

How does the Word of God give us a clear and straight forward command of not entertaining idols in our life?

Jeremiah 9:23-24, "Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD."

Why?

1 Corinthians 3:19, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

As such:

Matthew 6:24, "No one 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."

1 Corinthians 10:21, "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons."

Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Therefore:

1John 2:15-16, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world."

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***“Therefore put to death
your members which
are on the earth:
fornication, uncleanness,
passion, evil desire,
and covetousness,
which is idolatry.”***
Colossians 3:5

How does the Word of God define idols of the flesh in this world?

Galatians 5:19-21, “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like.”

What then will happen to those who worship the flesh rather than God?

Revelation 21:8, “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

How should we then live to worship God only?

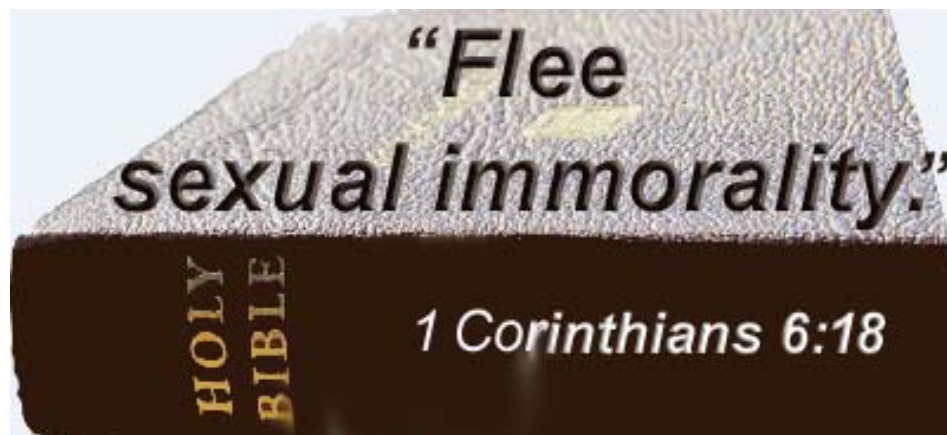
Titus 2:11-12, “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.”

Therefore:

1 Peter 4:1-2, “Since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

Romans 13:14, “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

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How are sexual perversions addressed in the Word of God?

1 Corinthians 6:18(b), “Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”

As such:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10, “Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ... will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Hebrews 13:4, “Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”

James 4:4, “Whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

Why?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God.”

What’s more?

Matthew 5:28, “I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

1 Corinthians 5:11, “I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, ... not even to eat with such a person.”

Therefore:

2 Timothy 2:22, “Flee youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

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***“Everyone proud in heart
is an abomination
to the Lord.”***

Proverbs 16:5

**AGAIN...
CLEAR ENOUGH?**

What does the Word of God say about pride?

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Why?

Luke 18:14, “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

What’s more?

1 Samuel 16:7, “The LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

As such:

Proverbs 26:12, “Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.”

Proverbs 16:18, “Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

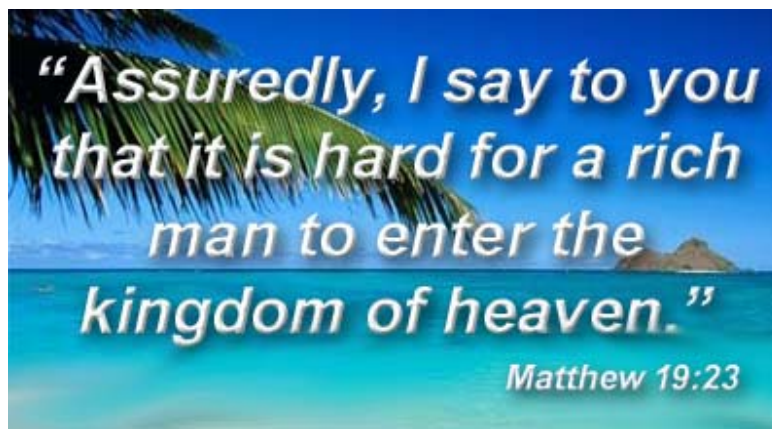
The reason Jesus said:

Matthew 23:27-28, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men’s* bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

Therefore:

James 4:6, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

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What does scripture teach us about the love of money?

1 Timothy 6:9-10, "Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

As such:

Revelation 3:17, "You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked."

Therefore:

1 Timothy 6:17, "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God."

Hebrews 13:5, "*Let your* conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have."

Matthew 6:19-20, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

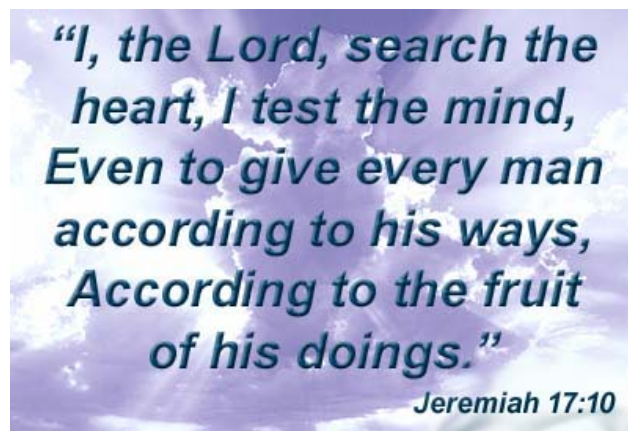
Proverbs 23:4, "Do not overwork to be rich."

Why?

Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Has money become a god in my life?

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Are there warnings about worshipping the flesh rather than God and to live like the world?

Galatians 6:7-8, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

Ephesians 5:5, "No fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

Why?

Exodus 20:5-6, "For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

What's more?

Ephesians 6:12, "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places."

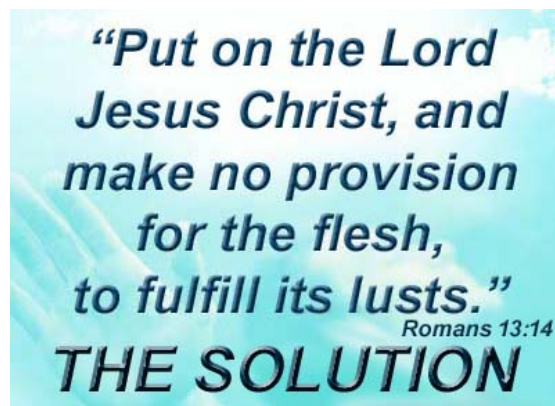
As such:

1 John 2:16, "All that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world."

Therefore:

James 4:4, "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

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How does the Word of God compel us to reject idols in our life?

Colossians 3:2, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Titus 2:12, "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age."

Why?

2 Corinthians 10:4-5, "For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

What's more?

1 Corinthians 15:33, "Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

Ephesians 5:6, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

Ephesians 5:11, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."

Romans 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Therefore:

James 4:8, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Galatians 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Is my heart in Christ or with the world?

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