

DESIRES TO SIN

Step 2: I Expect

A slippery slope occurs where we start thinking "I want" or "I need" these desires to be met in order to be happy, fulfilled, pleased, etc. in life. Right here we have one foot in the world and one foot out.



Step 4: I'm Disappointed

Here is all the emotional energy when we don't get something that we really, really want. We question God's character, love, and mercy. We get angry, depressed, fearful, etc.



Step 6: I Punish

Because our idols (desires) didn't get satisfied, we say "because you did (or did not) meet my desires, I will respond by ____." We either lash out in anger to tear down the person or we go inflict self-harm to ourselves in the form of "addiction" or other ways.



Step 1: I Desire

These are good, God-given desires. At their basic desire, they're not sinful and that's the key in understanding idolatry. Things like love, respect, safety, acceptance, Godly family, marriage, children, provision for family, etc.



Step 3: I Demand

Here we say, "I must have" or "I deserve to have" my desires met. Both feet are in the sin pool now and idolatry has taken root.



Step 5: I Judge

Because idols demand a sacrifice and we're living for our mini-kingdom, we play the judge and issue a verdict that needs to be carried out because our functional idol (desires) did not get satisfied.

