

The Holy Spirit Helps Me Find Myself

A man can lose his freedom over a case of mistaken identity.

It can happen in the judicial system and it can happen in our work.

Sometimes, we get lost in the forest without a compass. We can lose our way and lose our identity.

Over the years, many people have told me who I am:

“You are a good singer. You should do musicals.”

“You are a good debater. You should be a lawyer.”

“You are a good writer. You should write a book.”

As I have grown in the Lord, I’ve become much clearer that my identity is not about my gifts, but about how and where God wants to use me. My identity is through the Holy Spirit.

It’s obvious to me that many people have their identity enveloped in their work. Their sense of self-worth fluctuates with the ups and downs of work productivity.

On good days, we know who we are and move with a purpose. On the bad days, perhaps we question our gifts, the call of God, and our purpose in life.

“Things aren’t going well. I must have missed God. I don’t know who I am anymore.” We learn from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us by his Holy Spirit.” (1 Cor. 2:9-10)

God has prepared us for our work. Our preparation cannot eclipse what God has already done. The Holy Spirit reveals our to-do lists. If I have the mind of Christ, I have all that I need.

This verse reminds us that our vision and hearing are not enough to understand what God has prepared for us. It's not even in my heart.

No amount of hand wringing and worry will suffice.

I want to be defined by how I follow the Holy Spirit. My eternal identity is in Jesus. That's not mistaken.

Today's Scripture

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

Platform Tip No. 153

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Too many messages are "phoned-in" with little passion for the felt need.

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