



**IDOLS OF  
THE  
HEART**

**THE RECREATION  
OF CHOICE\_02**

**Romans 5:2-5  
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**



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# Idols of the Heart

## THE PURSUIT OF PLEASURE

**Romans 5:2-52**

**2** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **4** And patience, experience; and experience, hope: **5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. **(KJV)**

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1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; ***(1 Pet 4:1)(KJV)***

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**1** I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

**2** I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? (Eccl 2:1-2) (KJV)

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**3** I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

**4** I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: **(Eccl 2:3-4) (KJV)**

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5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I  
planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith  
the wood that bringeth forth trees: **(Eccl 2:5-6)**

**(KJV)**

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**7** I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

**8** I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. **(Eccl 2:7-8) (KJV)**

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**9** So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

**10** And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. **(Ecc1 2:9-10) (KJV)**

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**11** Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. **(Eccl 2:11)(KJV)**

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## THE PROBLEM WITH PLEASURE SEEKING

- It causes you to think only of yourself.
- It causes you to think only of today.
- It leads to loneliness.

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## THE PROBLEM WITH PLEASURE SEEKING

*It was like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere. (Ecclesiastes 2:11)*



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## HOW TO DESTROY THIS IDOL

- **Through mastering the spiritual power of hope.**
- **Hope is not wishful thinking.**
- **Hope is “expecting the best in all things.”**



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## HOW TO DESTROY THIS IDOL

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **(Rom 8:28) (KJV)**



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## HOW TO DEVELOP THE HABIT OF HOPE

- **Make a list of what you're hoping for.**

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**2** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**(Romans 5:2) (KJV)**



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## HOW TO DEVELOP THE HABIT OF HOPE

- **Make a list of what you're hoping for.**
- **Take a second look at your problems.**

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## HOW TO DEVELOP THE HABIT OF HOPE

**3** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (Romans 5:3) (KJV)

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**31** But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. **(Isa 40:31) (KJV)**

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## HOW TO DEVELOP THE HABIT OF HOPE

- **Make a list of what you're hoping for.**
- **Take a second look at your problems.**
- **Seek the Holy Spirit's help.**

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4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Romans 5:4-5) (KJV)

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**1** I waited patiently for the Lord ; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

**2** He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. **(Psalm 40:1-2) (KJV)**

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**3** And he hath put a new song in my mouth,  
even praise unto our God: many shall see it,  
and fear, and shall trust in the Lord .(**Psalm  
40:3**)

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**11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

**(Psalm 16:11) (KJV)**

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