

Identity Theft – 4

Approximately 15 million United States residents have their identities used fraudulently each year with financial losses totaling upwards of \$50 billion.*

On a case-by-case basis, that means approximately 7% of all adults have their identities misused with each instance resulting in approximately \$3,500 in losses.

John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. NKJV

- Events in our life steal our true identity
- Most of us are living as a shadow of who we were created to be at best – hiding, pretending – in disguise
- The word of God is your LifeLock to protecting your spiritual identity

The Devil will try to steal your identity, kill your dreams and destroy the plan of God for your life

You are who you think you are

If you think you are the kid that always gets picked on that's who you are

If you think you'll never have enough money, you won't

If you think you'll never get ahead, you won't.

No Slide: Psalm 33:15

15 He fashions their hearts **individually**;
He considers all their works. NKJV

Ephesians 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as **He chose us in Him**
before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy**
and without blame before Him in love. NKJV

No Slide: Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew
in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things **he**
planned for us long ago. NLT

Philippians 3:9

9 and **be found in Him** , not having my own righteousness,
which is from the law, but that which is through faith in
Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;
NKJV

When we don't trust God with our identity we start to
believe we are someone that we're not.
It could be an empire that we think we've built.
It may be an image that has been seared on our conscience
by a series of life events.
Either way we are building our life on a false self image.
Any image of self that doesn't come from Father God is a
false identity

David is living a life that is blessed by God. God establishes his kingdom. Saul is defeated and dies. He establishes the “Tabernacle of David” God confirms His covenant with Him – that He will bless his family and secure the royal throne forever. He declares that one of David’s son’s “Solomon” will build Him a house. Life is good!

When life is comfortable we let down our guard – we forget about the Kingdom – We become bored – Boredom is the seedbed of sin

2 Samuel 11:1

1 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. NKJV

- Am I keeping my post?
- Have I stayed behind?
- Has my walk become comfortable?
- Am I aware of God’s will for my life?

2 Samuel 11:2-5

2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. 3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child." NKJV

- What am I doing with my time?
- You make time for what you want to do
- Who am I accountable to?
- Who can tell me no?
- Who has permission to speak into my life about the things I can't see?

David sends for Uriah, pulls him from the battle. He tries to get him to go home and relax. David sends him a gift of food yet Uriah will not leave the palace.

David asks Uriah, "What's the matter with you, why didn't you go home?"

2 Samuel 11:11, 14-17

11 And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing."

14 In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die."

16 So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men.

17 Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And some of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also. NKJV

- Living in sin is below our standard – Kings
- Am I ready to face the truth about myself?
- I can only find my true purpose, my true self in Him
- Sin – A legitimate need being met an illegitimate way
- Am I ready to take my place?

2 Samuel 11:26-27

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27 And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD. NKJV

- Who am I when no one is looking?
- It's time for honesty, purity, holiness
- He has provided the way
- It can only come through GRACE – John 1:14,17
 - (confession, repentance, renewal)

God sends Nathan to David to tell him a story about 2 men. One was rich the other poor. One had many sheep and cattle the other had only one baby lamb. He raised it and cuddled it and cared for it like it was a daughter. One day the rich man had a visitor and instead of slaughtering one of his many sheep he took the one from the poor man and served that one.

2 Samuel 12:5-10

5 So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! 6 And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' NKJV

- Yes there is forgiveness but sin has a price
- God's kindness leads to repentance
- If I never repent, do I really know His kindness?
- Not only repenting of sin but changing the way I think and live
- Can I spot things in other peoples lives but never allow others to speak into my life?
- Do I allow Holy Spirit to correct me
- What do I do when I am made aware of an area in my life that is out of skew?
- What am I doing with this message?

The Johari Window – A matrix on the study of human personality – Psychology
The Arena Quadrant – *Things you know about you and others know about you*
The Facade Quadrant – *Things you know about you but others don't know about you*
The Blind-spot Quadrant – *Things others know about you but you don't know about you*
The Unknown Quadrant – *Things you don't know about you and others don't know about you*
This is where you need the Prophetic

Philippians 3:7-11

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. NKJV

- We can only be found in Him – Next page quote
- Our life starts to become what He had planned
- We must die to ourselves – humility
- Allow Him to reveal the things we don't know
- To have a resurrection I must first have a death and burial

“Your real, new self will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you’re looking for Him.”
– C.S. Lewis – Mere Christianity

Romans 8:6-8

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. NKJV

- We can not know God carnally (acts)
- We need to know Him through the Spirit (ways)
- Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life
- Carnal decisions bring carnal results
- Spirit decisions bring Spirit results

Romans 8:1-2

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. NKJV

- You can not please God in the flesh
- You can only please God through faith
- Its not about keeping the 10 commandments
- Is my relationship with him growing?
- There is a Spiritual Freedom
(Righteousness, Peace and Joy) – Romans 14:17
- Are others seeing the Kingdom in my life?
- Does Father see the Kingdom in my life
- Would I know?

Romans 8:3-5 NKJV

3 For what the law could not do in that it was **weak through the flesh**, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

- We must set our minds on the Spirit
- God is Spirit – they who worship must do so in spirit
- Not keeping rules to be right with God but seeking Him through the Spirit to know Him intimately

Galatians 5:16-25; James 3:13-18

Galatians 5:16-18

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. NKJV

Galatians 5:24-25

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. NKJV

- Is my life marked with the desire for God?
- Am I living for my own passions?
- I must crucify my flesh
- Live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit