

OVERCOMING IDENTITY THEFT

Receiving Your Identity

I. The biggest problem many people have is they reject what the mirror says

- A. A mirror cannot lie and what it says you are, you are (James 1:22)
 - 1. A mirror only has the ability to reflect back to you the truth
 - 2. A failure to continue to look into the mirror of God's Word will lead to you forgetting who you are;
The more I look into this Word, the better I'll know myself
 - 3. Get your identity from what this Word says and not what you're feelings say, circumstances say, or what other people say
 - 4. Who told you that? Adam got his knowledge from another source (Genesis 3)
 - 5. We walk by faith in what the mirror says, not by what we perceive with the senses (2 Cor 5:7)
- B. You must not reject what this word says about you
 - 1. Numbers 13:32-33, 14:6-10-The looked right into the mirror saw the truth and rejected who they were
 - a. The circumstances of their lives fogged the mirror up so that when they looked into they had to look through the fog of the circumstances
 - 2. Romans 3:3-4-In spite of circumstances and experiences and what you feel you're going to have to let the mirror of this word be true

II. It's pride in the truest sense of the Word that when God says one thing about you, you say another as if you know better than God knows

- A. 1 Peter 5:6-Humility is not located in what you wear, what you drive, or what you live in. Humility is not a timid, sheepish and weak lifestyle. Humility is the inward condition of a heart that is totally submitted to God and to his word.
 - 1. Humble yourself under the authority of God
 - a. If the word says you're righteous and you say you're a sinner that's pride
 - 2. When you put yourself under the authority of this word, the first thing it does is lift you up
- B. 2 Corinthians 12:6, Obadiah 3-Humility is reality
 - 1. People in pride are deceived, they believe a lie; humility has to do with reality
 - a. Reality is that w/o him I can do nothing, I know nothing, I have nothing, I am nothing
 - 2. I don't walk around w/ the consciousness of what I am w/o him b/c I'm not w/o him
 - a. Too many people are more conscious of what they wouldn't be without him, instead of what they are because with Him

- b. I'm conscious of that fact that with him I can do all things, I know all things, I have all things and I am everything that I'll ever need to be---That's who I am!
- C. Romans 12:3-If God doesn't want us to think too highly of ourselves, then it would be fair to say that he doesn't want us to think too lowly of ourselves
 - 1. Many people are thinking lowly of themselves and calling it humility
 - a. Thinking too lowly of yourself is pride; God says you're this, you say no I'm less
 - b. Many people are proud of how humble they are
 - 2. There's something that's been injected into the church that says we have to knock ourselves down to lift God up (Especially in times of worship)
 - a. Worship has nothing to do with abasing yourself to an unscriptural low place, but it has everything to do with exalting him
 - b. I don't have to knock myself down to some unworthy state to lift God up and make him look good
 - c. We are to worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24)
 - (1) Worship is when you take your rightful and truthful place in him and from that place you praise him, exalt him, magnify him, and worship
 - (2) From your rightful place you'll be able to worship at a higher level
 - 3. Your false humility isn't going to impress God (Matt 8-Jesus marveled at their faith)
- D. Col 2:18-Satan wants an inferiority complex in your life so you'll miss out on the reward
 - 1. He wants to defraud you of your rightful identity so that you'll miss out on all the good things that come with that identity