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The god of Self

2 Timothy 3:2 *People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money . . . 4 lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—*

Recognizing the god of Self

1. Self is the ultimate rival to God.

Genesis 3:4 *"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

I believe that I know more than God.

I believe I am the god of my life.

2. Self is the deepest of all the gods.

We have surface idols.

We have deep idols.

We have the supreme idol.

3. Self can become a god ruling over us.

Romans 6:11 . . . *count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.*

15 *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey — whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

19 *I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.*

Overcoming the god of Self

1. Count ourselves dead to sin (self)
but alive to God

Romans 6:11 . . . *count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

2. Do not offer your body to be slave to sin
instead, offer your body to be slaves to Christ

Romans 6:13 *Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.*

3. Pursue holiness not happiness

Romans 6:22 *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.*

Application: Clearly identify which life you are living

