

# IDENTIFY YOURSELF

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Mk.10:46-52

## I. The Identity Of Defeat.

- A. His garment identified him as a beggar. His label.  
Identity defined; The collective aspect of the set of characteristics by which a thing is definitively recognizable or known.
1. Satan wants to change your identity.
    - a. 2Cor. 11:14-15 *And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. :15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*
    - b. Usually the opposite of what God says that you are.  
[1.] It's the identity of doom, despair, destruction and death.
  2. His name identified him as *defiled from birth*. Born unclean.
    - a. Generational identity. Exod. 20:5
- B. Young people and music.
1. Graveyard identity.
    - a. Mad man of Gadara.
- C. Religious identity. The world would like to identify you as a Jesus freak.
1. Jesus doesn't turn people into freaks, He turns freaks into people. By changing their identity!
  2. "Religious people" will impose a judgmental identity on you.
- D. Others whose identities were tried.  
Dan. 1:4-7 *Children in whom was no blemish, but wellfavoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. :5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. :6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: :7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.*

1. Hananiah, "Gift of the Lord."
  - a. Shadrach, "Command of Aku, the moon god."
2. Mishael, "Who is what God is."
  - a. Meshach, "Who is as Aku is."
3. Azariah, "Who Jehovah helps."
  - a. Abednego, "Servant of Nebo."  
(The god of science and literature.)
4. Daniel, "God is judge."
  - a. Belteshazzar, "Prince of Bel. (Bael)"
5. Sadly, we still recognize these men by the wrong identities.

## II. Refuse To Assume The Identity Of Defeat!

- A. You are what you believe that you are.  
Prov. 23:7 *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:*
  1. Bartimaeus knew God had something better for him.
- B. The children of Israel in the wilderness assumed the identity of defeat.
  1. God tried to change their identities but they would not.
  2. Their confession played a major role in their defeat.

## III. Act On Your God Given Identity.

- A. He cast away his garment.
  1. An act of faith.
    - a. he knew his identity was about to change.
- B. Learn who you really are.
  1. People fail to realize their true identity in Christ.
    - a. Determine to learn who you *really* are. Don't allow the devil to project his identity on you. Nor allow him or your enemies to define who you are.
    - b. The Word reveals our identities and expose the intents and purposes of the devil.
- C. Be specific.
  1. Jesus asked him what he wanted. Wasn't it obvious?
    - a. Looking for Bartimaeus to be specific.
    - b. Bartimaeus wanted to rid himself of the identity of defeat.
- D. Be an opportunist.
  1. Bartimaeus seized the opportunity to rid himself of the identity of defeat.
    - a. He saw this as an opportunity that he wasn't going to miss.  
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