

WHO ART THOU?

“And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.” John 1:19-23

At the time Jews sent priests to John the Baptist they saw the quality of messiah in him. He was what we can term, celebrity. Much respected, accepted and feared by great and small, rich and poor, ruler and the ruled. But he did not allow that to becloud his destiny, he did not ascribe what was not his destiny to be his. He did not lie to himself as many do nowadays. He knew who he was and the purpose he came here for. He was a forerunner, path clearer and herald of messiah. Though he did not perform miracles and was a straight preacher yet people saw the glory of God in his life.

“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 16:13-17

Jesus asked the disciples that whom do men say he was. And also to his disciples that whom do they think he was. Knowing fully well that the people of the world may misconstrue your identity, thereby calling you whom you are not but; you and the closest people should be able to say who you are. Your true identity should not be so ambiguous that even closest people, the disciples would not know who you are.

The mountain everybody has is the mountain of ignorance. The difference between the great and the small is knowledge. The difference between success and failure is knowledge. The difference between the poor and the rich is knowledge. The difference between achievement and non-achievement is knowledge.

Dear reader, this is the moment to know the deepest root of failure, stagnancy and backwardness. The deepest root is ignorance. Ignorance about your identity can throw you into great problem and this is the most potent weapon that Satan is using against people especially Christians!

There is no greater discovery than you discovering yourself. You need to ask yourself these questions. Who am I? This goes beyond the names you are known or called. Who am I spiritually? Who am I morally? Who am I mentally? Who am I socially? Who am I financially? What is your spiritual identity? You need to ask yourself questions.

Ignorance about your physical identity is bad, but about your spiritual identity is worse. If you don't know it, it is like Peter who was released but did not believe he was released.

SOME WISE SAYINGS

1. Nobody can make you inferior without your consent.
2. Your arrival determines the rising of others
3. Despite what you go through in life, what lies behind you and what lies before you, they are tiny compared to what lies within you. A musician once sang, "My divine desire will not die within me".
4. You cannot make impact on this planet unless you make an impact on yourself first.
5. Loving yourself is the genesis of loving others. The Bible says, "Love thy neighbour as thyself".
6. Until you make peace with whom you are, you will never be content with what you have.
7. Until you discover yourself, you will live a purposeless and unfulfilling life.
8. The greatest enemy of man is man himself.
9. The most terrible form of ignorance is to be ignorant of oneself and this will make such a fellow to be dangerous.
10. "To walk out of God's will is stepping into nowhere"- O. S. Lewis.
11. Until you discover who you are, you cannot give yourself unselfishly to another person.
12. Your destiny is not in what you do but in who you are.
13. Many people die as unhatched eggs.
14. What you want may not be what you need.
15. Many are busy fuelling the vehicles of destiny of others and abandon theirs.
16. God manufactured us for a particular purpose. Many people arrived here on earth but did not show up. Many are present here on earth but to God they are absent.

We all know, corn (maize). It can be used for many purposes. Now, if you decide to buy it for a specific purpose but at the end of the day, you end up, using it for another thing. Though it has done something but it has not fulfilled or satisfied the primary purpose you have bought it for.

- Corn can be eaten raw, boiled or roasted, without removing it from the shell.
- Corn can be cooked with other seeds and eaten
- Can be shelled, ground and different food products made from it.
- Can be fed to animals and fowls directly
- Can be left to be eaten by weevils.

If you use it for other purpose other than what you bought it for, you have not got maximum satisfaction from it. This is how many of us are, not fulfilling our divine purpose on earth.

Most people we meet are people:

- Who their parents make them become what they become;
- Which environment made them become what they become;
- Which circumstances made them become what they become;
- Which people made them become what they become;
- Which they themselves made their selves become what they become;
- Which satanic agents made them become what they become;
- Only very few people are what God wants them to become.

Household witchcraft powers have re-created the destinies of many black people.

