

## SECURE IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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1. **Humility is serving God and others in love out of a secure identity by the leading and power of the Holy Spirit, *Phil 2:5-8*.**
2. **Serving others** is the life style Jesus shows us, *Phil 2:5-8, Jn 13:4-17, Lk 22:27, Mat 20:20-28, Mat 25:35,36, Mk 12:30,31, Gal 5:13, Gal 6:10, Rom 12:13, 2Cor 4:5*.
3. **Jesus is the number 1 example of a person with a secure identity.** There was constant attack upon Jesus, aimed at destroying His secure identity. Jesus' secure identity is seen in, *Phil 2:6, Jn 4:26, 13:13, 8:12, 6:35, 14:6, 15:1, 8:58, 10:30, 10:38*. (*Jn 5:19-26* Jesus declares 5 ways He is equal to the Father.) Attacks upon His secure identity are seen in, *Jn 10:30-33,37-39, 8:53-59, 5:17,18, Lk 4:3-12, Mk 2:28, & 3:6* as a part of the passage *Mk 2:23-3:6, Jn 19:7, Dan 7:13 & Mat 26:63-67*. Jesus claimed to be the one who comes in *Dan 7:13* and was condemned for it.
4. If you try and serve others humbly in love without a secure identity in Christ it becomes belittling and humiliating. This is not God's will for you.
5. Furthermore, without a secure identity in Christ, if you are opposed and attacked you will feel threatened and insecure. As a result you will react in the flesh of fear, anger, pride, hate, control, domination etc.
6. When you have a secure identity in Christ, you can humble yourselves to serve others by the leading and power of the Holy Spirit and lose nothing. You are secure in Christ. When opposition or ridicule arises you will not feel threatened or fearful because you will be totally secure in God. **You are not looking to man for recognition and approval.**
7. **Finding Your secure identity in Christ:**
  - a. **General identity of all believers in Christ.** Pastors' Notes No 25. [www.pastornotes.com](http://www.pastornotes.com)  
Example: *2Cor 5:17* – you are a new creature in Christ, old things have passed away.....
  - b. **Specific personal identity in Christ.** God has a plan for each of our lives, *Jer 29:11 NIV*  
God's plan is your vision, calling, gifts and ministry which gives you, your significance, self worth and security in God and Christ, *Hab 2:1-3, Pro 29:18*.

God's calling and vision for your life will be revealed to you as you seek God in His Word and prayer and in the fellowship of believers. Revelation will come. **Revelation comes from relationship**, *Amos 5:6, Ps 63:1-8, Jn 14:16*.

Revelation also comes by prayer and prophecy from the elders and from praying in small groups with other mature believers. God gives scriptures, pictures, prophecy and words of knowledge.

As you give yourself to serve the Lord, He will bring opportunities of service. No matter how small, be faithful and diligent and the Lord will bring increase, fulfilment and joy, ***Lk 16:10***.

Be faithful to serve God with your money, tithes and offerings and God will give you spiritual riches, ***Lk 16:11***.

Be faithful to serve the vision of another person in leadership and at the right time the Lord will release you into your own ministry of leadership, ***Lk 16:12***.

Your motivation/passion, gifts and ministry will be revealed to you as you take opportunities of service and faithfully fulfil them. Some of the works of service will be more anointed by the Holy Spirit than others. You will sense confirmation of the Holy Spirit on certain things you do. You will begin to recognise your ministry.

There are question sheets available that help to confirm your calling, gifts and ministries.

**Remember that motherhood and fatherhood are the greatest ministries.**

Other people will recognise the anointing and giftings on you and will confirm your place and ministry in the Body of Christ.

Scriptures where various gifts are mentioned: *Rom 12:5-8*, (7 motivational gifts), *1Cor 12:7-11*, (9 gifts of the Spirit), *1Cor 12:28*, (8 gifts listed with some overlap), *Eph 4:11*, (5 "ministry" gifts).

**Remember the motivation for all you do is love**, *1Cor 13:1-13, Gal 5:22,23*.

Humility is love in action.