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Couterfeit Gods



"Reflection on Counterfeit Gods"

This book thoroughly explores the counterfeit gods inside of us. It reveals the idols that have been hidden in our heart. I have never really deeply pondered upon these idols either. I am surprised at the fact that the counterfeit gods I have created are hidden all over the place. Each chapter quotes parables and scripture to bring idols to my eyes and prove them false.

Everything we enjoy is a good thing gifted from God, but we misuse or abuse them into fake gods. Satan uses this to make us far apart from the will of God. I have come to know about the truth of idols as the author persuasively explains that idols are everything and anything that we put above God.

We make idols for ourselves because we like to, but in the end these idols make us lose the spiritual warfare. As we, human beings, have the nature of sin, we naturally create our own idols. This book reminds us to be awake when we are spiritually oblivious and warns us of a fact that humans would easily be sinful without God.

After looking at the true image of idols in our hearts through this book, it is easier to see true God. In the book, it is because the human heart is an "idol-factory". Now we are more knowledgeable about the idols made in our heart every day, it is more obvious why God has given us the first commandment of the Ten Commandments.

The book warns us of the danger of idolatry, and it informs us of God's will for us is to restore the image of God which was originally given to us, with a thunderous voice.

The author also advises us the way to discern deceptive counterfeit gods that seduce and deceive our souls and replace them with the true God.

God created me so I can hold communion with God. The Lord wants me to restore my intimacy with God. That is what the Lord is pleased with.

I pray that I am satisfied only in the Lord, not replacing the place of God with anything else.

I thank the denomination for the opportunity to read the book and also give thanks to reading community members for joyful discussions about the book.