What is an idol?

INTRODUCTION - Definitions

* an Idol- an object of extreme devotion
* a representation or symbol of an object of worship
* worship- the feeling of expression of reverence for a diety

**Ezekiel 14:5** They are all estranged from me through their idols

* Estranged- no longer close or affectionate to someone alienated

**1 John 5:2** -- little children keep yourselves from idols

1. ONLINE STATISTICS

* 24% of teenagers admit to going on line constantly ages 13- 17
* 1 in 4 are online constantly (all the time)
* you cant put it down
* 43% percent of teens say they would change their behavior online if they knew parents were looking
* 67% of teenagers believe say they know how to hide what they do online from parents.
* 55% of teens give out personal information to someone they don’t know online including photos of themselves and description.
* 90% of children ages 8-16 have seen online pornography
* 50,000 sexual predators are online at any given moment
* 1 in 5 teenagers have received a sexual solicitation on the web. message of some kind
* 79 percent of young people unwanted exposure to pornography occurs in the home.
* 60% of teenagers have received emails or message from a stranger. half of the teenagers respond

1. Idols Explanation

* an idol can become anything that comes between you and God.
* there has to be limits set in your life.
* we will be held accountable for our actions (oh becareful little eyes what you see)

**Romans 12:2** and be not conformed to the world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

**Galations 5:1** Therefore stand fast in the liberty where with Christ hath made you free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

* i can life my hands and worship God today. i have liberty!
* (Again)
* things i would put down and pick back up. put down and pick back up.

1. SAVING AND KEEPING POWER

* you dont have to fight the same battle. the devil is a liar. you may struggle for years with something.. especially when your. but cant i testify and tell you there is a place of victory!
* diffierent battle
* God has Saving Power and keeping POwer

JUde 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

* **(Revival story)**

**Eph 4:23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

1. Don’t allow the enemy to battle your mind

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

1. Relationships

**CHORUS**

Let my light shine in the night time  
Let it shine all day through,  
Let it shine - shine for Jesus,  
Let it shine, shine on you.

**VERSE 1**

I was walking alone in the darkness,  
I didn't know which way to go,  
Then the Lord, He turned the light on,  
Changed my life, saved my soul.

**VERSE 2**

Now I live for just one reason,  
Let the Lord shine through me,  
'Cause if His love can shine on others,  
Then His Spirit will set 'em free.