

**Colossians 3:5** (ESV) Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

\*\*\*Put to death. What does that mean? To cut off anything that would give life to these sins. To stop anything that would encourage these sins to take root and grow in our lives. Why does Paul single out covetousness (greed in NIV) as the sin of idolatry?

**From: Future Grace** “It is idolatry because the contentment that the heart should be getting from God, it starts to get from something else. ...Coveting is desiring anything other than God in a way that betrays a loss of contentment and satisfaction in Him. Covetousness is a heart divided between two gods. So Paul calls it idolatry.” (Piper pg. 221)

**PRAYER:** Lord God help me to be Content in YOU and You alone. Keep my heart from wandering in pursuit of the things which are “earthly”. Lord I do not want to have a divided heart. I do not want “things” to become my focus or my pursuit.

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