

Identity Theft

Identity: Making A Positive ID #5-7

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Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it.
Psalm 139:14 (TLB)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
John 10:10 (NIV)

4 Identity thieves:

1- My critics...

The next day Moses returned and saw two Hebrew men fighting each other. He said to the one that was in the wrong, "Why are you hitting one of your own people?" ¹⁴ The man answered, "Who made you our ruler and judge? Are you going to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Moses was afraid and thought, "Now everyone knows what I did."
Exodus 2:13-14 (NCV)

2- My past...

Moses grew and became a man. One day he visited his people and saw that they were forced to work very hard. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew man, one of Moses' own people. ¹² Moses looked all around and saw that no one was watching, so he killed the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand.
Exodus 2:11-12 (CEV)

3- My profession...

One day Moses was taking care of Jethro's flock. (Jethro was the priest of Midian and also Moses' father-in-law.) When Moses led the flock to the west side of the desert, he came to Sinai, the mountain of God.
Exodus 3:1 (NCV)

4- My ego...

But Moses said to God, "I am not a great man! How can I go to the king and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?"
Exodus 3:11 (NCV)

Three steps to recover my true identity:

Step #1: I let go of my ego.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
Hebrews 11:24 (NIV)

Be humble before the Lord, and he will make you great.
James 4:10 (ERV)

So the LORD made the Egyptians greatly respect the Israelites, and everyone, including the king and his officials, considered Moses an important leader.
Exodus 11:3 (CEV)

Step #2: I accept who God says I am.

The LORD said to Moses, "See how important I have made you? In speaking to Pharaoh, you will be like God, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.
Exodus 7:1 (ERV)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Step #3: I make a commitment to God.

But the king of Egypt said, "Who is the LORD? Why should I obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go."
Exodus 5:2 (NCV)

Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Lord, why have you brought this trouble on your people? Is this why you sent me here? ²³ I went to the king and said what you told me to say, but ever since that time he has made the people suffer. And you have done nothing to save them."
Exodus 5:22-23 (NCV)

Now, Your Majesty, the LORD says that you will find out who he is by what he is going to do. Look, I am going to strike the surface of the river with this stick, and the water will be turned into blood... ²⁰ Then Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the presence of the king and his officers, Aaron raised his stick and struck the surface of the river, and all the water in it was turned into blood.
Exodus 7:17, 20 (GNT)