

# IDENTITY THEFT – I AM NOT WHAT I DO

Solomon, the richest, most influential, wisest man of his time said this

- † *Ecclesiastes 2:4 I accomplished great things. I built myself houses and planted vineyards. 5 I planted gardens and orchards, with all kinds of fruit trees in them; 6 I dug ponds to irrigate them. 7 I had servants, and their children were my servants. I owned more livestock than anyone else who had ever lived in Jerusalem. 8 I also piled up silver and gold from the royal treasuries of the lands I ruled. Men and women sang to entertain me, and I had all the women a man could want. 9 Yes, I was great, greater than anyone else who had ever lived in Jerusalem, and my wisdom never failed me. 10 Anything I wanted, I got. I did not deny myself any pleasure. I was proud of everything I had worked for, and all this was my reward. 11 Then I thought about all that I had done and how hard I had worked doing it, and I realized that **it didn't mean a thing. It was like chasing the wind—of no use at all.***

OUR IDENTITY **DOES NOT** COME FROM

- † WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
- † WHAT WE HAVE
- † WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT US

What We Do **IS** Important, But It Is Not Who We Are

- † *Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

What We **DO** Is A **RESULT** Of Who We Are

What We **DO** Doesn't **DEFINE** Who We Are

**DON'T CONFUSE THE WHO WITH THE DO - LET GOD DEFINE WHO YOU ARE**  
**WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS NOT HUMAN DOINGS**

When your worth comes from what you do you tend to overwork, always trying to be good enough.

- † *Matthew 11:29-30 - Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Most people say my yoke is hard and my burden is heavy. Because we are **TOO BUSY** trying to be accepted and loved and to feel valuable.

Learn to say YES to the best and then to say NO to the rest. That's living in the will of God.

† *Proverbs 23:4 Give up trying so hard to get rich.*

Often the things we **THINK** are most important take away from the things that **REALLY** are important.

If you're living in a someday world you are robbing yourself of TODAY

- † Someday I'll have enough money
- † Someday I won't have to work as much
- † Someday I'll spend more time with my family
- † Someday I'll lose weight
- † Someday I'll start to exercise
- † Someday I'll read through the Bible
- † Someday I'll start to tithe
- † Someday I'll serve in the church
- † Someday I'll invite my friends over for dinner
- † Someday I'll look for a new job
- † Someday I'll forgive the ones who hurt me
- † Someday I'll ...

Yesterday is a check that's been cashed – Tomorrow is a post-dated check  
Today Is Cash In Hand

† *Psalm 118:24 - **THIS** is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Tomorrow is NOT promised to us.

† *James 4:13-14 - Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*

*You Are NOT what You've Done – You Are NOT What You Do – You ARE What God Says You Are – It's Not That You Don't Have To DO Anything – Just Remember That What You DO Is A Result Of Who You Are*

† *Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*