



WAY TO VICTORY
A STUDY OF JOSHUA
#15: HOW TO KEEP YOUR VICTORY
JOSHUA 23 AND 24
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I. RECOGNIZING THE DANGERS OF IDOLATRY

1. What is an idol?

What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you only God can give.

Tim Keller

2. How do I know when something has become an idol in my life?

A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living.

Tim Keller

Some questions to ask myself:

- What am I passionate about?
- What do I think about most in my free time?
- How do I spend most of my time?
- How do I spend most of my money?
- Who do I turn to when I need support or security?
- What has ultimate authority in my life?

The cow gave no law and demanded no obedience. It had no wrath or justice or holiness to be feared. It was deaf, dumb, and [powerless]. But at least it could not intrude on their fun and call them to judgment. This was a religion designed by men, practiced by men, and ultimately useless for men.

R.C. Sproul

II. WAYS TO KEEP MY VICTORY—JOSHUA 23-24

1. Remember what the Lord has done for me (23:1-5)

2. Commit to obeying God's Word completely (v.6-11)

3. Decide to stay different from the world (v.12-16)

4. Choose to only serve the Lord (24:1-33)

"If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26-27 (NLT)

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:11 (NLT)