

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, Flee From Idolatry.” 1 Corinthians 10:13-14 KJV



When we hear the word “idolatry,” most of us think of statues and pagan ritual, but that is not necessarily so. An idol is anything you obsess about that interferes or blocks your obedience to God’s Word. If you want to know what your idols are, read and study what God wants you to do and see what stands in your way. Sometimes God allows obstacles to our obedience to test our faith, not

because He doesn’t know, but because we don’t know. Abraham didn’t know the extent of his faith until God asked for the sacrifice of Isaac, the son of promise, seeming to contradict Himself, but Abraham obeyed anyway and was ever after called “the Friend of God.” Do you trust God enough to obey even when there SEEM to be contradictions? If we make our understanding and reason a prerequisite of our obedience, we have just made them our idol! I don’t need to understand to obey. Remember your parent’s reply to “Why?” “Because I said so.” And that was all the explanation you got, but you obeyed, because you feared the consequences. Well, there are consequences to disobeying God. *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”* You will have to reap what you sow. What are you planting, today?

Idolatry can be simple things,
From choc’late cake to fancy flings,
And even when we have good sense,
We still may reap the consequence. –CGP

We are not told, “try to avoid idolatry,” but to *“FLEE idolatry!”* To flee is to run away in terror! Terror has many forms, but it usually involves the loss of something priceless; wealth, health, life, and love. Are you terrified to disobey God? Why? Your answer belies your trust in God.

“And thou shalt Love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” Deuteronomy 6:5 KJV