

Identity Thieves 3

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Who is the thief?

John 10:10 (NIV) – ¹⁰ The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full or in abundance.

1. Know that you're in the family.

Galatians 4:6-7 (NKJV) – ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

You are in God's family. You are a son or daughter and an heir. The question you need to answer is: are you living as a servant or as a son? You must know your true identity.

Hosea 4:6 (NIV) – ⁶ my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.

2. Know God's identity theft alert.

II Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV) – ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

Learn to identify all thoughts, ideas, and suggestions that are in opposition to what God says about you.

3. Know your true identity.

II Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) – ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

II Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) – ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV) - ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NKJV) – ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV) – ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Ephesians 2:4-6 (NKJV) – ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together with Him, and made us sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Don't see yourself coming to God from afar off, but simply turn to your left and talk to your father boldly.