



**Message Notes
November 4, 2018**

Naming Our Idols

1st in series: First: Putting God First in Our Living and Giving
2 Kings 17:38-41



GPS – Guide to Prayer & Scripture
Week: **November 5 – November 10, 2018**

Daily Prayer

Dear God, there are so many things that distract me from you. I often find myself focusing on the shiny objects around me. Help me to put things in proper perspective and keep you first and foremost in my life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Monday, 11/05 Matthew 6:19-24

What are the things that you treasure the most in life? What made them so valuable? Are they things that can be taken from you or destroyed? How do you balance them in your love for God?

Tuesday, 11/06 Psalm 135:15-18

What things and/or ideals do you see that have become idols in this country? How do you think God feels about them? How do you balance them with your love for God?

Wednesday, 11/07 Daniel 2:24-28b

We often place such high value on our own understanding and the collective wisdom of humankind. But there are still things we don't understand. How often do not know an answer but rely on God's merciful providence to see you through a situation?

Thursday, 11/08 Matthew 8:21-22

How often do we do things out of respect or social norms rather than putting God first? What does this say about how we view God?

Friday, 11/09 Deuteronomy 4:12-15

We sometimes idolize things because we can see them and understand them better because they are tangible and rational. But God can't be seen with our eyes and God's will sometimes seems countercultural. How do you continue to trust God first in foremost when to do so doesn't always seem to make sense?

Saturday, 11/10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

We often see people who wear religious symbols on their clothing and have religious bumper stickers on their cars. Do you think God also sees this and is pleased enough with these outward expressions of faith or do you think God looks deeper within the person for their heart-felt love? Or is it both?



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