



Restoring Things In 2018 Series

Doorways

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- **A thief does not announce himself. He usually comes at an inopportune time. *Matt. 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.***
- **His purpose is to rob you of something that is dear to you. If what he wanted had no value, he wouldn't be after it. *Mark 3:27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will y bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.***
- **What the enemy takes from us causes us to be oppressed. When he steals from us, we should fight to get our things back! *2Cor. 10:3-4 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)***



- The enemy rarely breaks into our homes to destroy our goods. He is usually welcomed in through idols that we have placed in our lives. *Eph. 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.*
- Many times, things that entertain us or bring us pleasure are idolatrous entryways for the enemy. Anything that we lift up higher than the knowledge of God, is an idol. *2Cor. 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*
- These idols are usually things that have been in our lives for a while. Because of the time spent in idolatry, the devil's doorway is fortified and allows him unopposed access to our goods. *1Sam. 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*



- **The enemy can wreak havoc on our lives through these open doors. Our self worth, confidence, soundness, and stability are all in jeopardy when the enemy has access to our goods. *2Tim. 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.***
- **Our prayers and spiritual growth is gravely affected by a doorway being present in our lives. The emotional obstacles that the devil causes can create deeper issues if we do not close these doors. *Prov. 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.***
- **If we do not remove these idols, we become idolaters. These are people that justify the unclean thing in their lives because of the time it has been there. This keeps them in bondage and their goods in danger of being taken from them. *1Cor. 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.***



SUMMARY

Most people that are idolaters are comfortable with it. They embrace things that promote spiritual wickedness or darkness in their lives, and yet they never address these idols because of the time spent with these vices in their lives. This makes our hearts callous towards the truth when it comes and causes us to push away the truth that challenges our idols. Idolatry is the greatest doorway for the enemy to have access to our spirit man. When idolatry is present in our lives, it allows the enemy to fight against us and rob us of our peace.

Just imagine being in a nice comfortable home, where you walk around feeling safe and contented. When it's time to sleep, you can just lay down and rest. On the contrary, now imagine that there is a stranger in your home that you do not know or trust. The comfort of your home is instantly gone while he is there. You are on guard because you do not know what he will do. Your sleep is hindered because you can't trust the stranger roaming around your home while you are sleep. This is what enemy doorways bring into our lives. They disrupt our peace and cause fear. We must let go of all idols and close all doorways of the enemy, so we can live in peace and keep our goods protected.

Col. 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Col. 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col. 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Col. 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Col. 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: