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Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,² from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love.³ He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.⁴ For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods... (1 Kings 11: 1)

5. Knowledge (and religion)

6. Immortality

I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted.¹⁶ I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge."¹⁷ And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind. (Ecclesiastes 1:14)

If not dealt with...

- They will turn your heart from God.
- They will inhibit your worship of God and His plan for your life.
- They can ruin you and cause harm to those you love.
- If you don't remove them voluntarily (out of love) God may step in and remove it Himself.
- If you don't deal with the idol in your life it is highly likely you will pass it down to your children.

Book Recommendation - "Breaking the Idols of Your Heart" by Tremper Longman and Dan Allender.

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1. Self-Realization
2. Godly Counsel
3. God's Revelation

Idol Categories

1. Control or Power

When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep,¹⁷ then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out. (Ecclesiastes 8:16&17)

2. Relationships

Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things—²⁸ which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found.²⁹ See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes. (Ecclesiastes 7:27–29)

3. Work or Money

So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me,¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 2:17-19)

4. Pleasure

Solomon also had 40,000^[e] stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen.²⁷ And those officers supplied provisions for King Solomon, and for all who came to King Solomon's table, each one in his month. They let nothing be lacking. (1 Kings 4: 28)

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