

OVERCOMING IDENTITY THEFT

A Voice Trying To Shape Your Image

I. One Satan's most prevalent areas of attack is a man's image of himself, his self-identity or how he sees himself

A. Prov 23:7,4:23-Satan works this principle

1. No matter who you really are, if the enemy can distort your view and get you to see yourself in a different way, he can keep you from being who you really are and walking it out in your life
2. He wants you to believe that you are something else in your heart so that you'll be something else in your life
3. EX: The Eagle and the Chickens
4. Satan worked this principle on Adam and Jesus

B. Who you really are (what God says you are) becomes irrelevant when you see yourself a different way (Exodus 33:1, Numbers 14:28, 34, Hebrews 4:2)

1. Satan does not have the ability to change who you are or what God said about you; however through deception he can change your self-identity
2. Satan's main concern is not who you are, but how do you see yourself

C. If Satan can steal our identity, he can keep our potential from manifesting (Exodus 33:1)

1. As long as your identity is unknown your potential will be unmanifested-when you don't know who you are you won't know what you can do-Mark 4:35
2. Num 14-They died in the wilderness with the potential to go into the promise land, but that potential remained locked up because they didn't know who they were

II. The enemy will always have a voice that's trying to shape your image and keep your potential trapped

A. Satan used those ten spies to reflect a distorted image to the people (Num 13)

1. They saw themselves as not being able to take that land
2. That's not really who they were, but that's how they saw themselves
3. They got the image of themselves from the size of the problem

B. When people who know who they are encounter people who don't know who they are they'll get mad or offended or accuse them of pride

1. They got mad at Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 14:7-10)
2. They got mad at David (1 Samuel 17)
 - a. The moment David got there, the enemy was using voices trying to shape his image because he know somebody stepped on the scene who was a threat
 - b. 28-Some who doesn't know who he is encountering somebody who does

- c. These voices are trying to shape his image; trying to get him to believe that he is something other than what God said he was to keep the potential that he had to defeat Goliath locked up
 - d. The reality was every one of those men could have done what David did, but the potential stayed locked up because they didn't know who they were
3. They got mad Jesus (John 10:34-38)
- C. People who don't know who they are will experience unnecessary harm (Acts 22:22)
- 1. Him knowing his citizenship kept him from being harmed unnecessarily
 - 2. Ephesians 2:19, Philippians 3:20 (AMP)-You have your citizenship in Heaven
 - 3. 1 John 5:18-You have your citizenship in Heaven and because you do the wicked one has no legal right to touch you
 - 4. A whole generation of the COI were in the wilderness unnecessarily when they should have been in the promised land

III. Your view is distorted and your identity is stolen when you fail to look in the mirror of the Word of God

- A. The word is likened to a mirror (James 1:22-25)
- 1. I go to the mirror of the word to see who I am
 - 2. We got to find ourselves in the scripture (John 1:22, Luke 4:16)
 - 3. People forget who they are because they don't continue to look in the mirror
- B. Who told you that? – Genesis 3:11
- 1. Adam got that knowledge through his five physical senses and his senses told his mind and his mind told his spirit and now he believes he's naked because of what his senses said; Before, God spoke words to him (spirit), he (spirit) told his mind and body what was true
 - 2. God is supposed to be the source of our knowledge about who we are
 - a. Where are you getting your knowledge (about you) from?
 - 3. Stop feeling to find out who you are and start looking in the mirror
- C. Many people's biggest problem is they don't accept what they see in the mirror
- 1. It's pride; God says one thing about you, but you say another
 - a. 1 Peter 1:15-He says you're Holy you say you're not
 - b. 1 Peter 1:18-He says you're worth it and you're say you're not
 - c. 2 Corinthians 5:21-He says you're the righteousness of God, you say you're unrighteous sinner
 - d. Romans 8:31-He says you're more than a conqueror; you say you don't think you can make it
 - e. 1 Peter 2:24-He says you're healed, you say you're sick
 - f. Romans 6:22-He says you're free, you say you are addicted
 - g. 2 Corinthians 8:9-He says you're rich, you say don't say rich in church
 - h. John 14:27-He say you have peace, you say you're stressed out and afraid

- i. John 16:22-He say you have joy, you say you're so discouraged
 - j. Psalm 91-He says no evil befalls you, you say some things just happen
 - k. Psalm 103-He says you're youth is renewed like the eagles you say I can't do it like I used to
haha!
2. Joshua and Caleb told the rest of them what the mirror said and they said, No we're not!
- D. Many people let the mirror of the Word be fogged up by the circumstances of life and it keeps them from seeing the real truth