

# THE *Big 3*

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TITLE: How to Crush Idols and Counterfeit Gods in Your Life

What is so central or essential in your life that, should you lose it, you'd feel like life would hardly be worth living? You don't have to give these idols control over your thoughts and life anymore.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about the idols in your life...

1. **Idols of the heart lurk in relationships, ambitions and in fears.** As Tim Keller wrote, an idol or counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living. Who are the people or what are the things that you cannot imagine living without? That's a clue to where your idols lie.
2. **Because of his love for you, God seeks to give you the best and ultimate "everything"**. God is not satisfied to leave us chasing false gods that cannot fulfill the desires he himself placed within us. He desires to be the fulfillment of your relational needs, your physical needs, your aspirations, and your future. Will you trust him for all of that?
3. **Prayerfully walk through the list of 20 Questions from Tim Keller to start to identify potential idols in your heart.** Be honest with yourself, and share your findings with someone you trust. Then ask God to identify the lies behind these idols and the truth about who He is and what He thinks about you. Hint: You're His beloved child and He has plans to bless and prosper you! Get the book *Counterfeit Gods*, and read through it in your small group or community.

Don't forget to grab a spot in the free training webinar Caesar is hosting: [The Gospel In Everyday Life](#). Growing in your gospel fluency will help you uncover and expose the idols and counterfeit gods in your life... and others.

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

- [3 Simple Words That Will Change Your Life](#)
- [How to Stop Loving Stuff and Start Loving People](#)

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

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## 20 Idol Crushing Questions from Counterfeit Gods:

### “Life only has meaning or I only have worth if...

1. I have power and influence over others.” (Power Idolatry)
2. I am loved and respected by \_\_\_\_.” (Approval Idolatry)
3. I have this kind of pleasure experience, a particular quality of life.” (Comfort Idolatry)
4. I am able to get mastery over my life in the area of \_\_\_\_.” (Control Idolatry)
5. people are dependent on me and need me.” (Helping Idolatry)
6. someone is there to protect me and keep me safe.” (Dependence Idolatry)

### “Life only has meaning or I only have worth if...

7. I am completely free from obligations or responsibilities to take care of someone.” (Independence Idolatry)
8. I am highly productive and getting a lot done.” (Work Idolatry)
9. I am being recognized for my accomplishments, and I am excelling in my work.” (Achievement Idolatry)
10. I have a certain level of wealth, financial freedom, and very nice possessions.” (Materialism Idolatry)
11. I am adhering to my religion’s moral codes and accomplished in its activities.” (Religion Idolatry)
12. This one person is in my life and happy to be there, and/or happy with me.” (Individual Person Idolatry)
13. I feel I am totally independent of organized religion and am living by a self-made morality.” (Irreligion Idolatry)

### “Life only has meaning or I only have worth if...

14. My race and culture is ascendant and recognized as superior.” (Racial/Cultural Idolatry)
15. A particular social grouping or professional grouping or other group lets me in.” (Inner Ring Idolatry)
16. My children and/or my parents are happy and happy with me.” (Family Idolatry)
17. Mr. or Ms. “Right” is in love with me.” (Relationship Idolatry)
18. I am hurting, in a problem; only then do I feel worthy of love or able to deal with guilt.” (Suffering Idolatry)
19. my political or social cause is making progress and ascending in influence or power.” (Ideology Idolatry)
20. I have a particular kind of look or body image.” (Image Idolatry)