

**“Have no other gods before
Me”**

Modern def – “*a person or thing regarded with blind admiration, adoration, or devotion*”

Vine’s def – “*a phantom or likeness; vain thing*” (Acts 14:15)

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- **No other “gods” are to be worshipped aside from Jehovah**
 - **Lev. 26:1, Ex. 20:4** – No graven images
 - **Acts 12:22, 14:11, 28:6** – No man
 - **Acts 14:14-18** – Neither have any power
 - **Be aware of those that are misguided:**
 - **Worship other “gods”** – Ex. Buddha
 - **Placing false characteristics on Jehovah** – Ex. Allah
 - **Exalting men as “gods”** – Ex. Pope

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- **Idols are not limited to graven images or men**
 - **Another definition for “idol”:** *“any image, person, item, or concept that takes up such attention and/or devotion as to distract a person from the service of God”*
 - **This can apply to work, school, possessions, etc**
 - **Col. 3:5 – Covetousness is idolatry**
 - **Ex. 18:21**– We should hate covetousness
 - **Luke 12:15** – Life does not consist of
 - **I Tim. 6:9-10** – Many fall because of

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- **Sources of idolatry**
 - **Covetousness**
 - **Lack of focus**
 - **Psm. 119:36** – Be inclined to God’s word
 - **Ezek. 33:31** – Can be a symptom of a double heart
 - **Heb. 13:5** – Requires contentment
 - **Idols**
 - **Desire to see, touch, make personal, one’s god**
 - **Acts 14:11-13, Acts 17:22-29**