



New International Version is used for questions

1. Read Matthew 22:37-38. Pastor Rick said that you don't remove idols in your life by trying harder, but by doing what? Why do you think this is true?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What does this passage have to do with whether we will have idols in our lives? What do you think the "treasures" in this passage represent? What do you think it means when it says "there your heart will be also"?
3. Read Philippians 3:7-8. What did Paul do to change what he lived his life for, what he treasured? Read 2 Timothy 2:22. What can we practically do to change what we do treasure to what we should treasure?
4. How can your free-time schedule reveal whether you have an idol in your life? How could you use your schedule to change what you treasure to be more God-oriented?
5. Pastor Rick said you cannot break what you won't name. What do you think he meant? Why is it so hard to do this? Do you think some people won't do this because they do not want to change? Read Psalm 139:23,24. What can we do if we are not willing to change?
6. Pastor Rick asked four questions, take some time to answer these if you did not during the sermon.
  - A. What do I treasure most?
  - B. What do I need to unplug from?
  - C. What needs to be realigned?
  - D. What do I need to name today?

- someone, you are willing to put their desires above your own.
2. *What you “treasure” as being the most important thing to you will determine what you worship. The treasure is whatever you value highly in your life, what you think is most important. What you value as being most important is where your time and attention, your heart, will be spent.*
  3. *He made a conscious decision to mentally view what he had lived for as being worthless and he consciously valued his relationship with Christ as being the most important. He spent his time on the things he chose to value. Practically we can flee our idols by starving them of any of our time and spend our time pursuing the things of God in their place. We must consciously make a daily decision to do this.*
  4. *How you spend the time that you have that you can decide what you do will determine what your treasure is, what you value. If you spend all of your free time on things that do not matter for eternity, that is what you value and you will have idols in your life. You can make sure to decide to use your free time on things God says you should value and starve your idols of your time.*
  5. *He meant that if you are unwilling to admit you have a problem, to acknowledge that you have a problem, you cannot change. It is hard to do this because we hate admitting to ourselves that we have a problem, especially when we do not want to see it as a problem because we would rather continue to do whatever is the problem. In Psalm 139 it tells us to ask God to search our hearts and reveal to us what we are unable or unwilling to name. If we are unwilling to change something that has become an idol, we need to ask God to make us willing to change.*
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