

Risks and Idols

Week 2 of June

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Topic

Entering into the Arts and Entertainment industry can be daunting. With the chance of achieving fame and fortune, this field has many prominent idols and promises of worldly success. And we often are confronted with risks on our way to this success. We risk our morals, values, and even our faith at times.

So how do we navigate the challenges these risks and idols present? Perhaps it's staying grounded in a community or finding a mentor who has experience in your field. Whatever you do, tackling a problem before it becomes a problem is the best solution when the idols of the world are involved.

“For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.”

1st John 2:16

“For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Romans 1:21

Discuss

Question 1:

Why did you decide to go into the Arts and Entertainment industry? If you aren't working in Arts and Entertainment, what made you choose what you are pursuing?

Question 2:

What risks do you see in your field of choice? This can be as general or as specific as you'd like. Identifying these risks is the first step to circumventing them.

Question 3:

What idols are relevant in your field? What idols do you hold for your career or hobby?

Question 4:

What healthy boundaries can you set up to pursue not just success in your field but also Jesus?

Question 5:

How can you encourage one another to succeed and prioritize your faith?

Closing Thoughts

Identifying the risks and idols relevant to your life is the first step to preventing them from taking over your life. The second step is finding a community to keep you accountable in that pursuit – people you can trust that you're open with and will always point you to Jesus. Luckily, if you're reading this in a small group, you are already on your way to completing this step.

Prayer

Jesus, work in us to have each other's hearts in mind. Give us the courage to speak into one another's lives and point us to You. Guide us to pursue success without it overtaking our pursuit of You. We ask this in your holy name, amen.