

WHO AM I? & WHY AM I HERE?

FAMILIAR TEST

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I. 4 IDENTITY TESTS:

1. **LORDSHIP** - SUBMISSION - Who's leading/following?
2. **POPULARITY** - APPROVAL - Try and please everyone.
3. **COMPARISON TEST** - UNIQUE - Don't waste your unique DNA
4. **FAMILIARITY TEST** - **BARRIERS**

II. Mark 6:1-6

A. V2 - Container vs. Contents

1. **Astonished** - *ekplesso* - To be amazed as to be overwhelmed.
2. **We have a problem with familiarity when:**
 - a) **We focus on the container more than the contents of the container.**
 - b) **We determine the significance of something based on who or what it comes out of.**

B. V3 - Past vs. Current identity

1. **2 Cor 5:16 NLT** 16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!
 - a) They were familiar with who He was but oblivious to Who He had become!
2. **Offended** - *skandalizo* - To fall into a trap, to give up believing what is right and let oneself believe what is false.
 - a) **A person who is offended at the Container will not benefit from the Contents of the Container.**
 - b) **We will never experience everything God has for us as long as we demand to pick the container it comes out of.**

C. V4 - **3 Familiarity Barriers**

1. **Own Country** - *patris* - Hometown, place of birth and childhood - **Influences**
 - a) **1 Cor 15:33** 33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."
 - b) **Prov 13:20** 20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.
 - c) **Rom 12:2** 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
2. **Own Relatives** - *suggenes* - Family traits; inherited issues, habits, nature. - **Heritage**

