

TakeNote

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When We Build Idols

The Cautionary Tale of King Solomon

—1 Kings 11:1–13

Part 3 of 4 in a series titled *Cautionary Tales*

God wired us to make something or someone the ultimate thing in our lives
—to live a life of worship.

When I let anything or anyone other than God be that ultimate thing in my life,
I have built an idol and I am worshipping it.

Ten Subtle Lies That Cause Me to Build Idols:

Lie #1: The god I want is better than the God Who is

Lie #2: The God Who is won't be bothered by my relationship with
the god I want

Lie #3: The god I want will help strengthen my relationships
with others

Lie #4: The god I want will help me do what I want to do

Lie #5: The more gods I have, the better my life will be

Lie #6: The god I want expects me to be sincere and committed,
not obedient

Lie #7: I get to define how, when, and where I approach the god I want

Lie #8: The God I want serves me

Lie #9: I will hold the god I want accountable rather than be accountable to it

Lie #10: I am god

Three Steps to Tearing Down the Idols in My Life:

Step #1: Name Them (*Exodus 20:3; Romans 1:22–23*)

- let God hear you say what you have lifted above Him

Step #2: Remove Them (*2 Kings 17:38–41; Isaiah 44:10; Colossians 3:5; 1 John 5:21*)

- leave no room for them to be rebuilt ever again in any way

Step #3: Replace Them (*1 Chronicles 16:25–27; Psalm 145:3; Philipians 2:9–11*)

- seek to make God ultimate in your life daily