

# Identity

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## I. Introduction.

A. We want to look for convergence in our walks with God.

1. We want this in the area of our gifts so that we can be more selective about what we do.

2. We also want convergence in what others view us to be and our own personal identity. (Luke 4)

B. Satan confuses us concerning our identity. (Luke 4:1-13)

C. God wants to entrust us with influence, but God can only entrust this to those who have passed the test. Integrity is the value placed on oneself.

D. Jesus was Spirit-filled and Spirit-led into the wilderness. Health and wealth gospels deprecate the wilderness experience of the Christian.

E. Satan challenged Jesus about His identity. (Luke 4)

II. The first credential of identity is our submission to the word of God in the wilderness.

III. The second credential of identity is submission to the will of God. God's kingdom promise includes a cross.

IV. The second credential of identity is submission to the wisdom of God.

A. Our culture tests God and deifies man.

B. Satan is merely a tool of God's test.

### **Application questions:**

1. How does identity relate to our submission?

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2. Which area of submission do you find most difficult? Explain.

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3. How can you grow in one of these areas of submission? Be specific.

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