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#### **SCRIPTURES TO STUDY**

- Warning of Pride: Romans 12:3 TPT
- Lovers of Self: 2 Timothy 3:1-2 TPT
- Hidden Self Promotion: Philippians 2:3-5 TPT
- Free From Self: Proverbs 22:4 NLT

#### MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

The Idol of Self: a spirit or principality that causes you to live a life rooted in self absorption.

- The goal of the self idol is to get Christians to live self centered lives *unwittingly*, because that's the complete opposite of the lives we're called to live.
- 1. The idol of self is subtle and sneaky. Similar to the serpent in Eden.
- he lets you believe you're selfless by allowing you to feel empathy for others just enough so that you can't see his existence. It seems impossible for you to be idolizing yourself.

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- 2. The self idol limits the level of intimacy and depth in your relationships
  - Somehow, some way the conversation ends up about you.
  - his #1 target your marriage
- 3. The self idol exalts your good intentions & blinds you to the consequences of your actions, making it near impossible for you to receive accountability and take responsibility.



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#### How to Live Free From the Idol of Self...

- 1. **Renounce it Repent:** break ties with any selfishness or pride in your. Insecurity, submitting to personality types etc.
- 2. Replace it w/ scriptures, confessions, and biblical meditations
- 3. <u>Remain -</u> keep the revelation and lifestyle fresh through *authentic humility* and *the fear of the Lord*.
- <u>NOTICE:</u> the very things the self idol tempts you with are the very things promised to you when you remain in true humility and fear.