

## For Further Study February 12-18



1. The Grammy's, the Golden Globes and The Emmy's are all awards and celebrations of achievement. What do these events in our culture tell us about what is important?
2. God's word tells us not to make an idol of anything, how do these or other awards/trophies become gods in our lives?
3. Read Isaiah 44:6-23: What does this passage have to teach us about the "power of idols"?
4. Where instead ought God's people put their trust?

5. Read Psalm 101:

- 1 I will sing of your love and justice; to you, Lord, I will sing praise.**
- 2 I will be careful to lead a blameless life— when will you come to me?  
I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart.**
- 3 I will not look with approval on anything that is vile.  
I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it.**
- 4 The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do  
with what is evil.**
- 5 Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence;  
whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.**
- 6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with  
me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me.**
- 7 No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house;  
no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.**
- 8 Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land;  
I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the Lord.**

6. What does this Psalm teach us about the life God calls us to live?

7. What connections do you see here to the second commandment?

8. Verse 6 says “my eyes will be on the faithful in the land” Who has been a godly influence in your past? Why were they able to influence you?