There are four groups of people that are working in God's vineyard.

1. Those that people (situation) called
2. Those that called themselves (see God's work as meal tickets)
3. Those that devil called (manifesting as angels by light)
4. Those that God called

Ask yourself these questions

Who am I in Christ? Am I born again? Have I become the son or daughter of God? Am I Christ like in nature? If you are, witnessing Christ should be part and parcel of you.

What is your position in Christ? ***"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"*** 1Peter 2:9

Are you sure you are part of the chosen generation, holy nation, and peculiar people?

Are you sure you show forth the praises of God, Is your life glorifying Christ or bringing reproach?

"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" Ephesians 2:6

"Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right in the heavenly places. Far above all principalities, and power, and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in the world, but also in that which is to come" Ephesians 1:20-21

If you are seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places above principality and other lesser foolish powers, then they should not be having a field day in your life. Your life need not be turned to football pitch for them.

"Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Matthew 11:11

Jesus say verily, that is truly without any doubt, that John the Baptist is greater than the Apostles, including Apostle Paul, Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Elijah and Elisha and many more but someone that just gave his life to Christ is greater than him!

If this is so, you that is born again, months and years ago, you are greater than John the Baptist. What exploits have you done for Jesus? Can your achievement(s) be compared with the achievements of all the prophets and John the Baptist? If there is any such an achievement at all! What kind of power (spirit) are you having? Is it the Spirit of God or that of the devil?

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7

Are you carrying the breath of life or death? Are you a living soul or dead soul?

Who are you to your generation?

Are you the deliverer? i.e. the Moses of your generation. You need to know your role in this earth. Or are you the Joshua? Are you the light/salt of the world or of your family alone. The David, who removed the shame of Israel by defeating Goliath, not for Jesse but for Israel.

Who are you to your family?

- Are you the Joseph? The one to deliver in time of perils?
- As the wife in the home, are you playing the role of bread-winner. It is not by accident that God has made you the wise Abigail to the foolish Nabal.
- Are you the defender or destroyer of your spouse?
- Are you sure you are a parent to your child or just the father?
- Are you sure you are a parent to your child or just the mother?
- Are you a woman in the house or the wife?
- Are you just one of the children? Or you are a son or daughter indeed to your parents.
- Are you doing what you are doing because God wants you to be there?
- Are you still intact? The original design or have you been unconsciously altered by the enemies, circumstances and environment.

Beloved, when you discover yourself, you are free from opinions of people. It should be kept at the back of your mind that there is no competition in life; it is what you are commissioned to do. In an attempt to get to the top, a lot of people are involved in shady deals, rat race, and many un-Christianly acts. With this many have abandoned the blessings attached to their destinies.

When you discover yourself; your virtues will come back. Things will not give you value anymore but you give value to things. Take for example, every manufacturer of product always want the successful sportsman/woman to wear their product name on their sports wear and kits. When you discover yourself; many will always emulate how you do things.

The only personality who knows who you are is God.

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations”. Jeremiah 1:5

The closer to God the more revealing. Many are ordained as prophets unto nations but they want to end up as prophets unto family, villages, palaces and friends.

Many are ordained employers of labours but are lost in the employment of someone else or government and praying for promotions. Promotions will be hard to come by because you are not doing what God designed for you.

The prodigal son was suffering and experiencing acquired untold hardships but when he came back to his senses, realising the son of whom he was, he came back to his father.

“And when he came back to himself, he said, how many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger”. Luke 15:17

When you discover who you are, you will recover all that belongs to you.

Signs to know if you have not discovered yourself

When someone is completely ignorant of his/her divine destiny

When a person possess a deep sense of failure

When you have self-hatred

When you have self-rejection

When you are feeling unwanted or unneeded

When you are feeling inadequate

When you feel unloved

When you feel hopeless

When you feel unappreciated

When you lack initiative

When you lack motivation

When you have resentment

When you are jealous

When you have unforgiving spirit

When you are suspicious of others

When you are oversensitive and always moody

Once you have not discovered yourself, the senses of the person will be totally paralysed (uncoordinated).

