

WHEN GOOD BECOMES god

Order of Operations

The problem isn't what we love, it's the order in which we love. Disordered love leads to disordered desires —and ultimately a disordered life.

Discussion Questions:

1. How have you experienced the importance of doing something in the right order (cooking, construction, etc.)?
2. What do you think of the idea of having “disordered love,” and how does that help you understand the heart of idolatry?
3. Do you agree that our lives are shaped by what we love most? If so, how have you see it play out in your own life?
4. Read **Exodus 20:2–5**. What difference does it make when we read this less as a list of rules to be obeyed and more as the right ordering of where our love should be placed?
5. Idolatry is what happens when a good thing becomes an ultimate thing: job/success, family/kids, love/relationships/sex, money, etc. In what ways might loving God first reshape how you view those things?
6. Read **Mark 12:28–31**. *Idolatry stands diametrically opposed to both loving God and loving your neighbor.* What do you think of that statement? How do you see this evidenced in your own life or in the lives of those around you?

Moving Forward

Ask yourself: How am I doing with loving God with all of my heart (desires), soul (identity), mind (thoughts), and strength (actions)?

Changing Your Mind

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30–31)