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One of the Fastest Growing

Problems...

...Identity Theft

Business

...Identity Theft Recovery

Same Problem Found in Christians All Over

John 10:10

Satan is the Most Powerful Identity Thief

He knows Our Natural Self-Search...

...and Uses it to His Advantage

Three Questions Everyone Asks?

Who Am I?...Person

Why am I Here?...Purpose

How Do I Get There?
 ...Preparation



For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:13-14

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For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.
 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful.

Genesis 1:26-27 ou formed my inward parts; you

Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them
rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all
the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. "So God
created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and
female he created them."



In this World There Are Two Voices

The Lie
o What the Enemy...
...wants you to believe
...about who you are

The Truth
o What God says about...
...who you are

o There are Many Lies

o There is Only ONE Truth

When It Comes to Your Identity There Are Some Lies that the Devil Wants to Be Sure You Believe

GOD's VOICE

CALMS COMFORTS CONVICTS **ENCOURAGES** ENLIGHTENS LEADS REASSURES STILLS

SATAN'S VOICE

OBSSESSES WORRIES CONDEMNS DISCOURAGES CONFUSES PUSHES FRIGHTENS RUSHES



The Identity Thief Wants You Here...

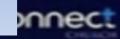
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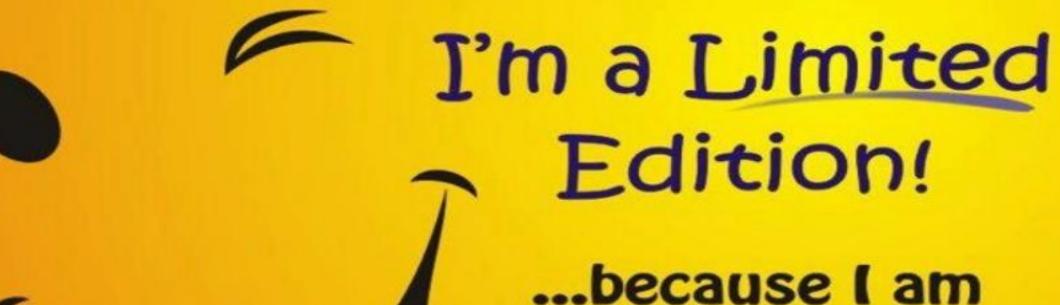
- Anxiety—"I don't know who I really am."
- Depression—"I have no hope for the future."
- Self-doubt—"I am so inadequate."
- Self-consciousness—"I am unacceptable and unloved."
- Low self-worth—"I am not good enough."



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Satan and the World has Beaten Us with the Belief that We Are Too Far Out there to be Used By, Loved By, and Trusted By God...
...Always Coming Up Short

- But the Word tells us we have been "fearfully and wonderfully made." and that the God who creates us also loves us and accepts us as we are. JUST as we are.
- We are fearfully made and fearfully loved, and when that message sinks deep into us, we finally catch a glimpse of the goodness of God that is in each of us. It is good news – this news of our uniqueness, splendor, and beauty.



...Decause I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

Psalm 139:14

Psalm 139 –the Message

¹³⁻¹⁶Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

IDENTITY

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

Lie:

"My life has no value because I have failed and deserve to be punished."

Truth:

- I have God-given value based not on my past performance but on Christ,
 who lives in me and who gives me freedom from condemnation.
- I Am Free From Accusation.
 - "He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation." -Col 1:22
- I Am Free From Condemnation.
 - "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." -Rom 8:1

Lie:

"My life has no value because I have failed and deserve to be punished."

Truth:

I Am Free From the Law.

"So, my brothers, you also **died to the law** through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God." **–Rom 7:4**

• I Am Free From Sin.

"In the same way, count yourselves **dead to sin** but alive to God in Christ Jesus." - **Rom 6:11**

• I Am Free From God's Wrath.

"Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be **saved** from God's wrath through him!" -Rom 5:9

Lie:

• "My life has no value since I've done so many things wrong—my life is ruined."

Truth:

- I have God-given value, for I've been given a new life in Jesus Christ.
- I Am Redeemed.
 - "In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." -**Eph 1:7**
- I Am Washed.
 - "That is what some of you were [wicked]. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." -1 Cor 6:11

Lie:

• "My life has no value since I've done so many things wrong—my life is ruined."

Truth:

- I have God-given value, a new life in Jesus Christ.
- I Am Purified.

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellow ship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." -1 John 1:7

I Am Justified.

"Since we have been **justified** through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." -Rom 5:1

I Am Sanctified.

"You were washed, you were **sanctified**, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." -1 Cor 6:11

