

Are You A REAL One?

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I was walking with somebody in Tokyo in one of the main high end shopping areas. Whew! They don't play out there about shopping over there. And nope I bought nothing.

Anyway, there was an older car parked ahead of us a little way. The young lady I was with said, oh that's an old Rolls Royce WOW. As we got closer, we laughed it was not a Rolls Royce but an old crown Vic. The car gave the appearance from a distance of being something that when we got up close it was not at all what it looked like. Sometimes a thing can look like something it's not.

The world will make us think something is real when it really isn't. Ask me how I know. We get hair sewn in, we get lashes put on, we have size D cups, and well you know that's a BBL. It's really yours but it's not genuine.

They have this new popular show on Youtube called Pop the balloon or Find love? We are going to do our own version of it, stay tuned. But they have other versions of it. One of them is called A Real One. I hear people say that a lot, I am real one. What does that really mean?

What is a REAL ONE? We are not going pop any balloons today, but I do want you use for a subject, ARE YOU A REAL ONE?

Here I have two purses, but only one is Authentic. They have the same outer appearance, same logos, they still hold stuff, you can carry both just the same but only one of them is genuine.

REAL defined: Actually existing as a thing or occurring in fact; not imagined or supposed

Authentic defined: of undisputed origin; genuine

IMPACT POINT: Something can be real, but not authentic

Scripture:

Psalm 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy

works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

The original Hebrew word for the word MADE in this text is ASAH. And it means to Create. It conveys a sense of intentionality and craftsmanship, suggesting that the act of creation is purposeful and skillful. It emphasizes the notion that each person is uniquely and intricately created by God.

You know what the problem is, we don't know our authentic selves and because we don't know our authentic selves, we are not moving in our purpose.

In this verse, the psalmist expresses 4 things:

Praise for creation:

The verse is a declaration of praise to God for the intricate and marvelous way that we are made.

Awe and wonder:

The words "fearfully and wonderfully made" convey a sense of profound awe and amazement at the complexity and intentionality of human beings.

Purposeful design:

The verse suggests that each of us is created with a purpose and a unique, intentional design, which is known and acknowledged by God. We all have different fingerprints.

God was even impressed with His own creation look what He says

Genesis 1:31

31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

IMPACT POINT: Real things are made, Authentic things are created.

We are all born Authentic. Authenticity is necessary for us to fulfill our purpose. God created every one of us to fulfill His purpose. Just because we go thru difficult times does not mean our authenticity is no longer there.

The problem is when life gets living, trauma happens, betrayal happens, we take pieces of those things and insert them into our being which dilutes our authenticity.

Let's Talk for a minute about what does not make you Authentic.

1. YOUR AUTHENTICITY IS NOT DETERMINED BY YOUR

SUCCESS.

It doesn't matter how many degrees you get, how many letters you have behind your name, what you've accomplished. That is all impressive and you should be very proud, I'm working on a few more letters behind my name too. But that does not make us authentic.

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my [a] reward from all my labor. 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

The scripture is saying I can accomplish all of these things but it's all fleeting, temporary.

2. YOUR AUTHENTICITY IS NOT DETERMINED BY EXTERNAL VALIDATION.

This is a big problem with us as children of God. We are so busy trying to fit in, trying to be who we are not, trying to please people because we are looking to be validated.

Scripture:

Galatians 1:10 NIV

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Our authenticity is not determined by external validation. Only the Creator of a thing can validate it.

3. YOUR AUTHENTICITY IS NOT DETERMINED BY YOUR MISTAKES.

Too often we allow ourselves to sit in past mistakes or the things we used to do. That's why I don't particularly care for these AA meetings, talking about Hi I'm Lisa and I'm an alcoholic, noooooo that's what you used to do that's not who you are. You may have picked up something out of the store and didn't pay for it, but you're not a thief, you may have cheated on your spouse but you are not a cheater. Do not label yourself based on your past mistakes.

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Impact Point: DO NOT LET YOUR PAST DICTATE WHO YOU ARE

How is a thing determined to be Authentic?

1. The creator - Only the creator of a thing determines it's authenticity-Only God determines our Authenticity

Scripture:

Romans 9:20-21

20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

This scripture emphasizes the sovereignty of God as the Creator, and that only He has the authority to define and determine the purpose and authenticity of His creation.

2. The process- I would like to submit to you that this real purse did not go through the same process as this authentic purse.

Everything that you have gone through contributed to your authenticity. The good, the bad and the ugly all contributed to your authentic you. I can only help people

who have gone through the traumas of molestation, rape, betrayal, backbiting, jealousy, insecurities, discouragement and all the things because I went through and in some instances still go through the process. Don't despise the process. It is all necessary for you to being your authentic you.

Scripture:

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

3. The purpose- The authenticity of a thing is determined by it fulfilling its purpose.

I can say all day that I have this top of the line Iphone, but if this phone does not do what it was created to do, It is not authentic.

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

IMPACT POINT: You Are Not Authentically You Until You Are Doing All That God Created YOU To do.

R-redeemed -Bought With a price, washed in His blood

E-empowered- The process made you stronger/wiser

A-aligned- You are right in the place of purpose

L-loved – God loves you so much, He CHOSE YOU!

