



THE MAKING OF AN AMERICAN IDOL

AMERICAN IDOLS – PART 8



The Sweet Smell of Success

MAYBE NOT PURSUING IT INSTEAD OF GOD,
BUT RATHER _____ OF GOD

SUCCESS IS NOT THE IDOL, THE _____ IS.

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."
³⁶ And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"
³⁷ They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."
³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"
³⁹ They said to Him, "We are able."
So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."
⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

1. WRONG _____ OF SUCCESS.

2. WRONG _____ FOR SUCCESS.

GOD'S FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

"but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." Philipians 2:7

"If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35

SUCCESS = _____; FIRST = _____

"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded." John 13:3-5

Why this model of success?

IT'S ALL ABOUT _____!

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" Hebrews 11:6

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:33-34

"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:6-8

LIVING TO SERVE, NOT SUCCEED

1. BUILD _____ TO THE LORD.

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" Colossians 3:23

2. DO SOMETHING _____.

"...your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." Matthew 6:4