



If I am taking a personal inventory, what is the one thing I know I do that wastes the most amount of my time?

The role of the prophet in the OT was primarily one of "covenant enforcer." They reminded the rulers and the people of the covenant God had made with them and the benefits, and the dangers in following or not following. Isaiah is one of the great prophets of the OT who continually spoke for God to keep people on tract with God.

Read *Isaiah 44:1-3*. How does God begin this section of correction with an encouragement?

Know the _____ God.

Read *Isaiah 44:4-6*. How does God describe himself? Why would this have been important for the people to know?

Idolatry had been an ongoing issue for God's people. The easy temptation to worship something you could touch and hold. The word "idol" here means "carven image from something dead." What idols do I see in modern day culture?

Reminder this was a rebuke to God's people. What potential idols do I see God's people tempted by today?

What are all the characteristics of the only God can I name?

Know the _____.

Read *Isaiah 44:9,10*.

Isaiah reminds and warns that idols are dead, have no power, and are human creations. How well can I identify the "dead" idols I may be tempted to follow in my own life, and what are they?

There is another word for "idol" in scripture, "tselem"- "an image, representative figure." Read *Genesis 1:26-28*. How does the image of God that He has placed in me, compare to the dead carven images Isaiah is warning against?

Don't waste your _____.

Read *Isaiah 44:21-23*. What does God deliver to me that idols cannot?

This week

How am I pouring into my life the things of God that matter, that add value?

What need to change in order for God to be the center of my life and focus?
