

M O D E R N I D O L S

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

Love Gone Wrong

4 Potential “Love Gone Wrong” Idols...

1. Romance & Sex

“I have seen a Philistine woman.” (Judges 14:2)

“Now, get her for me as my wife.” (Judges 14:2)

Then Samson’s wife threw herself on him, sobbing, “You hate me! You don’t really love me. You’ve given my people a riddle, but you haven’t told me the answer.” She cried the whole seven days of the feast.
Judges 14:16-17

With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it. So he told her everything.

Judges 16:16-17

2. Children

So he said to them, “Why do you do such things?”...His sons, however, did not listen to their father’s rebuke... (I Samuel 2:23, 25)

“Why do you honor your sons more than Me...?” (I Samuel 2:29)

3. Approval

When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong.
Galatians 2:11 (NRSV)

Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. (Galatians 2:12)

4. Perfection

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” (Matthew 9:11)

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick... go and learn what this means. I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matthew 9:12