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The golden calf was an idol made by the Israelites as they wandered through the desert. You could argue that it was good because it depicted God, but he should never be represented by any earthly thing.

• Perversion of something good is sin - that is how the world fell, Adam and Eve perverting a perfect world.

• Idols like money can come from good intentions of wanting to support your family or to find success but it leads you down a bad path of greed, perverting good.

• Idols can be more than a statue such as the golden calf. Idols, especially now can be things like money, fame, or a nice car. These things on the surface are great but if we let it get to our heads it will be easy to fall into sin and greed in the search for more.

• I think, no matter what, idols are bad and they were never something good because it should only be God that we worship. We shouldn't worship earthly things.

for sure! Here Wright argues sometimes our "idols" form - and we sin - when a good intention, impulse or object becomes somehow twisted. Examples? (some are above...)

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I would agree with August and C.S. Lewis and do think that that is a great definition for sin, many things that people idolize started off supposed to be something good. Such as money, which began to make transactions easier, and reward people for work but is now idolized by so many.

I would agree with this point, due to the fact that money has become such an idol in the current world. A prime example of which can be seen in the case of college education which is astronomically expensive. *ok, a very close-to-home example. Here, what is the original good? &:*

I would agree with the definition and I would say the ~~high~~ relationship between man and woman and all the things that go with it.

*how is it then twisted to become evil?*

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From this quote I would agree with it because it is saying how it takes a natural human desire to worship. It is by choice to worship something and misdirecting it towards a created thing or concept rather than the true God.

I would also agree with this quote because humans should be worshipping God. It is a human desire but some people twisted and started to worship something or someone else.

I also agree because worshipping the Lord is what we should desire but when we change it into what we want to hear instead of what it says.

So... what are examples of a good intention or impulse that is "twisted" into a sin? Specific examples from Wright, or life?