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“An idol is anything apart from God that we depend on to be happy, fulfilled, or secure. In biblical terms, it is something other than God that we set our heart on, that motivates us, that masters and rules us, or that we trust, fear, or serve. In short, an idol is something that we love and pursue more than God.” – Ken Sande



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- 4) We stop enjoying food as a way of enjoying God. We stop tasting the goodness of God in the goodness of the food, and we start replacing the goodness of God with the goodness of the food.



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For sins in private and in the family, in study and recreation, in the study of thy Word and in the neglect of it. In prayer irreverently offered and coldly withheld. In time misspent, in yielding to Satan's wiles, in opening my heart to his temptations, in being unwatchful when I know him nigh, and in quenching the Holy Spirit. Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten. Gracious Lord, hear, and in hearing, forgive."

- Puritan Prayer

