

Our Uniqueness is Important

From the time we were small children, most of us have been unhappy with who we are. We didn't like our looks, our hair colour, our lot in life, etc. This got worse as we moved into our youth and we started to be disappointed with everything that worked against what we wanted.

One of the main regrets we had was that we didn't like who we were in regard to our character, personality, abilities, skills and what life had made us into, up to that point in time. It was around then that we started to desire to be someone else – anyone but ourselves. We thought that everyone else was better, happier, more beautiful, more intelligent, etc, and therefore they had more options than we did. We then moved to becoming fans of other people, such as pop stars, sport stars, film stars and even models. That was a fleeting period in our lives as our twenties brought us more into reality when we were in tertiary education and finally achieved permanent employment.

Despite our seeming success at being a young adult, we still had a gaping hole inside us that produced the nagging question, “Who am I?” So, what goes around, comes around. We'd deliberately and ignorantly lost our identity in our childhood and youth, and we were paying the price. On top of the rebellion and independence of our immaturity, our identity wasn't properly formalized in us by our parents (especially our father).

Many go through life with this question still nagging them, while others model themselves on others they admire. For myself, I decided to become a self-made man and mold myself into who I wanted to be. I didn't have any role models or mature adults that I looked up to, so I just made myself into someone that others would accept and appreciate. My attempt at this kept me well satisfied with myself, as I was content with the identity I'd made for myself. It wasn't until I had the revelations of The Kingdom and of sonship that I realised that my identity was a false one, even though I had been OK with it.

Others may have become 'screwed up' not knowing who they were, and others may have molded themselves after the image of others, which brought them satisfaction. Like myself, they've missed who they truly were.

Our genuine identity is one of Father's sons. There's no greater identity than that. Unfortunately, our desire for the praise of men and the acceptance of others, keeps us ignorant of our highest identity. To us, it seems valueless, but that's because we don't understand it or its benefits.

Father has been drawing us into genuine sonship, but most believers appear to be ignorant of that drawing or are resisting it. That will always result in them missing out on the uniqueness that they were created for by Father. He released us from his presence to be in the body we have, and at the same time, he gave us instructions to assist him in carrying out his plans for the natural realm. Our unique abilities and skills, as well as the personality and character he intends for us to have, are all key elements in our ability to achieve his plans through us. He values our uniqueness and he wants us to find it in him:

“I speak to those who aspire to be like someone you admire, but when you do that, you rob yourself of the uniqueness of who you are genuinely. You do this to gain approval without knowing assuredly that My approval is all that matters. You are truly one of a kind and precious to Me.”¹

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1 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (October 6, 2021) www.ft111.com/straws2021.htm