

Reflecting on Your Identity, Destiny and Security



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Three Very Important Questions to Answer

Have you ever been around a small child and listened to the questions they ask? Our six year old grandson spent several days with us recently and he never stopped asking questions. I was simply amazed at all the questions. “Paw Paw, Why? How?” He asked question after question all day long. I do believe he inherited that from his Paw Paw.

I guess I never grew out of that inquisitive state of asking questions. I ask questions all the time. As a matter of fact, I wrote a book entitled Thirty Questions to Answer to Deepen Your Spiritual Walk.

There are three questions that I would like for you to consider today. If you honestly seek the answers to these three questions it will enable you to find your identity, your purpose and where you find your security. Before you begin your task, let me share a few thoughts with you first.

The First Question deals with your identity.

Who am I ?

The first question I would like for you to answer is “Who am I?” This question pertains to your identity. What does identity mean? **Identity is the perception we have of ourselves.** The primary issue at stake in dealing with identity is value. **“Who or what gives you value and worth?”** So when we talk about our identity, we are speaking about our perception of self and the value of our life and being.

Turn to the journal page entitled “Who am I?”, and write down some of the things or activities that define you. Now, make a list of the people who define you. Then answer the question, Who am I?

“If you give someone permission to give you value or your identity, they can also take it away.”

-Dan Geroy

The Second Question deals with your destiny.

What is my purpose in life?

What is your reason for living? Your destiny has to do with your perception of your function and significance on earth. An alternative question you might ask is “Why am I here?” or “What am I supposed to do with my life?”

Turn to the journal page entitled, “What is your purpose in life? Why are you here?” and answer the question.

The Third Question deals with where I place my security.

What makes me feel secure?

It is a question we seldom ask. Who or what do I trust to make me feel secure? The word “secure” means to feel safe, or protected. Where do you put your security?

Turn to the journal page entitled, “What makes me feel secure?” and answer the question.



Satan’s Message vs. God’s Message Concerning Identity, Destiny and Security.

What does Satan want you to believe concerning these three questions?

The Word of God tells us that Satan is the Father of Lies. He wants to deceive you by planting lies into memories that impact the way you view yourself, the world and God. If Satan is able to establish **his images** of identity, destiny and security into your life, he has set up a system of governing your life that more or less runs itself and requires little maintenance on his part. Satan wants you to see yourself in a way that is different from the person God created you to be. What message has the evil one planted in your heart regarding your identity, destiny and security? Has the evil one whispered one of these lies in your ear?

Satan's Message

Identity:

You are worthless, unworthy, unacceptable!
You are not supposed to be here!
You were an accident!

You should have never been born!
Something is wrong with you!
You are a nobody!
You're not smart, you're stupid!
You are ugly!
You should have been a boy or girl!
Your parents didn't love you!
Your sister or brother is smarter than you!
You are not loved!
Shame on you!
You are broken!

Destiny:

You will never amount to anything!
You are a failure, inadequate!
You are just average!

You do not have what it takes!
No point in trying, for you can't do it!
You are cursed!
You will never have anything!
I will always be in bondage!

Security:

Your security is in:
being beautiful!
being successful in sports or band!
your ability to produce a good income!
driving the right car!
the position that you hold!
having a certain amount of money!

God's Message

Identity:

You are valuable and have great worth!
You are my workmanship, created in Christ!
You were not an accident or mistake!
God planned for you before he created the world!
You are born of God!
You are ok!
You are fearfully and wonderfully made!
You have God's wisdom and the mind of Christ!
I created you and you are beautiful to me!
You are what you are because I created you!
I love you and sent my son to die for you!
You are unique and there is no one like you!
You are loved unconditionally
There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus!
You are complete in Christ!

Destiny:

You will triumph in Christ!
You are more than a conqueror!
I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for welfare ... to give you a future and hope.

You can do all things through Christ!
You are redeemed from the curse of the law!
You have a guaranteed inheritance in Christ!
You are free and I offer you an abundant life!

Security:

You are the apple of your Father's eye!
Ruthlessly place your trust in Christ!
Your needs are met in God!
You are complete in Christ!
You are seated at the right hand of God!
You are promised an abundant life in Christ!

Brennan Manning, in his book The Ragamuffin Gospel, says "...security rests in having no security." When we place our security in something or someone other than Jesus Christ we place our security in a myth.

Who am I? (My identity is fixed in _____.)

