WHO AM I? & WHY AM I HERE?

August 27th, 2017

I. <u>IDENTITY TESTS:</u>

- 1. <u>LORDSHIP</u> <u>SUBMISSION</u>
- 2. **POPULARITY APPROVAL**
- 3. <u>COMPARISON</u> _____

II. Matt 11:1-6

A. $\underline{V1}$ - Teach and to preach

- 1. <u>Teach</u> *didasko* To provide instructions Information
- 2. **Preach** *kerusso* To publicly announce, declare Inspiration
 - a) He began to both INFORM and INSPIRE
 - b) Inspiration helps us overcome the ______ to applying information.

B. $\underline{V2}$ - Word is getting out in the prisons

- 1. **Prison** desmoterion A place of bondage
 - a) <u>Gal 5:1</u> 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.
- 2. Comparison can become a bondage in our life!

C. $\underline{V3}$ - Are you the Coming One or do we look for another?

- 1. John's assignment
 - a) Called to prepare the way never be the way!

2. Assignment adversity

- a) We can get discouraged by our current position vs. our desired position
- b) Who you are currently vs. who we know we are supposed to be

D. V4-6 - Jesus responds

- 1. <u>Luke 4:18-19</u> 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."
- 2. <u>Offended</u> *skandalizo* To entrap, trip up, snare or trap.
 - a) To give up believing what is right and allow yourself to start believing what is false.

b)	Comparison	is a trap	and a breeding	ground for	OFFENSE!
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- III. <u>2 Cor 10:12</u> 12...But they, <u>measuring</u> themselves <u>by</u> themselves, and <u>comparing</u> themselves among themselves, are not wise.
 - A. <u>Compare</u> *sugkrino* To judge one thing in connection with another, compound or combine.
 - B. Your success is not connected or dependent on anyone else but God.
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D.	Do you find yourself minimizing other's success because you are frustrated with the apparent
	lack of your own?