Ways by which you can discover yourself.

- Be genuinely born again.
- Pray to discover who you are created to be (see prayer section).
- See yourself, think about yourself and talk about yourself the way God does.
- Disconnect yourself from past negative experiences (Isaiah 43:18)
- Don't compare yourself to other people, because you are different and unique (Psalm 139:14).
- Watch your tongue especially on what you say about yourself. Confession birth manifestation
- Have wise friends – those that will make you better; that will improve your life.
- Walk in holiness, honesty and integrity of heart.
- Always think positively don't be a pessimist or optimist.
- Avoid negative and destructive influences
- Presently, what you are doing, does it give you joy or happiness? Joy is eternal while happiness is temporal. Joy is internal while happiness is external. Joy is invisible while happiness is visible

Many people are queuing behind stationery vehicles, some behind abandoned vehicles; your lives need to move forward. If you are doing what God did not send you, He will not be there with you. And it is dangerous (tragic) not to be in God's presence.

Before you proceed to the prayer session; if you have not given your life to Jesus, say these prayers:

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I hereby confess all my sins to you. I repent of all these sins in the name of Jesus. I come to you in the name of your precious son, Jesus Christ. I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is the son of God. I believe that you raised him from the dead for my justification. Today, I renounce all my works, walk and association with powers of darkness and receive Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour. Lord Jesus, accept me in thy kingdom as one of those whom you died for. Thank you Father for this privilege, in Jesus' name.

Note this:

Town planners always demolish structures that are erected in wrong places, if you are doing what he has not sent you, may you not be pulled down in Jesus name.

PRAY THESE PRAYERS AGGRESSIVELY

1. Lord, show me your blue print for my life.
2. Lord, deliver me from the lies I tell myself.
3. I refuse to live a wasted life, in Jesus' name.
4. I reject every demonic recreation, in Jesus' name.
5. I will reach my goal whether the devil likes it or not, in Jesus' name.
6. Every satanic opinion about me is shattered to pieces, in Jesus' name.
7. Every damage done to my destiny, be repaired by fire, in Jesus' name.
8. Lord, if I am on the journey you have not sent me, deliver me by fire.
9. Lord, restore me to your original position for me, in Jesus' name
10. Lord, let your hand of fire, fall upon my life.
11. Lord, anchor my head to my divine destiny.
12. Father Lord, if I have already discovered who I am, enlarge my coast mightily, in Jesus' name
13. Lord Jesus, do a lasting surgical work in my life.
14. I refuse to operate any satanic agenda for my destiny, in Jesus' name.
15. Father Lord, deliver me from every spirit of deceit, in Jesus' name.
16. Holy Spirit, reveal every hidden area of my life that the enemy is using to keep me in bondage, in the name of Jesus.
17. I refuse to be a satanic broadcasting station, in Jesus name.
18. My life shall not give glory to the devil, in Jesus' name.
19. I shall not be disappointed at the end of my Christian journey, in the name of Jesus.
20. Fire of the living God, flush out every satanic deposit in my life, in the name of Jesus.
21. Power from on high; purge me from every sin of hypocrisy, in Jesus' name.
22. Holy Spirit, possess every department of my life, in the name of Jesus.
23. Anything co-operating with evil in my life, I dislodge you in the name of Jesus.
24. I refuse to pursue strange course, in Jesus' name.
25. Glory swallows in and around me, die, in Jesus' name.
26. Star killers in and around me, die, in the name of Jesus.
27. Destiny amputators in and around me, die, in Jesus' name.
28. Any strange fire burning in the temple of my life be consumed by Holy Ghost fire, in Jesus' name.
29. I reject destiny-demoting names, in Jesus' name.
30. I refuse to be buried alive, in Jesus' name.

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