The Pastor's Desk

To: The people of the God!

Subject: Thou shalt have no other <u>gods</u> before me. (Exodus 20:3)

For you know many ministers, as well as many of us have a tendency to say we are up under the new covenant and when Jesus came he did away with certain things. Well, in Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matthew 5:17-22). We portray that God is first in our lives, by saying I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. This is a statement declaring that God is first in our life and he is living within us, but howbeit that our husband's, wives, children, jobs, lust, compassion's, needs and wants comes before him. Preacher how can you say this, well because Proverbs 3:5 says, trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding therefore I believe somebody need to say sincerely out of their heart, Lord help and deliver me from my selfish ways (Proverbs 3:6). Proverbs 3:1 says, my son, forget not my law but let thine heart keep my commandments. Remember he said in Deuteronomy 8:1, all the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers. Then Proverbs 3:2 says, for length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to thee. We are still talking about thou shalt have no other gods before me. Proverbs 3:3 tells us how to obtain that status, meditate on it, receive it in your heart and cherish it. Proverbs 3:4 lets us know that once I get this status, I have found favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Flesh will say I need, children need, again putting someone or something before the Lord. Look what it says in Proverbs 3:9, honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. Giving the Lord first, does this, (Proverbs 3:10) so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. We have to submit our bodies (Romans 12:1-2) then knowing as Paul stated we have to know that we are yet carnal (Romans 7:14-21). We must realize without him we are nothing (Romans 7:24). Last but not least read Galatians 6:3, read it and say it again.

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