



Pastor's Comments

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Destroy Their Pictures

Last Sunday, I preached from Numbers 33:52, where God told the Israelites, just before they entered Canaan, to ***“drive out all the inhabitants of the land ... destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images.”*** The word ***“pictures”*** here means “to be like, or resemble.” That which was like, resembled, or portrayed idolatry on tapestry, etc. were to be destroyed along with sculptured figures so that they would not be a snare to them. These Canaanite ***“pictures”*** were often pornographic. I made the application to Hollywood ***“pictures”*** via movies and TV, which often portray witchcraft and occult practices in a positive light and constantly depict and glorify the sins of fornication, adultery, sodomy, etc.

That which passes through our eye gates will influence our hearts. Reading God's Word will impact our hearts and birth passions for God! On the other hand, permitting our eyes to peruse wicked things will birth desires for sin and draw our hearts away from God. Because of increasing visual technology, we are constantly bombarded with ***“pictures”*** that portray the wickedness of our sin-sick world. David said, ***“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me”*** (Ps 101:3). If you have TV, the Internet, etc., I challenge you to put that verse on your monitor! Evaluate ***“pictures”*** by asking yourself whether or not you would view them if Jesus were standing in person next to you.

Of the new believers in Ephesus we read, ***“Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed”*** (Acts 19:19). When the Word of God prevails in a Christian's life, he will renounce the world's sinful lifestyles and ***“destroy all their pictures!”***

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