

Born with Identity
Part 19: Walk the Talk!
Slide Notations

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To this Point... In the Word people, “being filled” by the Spirit! Foundation AND animation! Servants to men and Slaves to God! Not vice versa! Owned by God, called to serve men! Forgivers of people: all sins/all time! Not a suggestion but a command! Successfully forgive by “replacement,” getting busy for God, \$\$ paid in full! Refusers of offenses: every day! We don’t notice offenses against us! We don’t pick up offenses against others! Soldiers defending from enemy! Not cops to arrest people! Soldiers who defend against an enemy! Doctors of Spirit, Soul and Body! Soldier hospital, where if not a patient, helping people heal... for the battlefield! Partnering in Miracles/Someone needs! Foolish, fearless, tireless faith! We do small things/God provides power! People who are All-in! In the midst of complete insanity, whatever God wants to do, I am all in! Spirit Filled, every day, all places! Not a Sunday demonstration, not a weekend experience, a daily lifestyle! Faithful Givers, steady extenders/King! God gives us the power to get(re) wealth! As long as, @frequency of, “incoming...” We faithfully tithe/offer/do alms! People of diligence! Plotting, Plodding and making speed toward treasures of faith! People of Consistent Persistence! We let nothing stand in the way of the work God has called us to finish! Heart Cleaners! We allow nothing to build up in our hearts that coming out of our mouths would defile us! Repression has the power to destroy our testimony of faith! Clear Speakers! We speak life, we don’t lie, we don’t swear! We refuse to be made fools by the use of inarticulate speech/culture!

If this is an accurate depiction of Christians, what are we going to do with it?

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What is the deception? That you have something, that you don’t! It’s not the hearers of the law that are just before God but the doers of it!” **R2.13** “Receive w/meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls!” **Jam 1.21** “A change that comes from the renovation of your mind!” **R12. 2** “The word wherein you stand, if you keep in memory what I preached, otherwise you have believed in vain!” **1C15.2** When Service is over... Some only think about going home and getting “started!” Others pass a comment or two, or more, but experience is mainly to come/hear! As though being a Christian means you go to church to hear what the preacher has to say... and you’ve done this weeks “duty...” Can you thrive on hors d’oeuvres?

What is the deception? That you are producing something when you aren’t! We can’t turn “hearing the word” of God into a fruit! “I go to church,” “I listen to the Bible on CD,” “I watch TV” is not fruit! “I hear” is the planting, watering, digging, fertilizing of the tree... “I do” is the bearing of fruit!

What is the deception? That you are someone you’re not! A follower rather than a mere believer! There were many “that believed in God” during Jesus day... Pharisees, legalists... Satisfied by their religious observances and ceremonies... “Do what they say, but don’t do what they do, for they say what’s right to do, but don’t do it themselves!” **Mt23.2-4** Missed the whole point of living for God!

So what are your individual plans to change what you are doing to get what is different?

The plan... For getting the word of God in you? If you ate food like you intake the Word what would you look like? **Mt4.4** **For checking your heart?** Waiting for a heart attack to tell you that you need to be examined? **1C11.28** **2C13.5** **For getting the Word out?** Praying for boldness **Acts 4.29** and then speaking out **V31** in faith! **Mt 10.19,20** **For developing deeper faith?** That the just live by! **R1.17** Faith comes by hearing the Word of God **R10.17** **Hb4.2** But you, build up your most holy faith praying in the Holy Spirit! **Jude20** Following with others who call on the Lord with a pure heart! **2T2.22** **For shutting out the “intrusions?”**

Intrusions... "What doesn't belong in this picture?" *Doesn't go w/the décor (look)/decorum (behavior) of Christianity must go!* Stuff in the background of life? Not legislating behavior/limiting influence! Stuff in the behavior patterns? It's one thing to fall into a sin, another thing to plan to sin!

WALK YOUR TALK!

We must stop calling ourselves Christians if we're not actually following Christ! Being a follower means you are where He is, what He's about, and, doing what He does! If you aren't going to be a follower, then call yourself a believer until you're ready to make the jump!

Romans 13.11-14 It is now high time to awake from sleep, for our deliverance is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day of light and deliverance is at hand, so let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... Let us walk *decorously* as people do in the light of day, not living for the next wild party or waiting for the next high, not sniffing around for sex (koite) or other illicit pleasures, not quarrelsome or jealous, but, wrapping ourselves up in the Lord and making no provision to fulfill the base lusts of the flesh!

Waking Up! We must be people who stop sleeping while big life issues are passing by! Political/economic issues at hand! Moral/Christian issues at hand! Things don't/won't go away by ignoring them! Must get up with the dawn... Out of the comfort of our nests... Rescue people in the dark!

Armor Up! No plans to be heroes/martyrs... But planning to be faithful/equipped/end! Last people standing/speaking end! Armor is because we are in a battle for the souls of mankind! There is no other mission from God! Reason we were left here! Nothing else to pursue!

Dressing Up! "Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ!" Not a 'put on:' misleading, faking, acting. Dressing up for the part we have been given by Christ! Look like, talk like, move like Him! Not a role-playing fantasy game! He came to destroy the works of the devil. That's His "outfit..." *IS IT OURS?*

The issues of identity are for purposes of identification... and the world has the right to know! Are you a walker of the talk?