

You Can Begin Again

When You Surrender in the Wilderness (Part 2)

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – September 24, 2017

1. Open in prayer.
2. In the September 17 message, we discussed the first false identity, "I Am What I Do – Performance." This past weekend we discussed the second false identity, "I Am What I Have – Possessions."
 - Peter Scazzero, in his book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* says, "Marketers now spend more than fifteen billion dollars each year seducing children and adolescents to believe they have to have certain toys, clothes, iPods, CDs, etc. Their very identities depend on it. As adults, we measure ourselves through comparisons." (1*)
 - Discuss why placing our identity in our possessions and comparing ourselves with others is destructive.
3. Pastor Derwin discussed three lies that come from our culture measuring success by what we have. Read the scripture below and discuss each of the lies.
 - Lie #1 – "If you have more possessions, then your life will be better."
 - o Read Luke 4:5 CSB
 - Lie #2 – "If you have more possessions, you will have more authority."
 - o Read Luke 4:6 CSB
 - Lie #3 – "If you betray God and worship me, all will be yours."
 - o Read Luke 4:7 and Deuteronomy 6:10-14 CSB
4. **How Do You Overcome Temptation #2?** (I am what I have – possessions) Discuss the statements below.
 - By faith, remember Who possesses you.
 - o Read 1 Peter 1:18-19 CSB
 - o We can't overcome this temptation in our own strength. By faith, we must live out of our identity in Christ. Discuss how this applies to our everyday lives.
 - By faith, worship Jesus and serve Jesus, not possessions.
 - o Read Luke 4:8 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19 CSB
 - o Discuss the statement above and give examples of what it means to worship and serve Jesus vs. possessions.

Soul-tattoo: repent and surrender!

(1*) Peter Scazzero, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* (Nashville: Integrity, 2006), 75.