

Identity

Sense of Self: Self Image – how you see yourself (what gives you value, makes you special)
(Pr 23:7) For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Principle: what we think of ourselves determines our character/values

Sources of Identity: Appearance, Ability, Status, Culture, Intellect, Wounds, Weaknesses
Internalizing External Voices/Events forms *Personal* Identity

Self Esteem: Aren't we supposed to die to ourselves? (Mt 16:24-25, Gal2:20)
Only so that we can become Alive in Christ!

Higher Self Image/Esteem – as Christ sees you (only True perspective)

Value He Established (vs false humility), He makes you special

your Identity must be established in Him!

(Pr 4:20-23) My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

Internalize His Voice (Word) – life, health

Guard your Identity – your Character and Values spring from it

once your Identity is established in Him (Internalized)

it can't be corrupted by external voices/events

Choose to believe His Word about you – *Incompatible* with False Identities (Lies)

You must Disempower Lies with Declarations of Truth from His Word.

(Ro 8:38-39) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Ro 8:16-17) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

(Ep 1:6) to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

(Col 2:10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

(Ep 2:10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

(Jn 8:36) Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

(2Co 5:21) For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

(Rev 1:5-6) To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

(1Pe 2:9) But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

(2Co 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(1Jn 3:21) Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

We get our Heart/Identity right, Confidence will follow.

(Pr 28:1) The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Sin Issues are Identity Issues – how we see ourselves

(Ro 6:11) Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

not ignoring sin, but challenging it with a Higher Identity

(Ga 5:16) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

don't focus on sin – call out true Identity in Christ (ex: Shawn Bolz)

(Ps 119:11) Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Healing/Deliverance comes through Genuine Identity

(Ro 2:4) Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Worship: Identity Declarations