

# THE SOURCE OF YOUR DEPENDENCY

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Exodus 20:5

Who or what you depend on becomes your source. Whatever or whoever becomes your source has become your **IDOL**. We are all dependent on something or someone.

Dependency is an inevitable act because human beings are flawed. Being flawed requires us to depend on something or someone in order to complete what we need to do. There is only one person who walked this earth without being dependent and that is King Jesus.

Other than that, we are all dependent on something or someone. It is a natural occurrence to be dependent. However, it is foolish to depend on the **WRONG** thing.

Depending on anything and anyone other than God and His Kingdom is foolish and very **DANGEROUS!** Most people would not consider this to be a dangerous thing but it is. The danger comes through God's word.

Exodus 20:5 says, *"You must not worship or serve any idol, because I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God. If you hate me, I will punish your children, and even your grandchildren and great-grandchildren."*

Whomever or whatever has become the source of your dependency has become your idol and when that person or thing becomes an idol it becomes God's **ENEMY**. The Lord told us that He is a jealous God and **NO ONE** will be placed before Him.

Jealousy is a feeling that incites action. In this context of scripture if your source of dependency is anything or anyone other than God it becomes His **RIVALRY**. What does a person do with a rivalry? **THEY REMOVE THEM.**

God does not support the spirit of competition when it comes to Him. He is not competing with anything or anyone. When you choose to depend on other sources other than King Jesus and His Kingdom you are putting them in **DANGER** of being **REMOVED** and **DESTROYED**. I know this sounds harsh. However, the truth cannot be ignored. God stands alone and that will **NEVER** change.

## ALTERNATIVE SOURCES

We have the option of depending on anything and anyone. People have chosen to depend on money, family, jobs, drugs, alcohol, ability, vanity, intellect, etc.

When these sources of dependability **CHALLENGE** God they will begin to work **AGAINST YOU** in the worst way. These assets soon become liabilities. For example, if you depend on your family to the degree of idolization, God will weaken the strength and unity of the family by removing the person who is the **ANCHOR** of the family

to remind them that He is the source of their dependency.

## PROTECT WHAT YOU LOVE AND THOSE YOU LOVE.

Despite a person's capability or an institution credibility **NEVER** depend on it more than God. You can use, value, preserve, appreciate and love other people and resources. However, do not put your dependency on them.

By placing your dependency on them you are **NOT** protecting them. You are endangering them to be destroyed by the Lord. Remember, God will not entertain **ANYTHING** or **ANYONE** to be over Him.

His protection is provided over the things and people you love when you put them second and the Lord first. The Lord honors His **PRIORITY** before your passions.

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