twee geboois is die hele wet en die profete saamgevat."

Ons moet dankbaar wees vir alles wat ons ontvang vanaf die Here. Ons moet vir die Here in gebed dankie sê dat Hy elke dag vir ons sorg.

Gebed

Baie dankie Hemelse Vader vir dit wat ons uit U vaderhand ontvang. Baie dankie vir ons daaglikse brood. Help ons asseblief dat ons U altyd eerste sal stel. Help ons dat ander dinge nie vir ons belangriker sal word as U nie.

Amen

