

IN SEARCH OF ME

Face It Dude, You're Skewed: Part 3

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Paint a picture of yourself in just 3 words

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"For as he thinks within himself, so he is." (Proverbs 23:7a, NASB95)

TRUTH:

THE PERSON YOU SEE IS THE PERSON YOU'LL BE.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF IDENTITY CONFUSION

1. DISORIENTATION

"...Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter." (Hebrews 11:24, NLT)

2. DISCONTENT

"...Moses, when he grew up, refused to be treated as the grandson of the king, but chose to share ill-treatment with God's people instead..." (Hebrews 11:25, The Living Bible)

3. DISBELIEF

"Moses protested to God, 'Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?'" (Exodus 3:11, NLT)

6 MISTAKEN IDENTITIES

1. CAREER

"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 'Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.'" (Luke 12:20–21, NLT)

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." (Colossians 3:23, NLT)

2. HOBBIES

"[Everything] is meaningless...So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life..." (Ecclesiastes 8:14-15, NLT)

“For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure...These are not from the Father, but are from this world...” (1 John 2:16, NLT)

3. ETHNICITY

“So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?” (John 4:20, NLT)

“And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:27–28, NLT)

4. CAUSE

“GOD took one look and said, ‘One people, one language; why, this is only a first step. No telling what they’ll come up with next—they’ll stop at nothing! Come, we’ll go down and garble their speech so they won’t understand each other.’” (Genesis 11:6–7, The Message)

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (Matthew 6:33, NLT)

5. GENDER

“What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, ‘Stop, you’re doing it wrong!’ Does the pot exclaim, ‘How clumsy can you be?’” (Isaiah 45:9, NLT)

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them...Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!” (Genesis 1:27,31a, NLT)

6. SEXUALITY

“...women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other...Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.” (Romans 1:26–28, NLT)

“It’s good for a man to have a wife, and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder.” (1 Corinthians 7:2, The Message)

What is the cure for Identity Confusion?

The key to my identity is not WHO I AM, but WHOSE I AM.

“Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.” (2 Corinthians 5:17, GW)

“As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died. It doesn’t matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.” (Galatians 6:14–15, NLT)

THE BENEFITS OF FINDING MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

1. FULFILLMENT IN MY TRUE IDENTITY.

“Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28, NLT)

2. FREEDOM FROM CULTURAL CONFORMITY.

“Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.” (Galatians 1:10, NLT)

3. A FAMILY WHERE I EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY.

“God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 1:5a, NLT)

4. A FAITH THAT IS ALTERING DESTINY.

“In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good.” (Hebrews 10:24, The Living Bible)

ACTION:

DEDICATE my life to Jesus Christ and DISCOVER how He wants me to express His rule in my roles.

“It is quite true that the way to live a godly life is not an easy matter. But the answer lies in Christ...” (1 Timothy 3:16, The Living Bible)