

Introduction: “Who do you think you are?”

“This question is not always an easy one to answer, as there are many factors and many people who try to tell us who we are. To complicate matters even more, our desperate longing for approval drives us to seek, to look, act, and be what we think others want rather than discovering who we really are. It’s a question we all grapple with and one that will determine in large measure the quality of our relationships and the level of contentment that we will experience in this life.”

True Spirituality, p.105

- **Factors that shape our lives**

“Our family background, our environment, our personalities, the significant others and role models of our childhood, the values and beliefs systems we were taught, all play a critical role in the formation of our self- identity.”

True Spirituality, p.105

- **So, who are you really?**

- **If you don’t get a sober self-assessment of who you are, you will never fulfill the divine calling God has for you.**

See Ephesians 2:10

1. Moses' journey _____ how to come to grips with the real you.

- Moses' parents, childhood, education and experiences were God's preparation for him to fulfill His _____. Exodus 2

- Moses' _____ (too high) of himself prevented him from fulfilling God's purpose for his life. Exodus 2:11-15

- Moses' _____ (too low) of himself almost prevented him from fulfilling God's purpose for his life. Exodus 3-4:19
 - Excuse #1 – "I'm a nobody." Exodus 3:9-12
 - Excuse #2 – "I'm not smart enough." Exodus 3:13-15
 - Excuse #3 – "I'm not credible." Exodus 4:1-5
 - Excuse #4 – "I'm not qualified." Exodus 4:10-12

2. Moses' reluctant trust in Gods' promises and God's character was his " _____ " to a sober self-assessment.

- Excuse #1 – "I'm a nobody."
God's Answer = "I will go with you." Matthew 28:20
- Excuse #2 – "I'm not smart enough."
God's Answer = "I have the answers." Philippians 4:13
- Excuse #3 – "I'm not credible."
God's Answer = "I will empower you." 2 Timothy 1:7
- Excuse #4 – "I'm not qualified."
God's Answer = "I gifted you for this job." Romans 12:6-8

3. Moses' life reveals that a sober self-assessment is a _____ to fulfill our divine assignment. (Ephesians 3:20)

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

Romans 12:3 (NIV)

- No one can give you an accurate view of your life but God.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Question: How do you come to grips with the real you?

1. **Ask God** to help you recognize the _____ mirrors of the world that have shaped your thinking.

2. **Begin the journey** of developing a sober self-assessment by getting God's view of you through . . .
 - . . . His Word – Renew your mind
 - . . . His people – Honest feedback
 - . . . Personal evaluation –Top 3 Strengths/Weaknesses card
 - . . . Discovering your primary spiritual gift

3. **Celebrate daily** that you are unique, loved, accepted, capable, and being prepared to fulfill your divine assignment.