

IDENTITY THEFT
Lies You've Been Told ... and How to Get Your Life Back
LIES ABOUT YOU

According to Christian psychologist and best-selling author Dr. Chris Thurman, the lies we believe (and that's the title of his book), are "the #1 reason for our unhappiness." Why? Because "our beliefs control our interpretations and memories." (David Myers) This is why what Paul tells us in Romans 12:1-2 is utterly essential.

First, why there are lies, so many lies?

1. Your fallen nature believes lies. There is something about our essential nature that allows us to believe lies and nonsense—and to lie.

II Timothy 4:3 (NIV)

Colossians 3:5-10 (NIV)

2. The fallen world, which is fundamentally godless, that is, it does life without God.

Life without God is hell.

I Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV)

3. The devil.

John 8:44 (NIV)

Second, lies about you, who you are

1. Lies about your purpose in life.

Nothing in your life is random. Everything has a purpose, indeed, a *divine* purpose.

2. Lies about what defines you, that is, what gives your life meaning and significance—and, therefore, what makes you a "happy" person.

The Curse on Work. Work without God Is Hell.

- Work is routine, difficult, at times degrading.
- The purpose of work is to earn an income.
- What we do defines us. It's our identity.

The Workplace God Intended

- Work is good.
- The purpose of work is to serve others and glorify God.
- God is our provision.
- Our identity is in Christ.

Jeremiah 9:23-24(NIV)

3. Lies about your past.

"Almost all our misfortunes in life come from the wrong notions we have about the things that happen to us." (Marie Stendhal)

II Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

4. Lies about your future. Of course, your past and present circumstances will stand between you and your future, *your destiny*. This is why faith is essential! Unbelief can't forget the past and stares at all the problems in the present. Faith sees the future! Faith sees God. *Can you see?*

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

Upcoming Messages:

7/27-28/2013 – "Lies About God" (Identify Theft Series)

8/3-4/2013 – "Heaven and Hell in Your Head" (Identify Theft Series)