

Know Who You Are To Avoid Pitfalls

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Isn't it amazing that a person can live for 70 years and never know who they really are?

I have always been told that what you don't know won't hurt you and on a true-or-false test, knowing what I know now, I would circle false. The very thing that you don't know has the ability to cripple you and your bloodline. I believe we are in a season where our idea of who we are is so critical. Knowing who you are, as odd as it may seem, can explain the many fights you are forced to face because every fight is set up to test the contents of what's in you.

Contrary to what you may know or even believe, every day that you wake up and step outside you are in a fight! 1 Timothy 6:12 says fight the good fight of faith.

It was later in life that I discovered that the enemy doesn't fight you because of what's on you, but for what's in you. If and when we discover what's in us, then everything around us will change through the power of self discovery.

Sometimes in life we spend too much time trying to discern other people, because we have been led to believe that our deliverance and/or validation will come from someone else, and this might be true, but I believe that true deliverance comes when we recognize what God has placed down in us. Please take a moment to ponder this thought provoking question: What's in you that the enemy hates?

The enemy tries to paralyze your productivity by causing you not to realize what's in you. He does this by attacking your external circumstances that grieve your heart. His goal is to get you to think that you have nothing in you that is productive.

When you begin to suspect there's something in you, you then become attracted to other people who know there's something inside of them as well. However, you must be mentored by people who are secure in who they are. You can't afford in this season to be mentored by someone who is confused about who they are. So with that being said, I pose the question:

Are there too many Saul's in your life who don't know who they really are?

When someone doesn't know who they are, they will begin to compare themselves with you. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 10:12 (paraphrased) that it is not wise to compare yourself with others. We are all uniquely made and designed for a purpose, and it's when we are unaware of that purpose or do not embrace that purpose we start looking around us instead of looking at ourselves. This leaves us with a "window mentality" instead of a "mirror mentality." A window is something that you look out of, while a mirror is something that you look into. Many of us are constantly looking through the window at others, when we have a mirror within that gives us the ability to self-reflect and take inventory. If we are always looking outside ourselves, we will never be able to activate or gravitate to the greatness that we possess. Saul's are those who are unaware of who they are and will eventually become dangerous to the destiny of people around them. In the midst of the following things, always stay in character and don't change who you are: 1. Being Promoted. 2. Being Praised. 3. Being Provoked or 4. Being Persecuted. All of these things are inevitable when you come to the knowledge of who you truly are; however, you cannot adjust your values based on them.