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Knowing who you are means  
also knowing who you aren't.

*Eph 22...put off concerning the former conversation the old man,  
which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed  
in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man,  
which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*



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*Eph 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. .*

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**Satan doesn't fight toe-to-toe, he fights to exploit weaknesses.**

***What are your weaknesses?***



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*Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,*

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*Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].*

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*Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Your sin will remain your  
intrusive identity until Christ  
becomes your dominant  
relational priority. *John 15:5*

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*2Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*

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**#2 If you don't work, it affects everyone you are responsible for.**

*1Ti 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*

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*Pro 12:11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain [persons is] void of understanding.*

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Our identity as Christians  
is to be laborers.

