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Episode 33 – Who am I?

Your Identity Matters! You cannot succeed in life not knowing who you are?

Analogy – Dishwasher portrayed as a washing machine – or a washing machine portrayed as a dish washer. Designed for different use, if marketed incorrectly it cannot serve the purpose the user requires of it.

Who am I matters, as it impacts my purpose in life, everything created has a purpose, and my purpose is affected by my identity because potential is hidden in my identity.

1. **Some of the influencers that help us in identifying who we are:**
   a. Biology (anatomy) – "I am a human being, female, and (family heritage) - I have humankind capabilities."
   b. Values/Beliefs – Formed through culture -religion, family heritage, house rules)– (Moral excellence)
   c. Friends/Role Models/Parents (support system)
   d. Purpose (positions, title, job scope) (Applying potential)
   e. Personal relation with God. (My Inherent Nature)

2. **What are some of the influencers that negatively affect us in identifying who we are?**
   The spirit of this world "satan prowls around like a roaring lion seeing whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8)" satan is the **Identity Thief** of all humanity."

   a. Identity Confusion:

      If we believe wrong convictions we will confess it and become it - "I am what I believe I am" - "Who we believe we are will influence where we go and what we become" Carina Mohanpersadh

      Let's look at the Identity of Jesus – Matthew 16:13-20
      Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah
      13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
      14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." (FLESH AND BLOOD IDENTITY SPECULATION)
      15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
      16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
      17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon's son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are

Peter,[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades[c] will not overcome it."

Medical Expert advice on determining personal identity:
https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/types-of-gender-identity#summary- "How can I know my gender identity? The first step is to figure out what gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and sex assigned at birth mean and see how you feel about these ideas.
Then, think about the spectrum of gender identities and where you might feel comfortable. Maybe speak with friends of various gender identities for inspiration.
And keep in mind that there is no need for any specific label. You might want to go without a label or even create your own."

We can't allow the world's creations and theories to redefine who we are? We must go back to the original manual. We go back to the bible and allow God's WORD to reveal to us who we are?

The story of creation

Genesis 1:26-28 "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, and over all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it." **27**So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28**God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth."

Psalm 139:13-14
"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvellous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well."

Romans 8:29-30 "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

What does this mean? This scripture confirms that our heritage is beyond our biological parents – Elohim "creator made me - the source of my creation in my mother's womb is God. Therefore, we need to understand who God is and how does His relationship in human conception impact our heritage and each one's identity.

John 4:4 NKJV

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

I am of a royal heritage - Isaiah 62:3
You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem
In the hand of your God

3. **Who we keep company with matters?**

People saw Jesus as the Carpenters Son. Peter saw the Son of God? Disciples saw John the Baptist, Elijah. Jesus knew the Heavenly Father personally therefor did not allow the beliefs of others to influence His identity –

Satan uses those under his influence he " manipulates, deceives, dominates" people into believing a lie about who are "Abram instead of Abraham, or Simon instead of Peter (Rock), what do we do? We MUST recall our heritage (this enables us to not deviate from our true identity)

"Our confessions of who we are becomes a reality" Carina Mohanpersadh - Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Isaiah 43:1 – "But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

4. **The Conclusion of the Matter – Who am I?**

a. Biology (anatomy) – I am a human being, (gender as per birth formation), and biological and spiritual heritage. I have humankind capabilities and supernatural capabilities. God Capabilities) "We are Spirit being - II Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

(2 Corinthians 5:17). Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come

b. Values/Beliefs –54:14 NKJV "In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you." Isaiah– I have moral excellence

Qualities Colossians 3:12 "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

c. Friends/Role Models/Parents (support system)- My Support system matters in order to nurture my heritage –1 Peter 2:9 "I am a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

My Identity confirmed by God - Psalm 82.6 "I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High

f. Purpose (positions, titles, job scope) (Applying potential) Genesis 17:5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

Abram seeing himself in his biological heritage robbed him from entering into the purpose God "called to establish a Godly nation" – therefore God had to take out of his climatized environment, and remind him time and time over who he truly is, and even changed his "name" to help identify with his true identity, and in doing so Abraham's purpose was defined – His purpose had to be associated to his identity – therefore a new name caused him to believe He is a Father of many nations and so it became.

g. Personal relation with God. (My Inherent Nature) – I John 5:18

h. 1 John 3:1-2 “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.” Angelina See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

i. Identity Crisis – John 14:27 – “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”