

*Is it a sin to collect dolls? Are dolls idols?*

This sin of idolatry occurs when one puts a person or thing ahead of God (Ex 20:3-4). The Holy Spirit will convict an individual if/when he is guilty of idolatry (Jn 16:8–11, Jas 4:17).

When one loves the world and the things in it (Jas 4:4), he grieves the Holy Spirit (v. 5). The believer should humble himself before the Lord (vv. 6, 10). God will give him grace (v. 6) and lift him up (v. 6).

Submit to God (v. 7a), resist the Devil (v. 7b) repent (v. 8–9) and depend on God for all things (vv. 14–15).

Human things are futile.

J Vernon McGee:

Job was a rich man, and he said that he had come here with nothing and he was going out the same way. It is rather empty to give one's life to the pursuit of that which does not bring happiness here and has no value hereafter. Some people spend their lives in this kind of an emptiness.<sup>1</sup>

Hope in God (Ps 42:5, 11) and his faithfulness (1 Co 10:13). Accept his chastening (He 12:5–11) and cast your cares on him (1 Pe 5:7).

Idols don't compare to God and worship of idols is described as: irrational (Ac 17:29), degrading (Ro 1:22, 23), demonic (1 Co 10:20, 21), defiling (2 Co 6:15–18), enslaving (Ga 4:8, 9), and abominable (1 Pe 4:3).<sup>2</sup>

The Christian should flee from idolatry (1 Co 10:14, Col. 3:5) and instead glorify God. That apostle Paul said, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31.

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<sup>1</sup> McGee, J. V. (1991). *Thru the Bible commentary: Poetry (Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon)* (electronic ed., Vol. 21, pp. 54–55). Thomas Nelson.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). *Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index* (p. 304). Thomas Nelson Publishers.