

Frequently Asked Questions About Identity & Purpose

1. How do can I tell if what I have is a "God given identity" or something created from the pain of my past?

<u>Answer</u>: Anything born of the Holy Spirit will always have certain attributes & characteristics indicative of the Holy Spirit -who gave it to you, i.e., pure, holy, righteous, good, brings freedom, because what is born of God is born from an incorruptible seed of the Spirit of God, not from the corruptible seed of flesh.

I Pet 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Whatever is born out of flesh, will have attributes & characteristics of flesh, which is born out of a corrupted seed and will exhibit signs of sin, bondage, brings poverty of mind and spirit, manipulation, witchcraft, lust.

Galatians 5:19 -21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Ask yourself this question: Does what I have promote or point to the kingdom of God in truth, peace, righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit? Or does it promote false doctrine, selfishness, control or poverty. Does my gifting or identity agree with a sinful lifestyle or promote one?

Exactly "HOW" does your identity/gifting promote the Kingdom of God and His agenda?

Answer: If what you're doing, ie. preaching, teaching, singing, acting, performing, playing an instrument, an athlete, etc. spreads the Kingdom of God through fear, control and or intimidation – then it is not a good and perfect gifting, or identity from the Spirit of God! It is most likely a man made thing or something that has become fleshly.

an example: Yes, maybe the Lord did birth this in you, but His intentions is not for you to use whatever He gives you in a corrupt manner. Let's say you're very smart, but you use that "wisdom" to get over on folk and teach others how to be slick as well, somehow you've allowed the enemy to corrupt what God has given you.

2. My identity and the things I do are so different from everyone else!!! –aren't they supposed to be the same or at least look like everyone else!

Not necessarily, everything that God gives will have some similar attributes of Him—righteousness, peaceful, good, etc. and it will all help to accomplish the will of God in the earth. However, we are unique in every aspect and the giftings or identities of God can be labeled the same thing, but manifest differently in each of us.

<u>An example:</u> we have the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each of these disciples walked with Jesus daily, however, they all recorded their testimonies differently – according to their unique identities, personality, cultural background and how God wired them – yet all four gospels never contradict each other and all align and agree with every book of the bible.