Remove.

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God Uses The Man Who Will.

- Repent of his sin.
- <u>Remove</u> the idols.
- <u>Replace</u> God at the center.
- <u>Repeat</u> the process every day.

2 Kings 23

²⁵ Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who <u>turned to the Lord</u> with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.

Josiah didn't stop with REPENTING. He moved on to <u>REMOVING</u>.

2 Chronicles 34:3-5

³ During the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, Josiah began to seek the God of his ancestor David. Then in the twelfth year, <u>he began to purify Judah and</u> <u>Jerusalem</u>, destroying all the pagan shrines, the Asherah poles, and the carved idols and cast images. ⁴ He ordered that the altars of Baal be demolished and that the incense altars which stood above them be broken down. He also made sure that the Asherah poles, the carved idols, and the cast images were smashed and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. ⁵ He burned the bones of the pagan priests on their own altars, and so he purified Judah and Jerusalem.

Anything you put BEFORE God is an IDOL.

Jeremiah 2

¹¹ "<u>My people have exchanged their Glorious God for</u> <u>worthless idols</u>! The heavens are shocked at such a thing and shrink back in sorrow and dismay," says the Lord. ¹² "For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me - the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all."

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An idol can be a:

- Q: What are your idols?
- **Q:** How long are you going to let them rule your life?
- Q: Are you ready to get serious about removing them?

2 Chronicles 34

³³ So Josiah <u>removed</u> all detestable idols from the entire land of Israel and required everyone to worship the Lord their God. And throughout the rest of his lifetime, they did not turn away from the Lord, the God of their ancestors.

How do you remove your idols?

• Quickly.

The SOONER you do the BETTER you'll be.

Q: If not now . . . when?

• Completely.

God will not SHARE his throne.

Q: What's the one thing you're still holding on to?

• Publicly.

Sin will always GROW in the soil of SECRECY.

Q: Who can you ask to help you?

Intentionally.

You'll never be God's Man by ACCIDENT.

Q: What's your next step?

Questions.

Q: Do you struggle with any of these being an idol?

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- **Q:** What keeps you from putting God at the center?
- Q: What's your next step to removing your idols?
- **Q:** Who can you ask to help you in your journey?

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Prayer: God, I'm ready for you to be at the center of my life. I'm ready to call the idols what they are: deceitful, destructive, controlling, and empty. They have never satisfied me, never filled me, and never produced anything worth living for. Today, I turn to you as my LIVING GOD and commit to removing and destroying my idols in the power of YOUR NAME. Amen.