



Is your life meant to be MORE THAN IT IS RIGHT NOW?

INTRODUCTION: These four sessions (Identity, Intimacy, Integrity and Impact) seek to help you discover more of God, of yourself and of the life that God meant you to live. They are more of a reflective exercise than a bible study. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions; they are of your (past) experience, your (present) thoughts and feelings and your (future) aspiration.

Foundational Issues for Men

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. (1 Thess. 4:1).

There is always and much room in our Christian walk and ministry to abound more and more. May our LORD bless you richly as you embark on this reflection exercise.

SUMMARY: Who we are ... our **IDENTITY** is not determined by our personality (strengths and weaknesses), our profession, our possessions even our personal human relationships. Our foundational identity is a child of God ... our relationship with Him but who is this God?

INTIMACY with another has been defined as the process of knowing this other and being known by this person. So is our intimacy with God. How do we know God? How are we known by Him? These are foundations of the Christian life whether you are a new or matured believer.

Relationship of Identity with Intimacy ... In Eph. 5:1-2, we are told as children of God (our identity), we should and must imitate our Father, our God. To imitate God in turns demands that we know Him and this goes back to our intimacy with Him ... knowing Him and being known by Him.

INTEGRITY is “sameness” in contrast to duplicity. What's outside (behavior) is the same as what's inside (our character). 1 Thess. 5:5-6 state “For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.” These two verses affirm that we should be who we are ... to be true to ourselves.

Relationship of Integrity with Identity ... To be true to ourselves requires that we know who we are ... our identity as a child of God. This in turn demands that we know and reflect our identity as a child of God. Do you truly know your identity as a child of God? How can you find out more about your identity?

We minister (have an **IMPACT**) from our identity in Christ ... as a child of God. Our motivation is the glory of our Heavenly Father and the expansion of His kingdom. As we grow in our intimacy with God, we would want others to know Him too and to enjoy this same intimacy. The impact (of our message) also rests upon our character ... our integrity ... no duplicity ... no one can point a finger at us. To God be the glory.