The Unholy Trinity of the Now Generation
Phil 3:17-19

Introduction:
A. Paul writes of those “whose God is their belly.” (v. 19; cf. Rom. 16:17)
B. Not all idolaters worship and service pagan gods. (Col. 3:5)
C. Anything that governing force in our lives is our God.
D. Let’s note the unholy trinity of the now generation.

Discussion:
I. The God of Materialism.
A. Material gain has a legitimate place in our lives.
   1. Must work for material gain (Ep. 4:28; 2 Thess. 3:10-12)
   2. Must provide material things for our families (1 Tim. 5:8)
   3. Must use our gain properly (1 Tim. 6:17-19)
B. Material gain has become the god of many (cf. 1 Tim. 6:5-10)
   1. When gain becomes the center of life concerns and activities.
   2. When material advantages governs every move.
   3. When unrighteousness becomes the means of getting and keeping gain.
   4. When it hinders duties to God, the church, the family or neighbors.
II. The God of Pleasure (v. 19; 2 Tim. 3:4)
A. Sports crazy society.
B. Spiritual activities scheduled around pleasure seeking.
   1. Gospel meetings
   2. Time of services.
C. Nothing appeals (?) unless it is “fun” or “entertaining.”
   1. Schools must make learning “fun.”
   2. Church activities must be “fun”
   3. Sermons must be entertaining.
   4. Worship must be made “fun”
D. Some things must be done that not “fun”
III. The God of Sex
A. God made this natural desire for marriage (Heb. 13:14; 1 Cor. 7:2, 9)
B. Man has made a god of sex.
   1. Reflected in the fashion world (cf. 1 Tim. 2:9-10; Mt. 5:28)
   2. Reflected in the entertainment world.
   3. Reflected in the advertizing world.
   4. Reflected in daily conversation.
   5. Reflected in the pattern of home life (Divorce, living together, etc)
C. Christians governed by God - not passion (1 Cor. 6:18-20)

Conclusion:
A. Let us avoid attitudes that make gods of God's blessings
B. Let us always let the God of heaven and His Son be the god of our lives.