

IDENTITY THEFT - 3

"I have to Perform"

Key Principles:

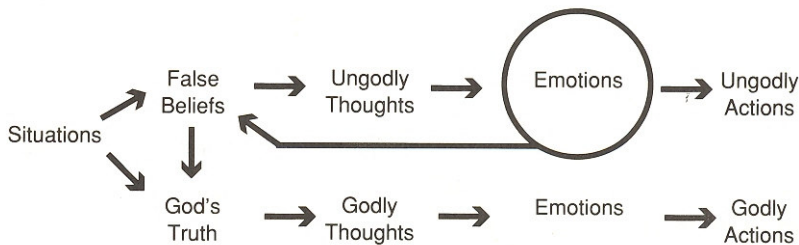
- 1) We are controlled by our beliefs
- 2) If we want to change the way we behave, we must begin with how we think.

2 Cor 10:3-5

The weapons we fight with... have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Rom 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.



The Performance Lie

→ My performance + The Opinions of Others = My Identity (Significance)

The Gospel Truth

→ Christ's Performance + God's Truth = My Significance

Facts about success:

1. Yesterday's SUCCESS does not take the pressure off.
2. The more you succeed the more YOU HAVE TO SUCCEED.

My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor.

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind... Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

When we believe the performance lie, our identity wrongly comes from:

→ WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world . If anyone loves the world , the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does — comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

→ WHAT WE HAVE.

→ WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT US.

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

- What We Do is a Result of Who We Are.
- What We Do Doesn't Define Who We Are.

LET GOD DEFINE

• THE DO'S AND THE DON'T'S.

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."

Matthew 11:29-30

It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows.
Proverbs 20:25

• THE WHEN AND THE THEN.

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.

James 4:13-14

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

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..

Colossians 3:17