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The Symptom = \_\_\_\_\_

Our Strategy = (1) We attempt to fulfill our desires \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) We use \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill our selfish desires.

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## II. The Consequences

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B. We've betrayed a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Disobeying God is like breaking a \_\_\_\_\_; it is a sin against love.

C. We've become an \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

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