

## Father

### The Lie of “Independence”

- You can have “whatever” you think, dream, envision, believe, positive thinking (Famous misquote – as a man thinks in his heart, so is he)

**Pro 23:6** – *Do not eat the bread of him who has an evil eye, nor desire his dainty foods;*

7) *for as he thinks in his heart, so is he;*

*Eat and drink, he says to you, but his heart is not with you.*

(The context is about a host expecting to be repaid)

### The Tree of Knowledge (Independence)

- **Gen 3:6-7** – desired to make one wise (Independent)
- **Gen 3:22** – *Behold, the man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever,*

### The Tower of Babel

- Gen 11:4 – *Lus us make a name for ourselves (let’s do what we want to do, apart from God)*

## The Truth of Aligning and Co-laboring with Father

**Jn 5:19** – *the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way.*

20) *For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.*

**Jn 5:30** – *I can do nothing on My own.*

*As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.*

**Jn 15:4** – *Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

5) *I am the vine; you are the branches.*

*If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

6) *If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.*

7) *If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

8) *This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

## The key to the Kingdom

- Is releasing God’s power to do God’s Purpose (our purpose too, because He wrote it in our hearts)
- Righteousness is being on the same page with Father
- Father does want His sons to be like Him
  - Just not through independence, self-reliance, self-will
  - Exactly why wealth can be dangerous (1Tim 6:8-10, Mt 6:19-21)

**1 Tim 6:8** – *But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

9) *Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

10) *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

**Mt 6:19** – *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

20) *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,*

*where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

21) *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

## Jesus

I paved the way to restore Co-laboring

- To know Father's heart (Conversations, Council Access)

Jn 10:30 – *I and the Father are one*

Jn 14:10 – *The Father who dwells in me does His works*

Whatever you ask “in Jesus’ name” shall be given (“Whatever” is in Father’s heart)

**Freedom** to be a son:



- To be yourself
- To exercise power and authority
- Have *all these things* (Mt 6:33) – dreams come true

**Has roots in Alignment** not Independence; Comes from the vine, not the branches

## Holy Spirit

Prophetic words and deeds flow from the throne

- Then out of your belly come rivers of living water (Jn 7:38)
- They originate in Father's heart
- You don't need to *make a name for yourself*, Gen 11:4)  
(Father will make your name great, Gen 12:3)

Independence is blindness (unveiled face → transformed into His image)

**2 Cor 3:6** – He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—  
not of the letter but of the Spirit; **for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

**2Cor 3:15** – *Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.*

16) *But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*

17) *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.***

18) *And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

## Wisdom – strategy

**World** – work hard → make money → financial *Independence*

Accountable to a track (Letter vs Spirit) 2Cor 3:6

**Kingdom** – do what Father is doing (via see his Heart, Purpose, Flow, Conversations)

### *Worldly Spirit*

- 1) See how hard I work (What I do)
- 2) You can do it too, you must
- 3) See how Wealthy I am?  
(Free to do whatever)

### *Kingdom, God's Spirit*

- 1) Sees Father's Purpose
- 2) We can Co-labor with Him
- 3) See His Power and Glory?  
- Let the King of Glory in, Ps 24:7  
- Make His Name Great

Sons are shown all things in the Council (Jn 5:20)

- Key to sonship is co-laboring in Father's purpose
- Walking in His power and Provisions
- Allowing Him to be our provider

**Gen 22:14** – *So, Abraham called that place the Lord will Provide (Jehovah Jireh)*

**Phil 4:19** – *my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory*

**Mt 6:33** – *...will add all these things to you*

Am I my provider, or is God?

## Understanding – Tactics

Lord how do I balance my work, earning vs. your work, provisions?

Take up your cross and follow me

- Take your desire for money, independence, fear to the Courts of Heaven, the cross
  - Take the roots
  - Release the decrees

John, the difference is hearing or not hearing Living Words

- Not hearing – I'm covering my bases, protecting myself
- Hearing – I'm co-laboring with Father, connecting to the Vine, seeing the fruit

## *Becoming a Kingdom Business CEO*

	Secular Biz CEO	Christian Biz CEO	Kingdom Biz CEO
<i>Motivations</i>	Following Trends (Money & Marketing)	Called to Ministry (Microphones)	Chosen for Purpose (Reformation)
<i>My Identity</i>	I Have a Dream (Pursuing My Desires)	Steward of God's Biz (Obedient Servant)	Son Owns Assignment (Purpose on Earth)
<i>Identity of Others</i>	Resources (Disposable)	Principled Servants (Disciplined to Obey)	Engage Sons, Hearts (To Help Create...Life)
<i>Leadership Style</i>	Self-Reliant (Independence)	Accountability (Religion, Ways, Rules)	Inspiration, Ecclesia (Living, Shared Purpose)
<i>Definition of Success</i>	\$, WEF Goals (Social Responsibility)	Opportunities for (My Gifts, Talents)	Reformation (People, Cities, Nations)
<i>Succession Plan</i>	Sell the Biz	Preserve Legacy (Process, Values, Traditions)	Prepare New Son/CEO (Multiply the Purpose)

## Council

John, you thought:

- 1) Church was the answer (1990-2003)
- 2) Business, Gaub investments was the answer (2005-2012)
- 3) Your engineering job was a fall back (2012-2025)

The answer is following the lamb wherever, staying connected to the vine

- Your plans for your independence are not the answer
- The answer is daily bread (new manna and new mercies every day)
- Living by every word that proceeds from Father (Mt 4:4)

Lord I'm ashamed that I don't really have a credible plan

- John, that's the point (you don't have a plan to be independent)
- Father has the plan, "follow me and I will make you \_\_\_\_\_."
- Father has shown you much of His strategy.

## Might

John, Father's plan is that you do not have a separate plan!

**2Cor 12:9** – *My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

*Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses,  
so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

10) *That is why, for Christ's sake,*

*I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.  
For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Can you see it's a totally different spirit?

**James 4:3** – *When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives,  
that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

4) *You adulterous people,*

*don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God?*

*Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

5) *Or do you think Scripture says without reason that*

*he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?*

6) *But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:*

*"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."*

7) *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**James 4:13** – *Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city,  
spend a year there, carry on business and make money."*

14) *Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow.*

*What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*

15) *Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."*

16) *As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.*

## Knowledge

The plan isn't "No Plan"

- It's being in the Council and getting "His Plan"
- It's making the mid-course corrections to keep in step
- It's don't have a separate plan  
(a fallback in case Father's plan doesn't work)

The plan is sonship, relationship, Co-laboring

- "Wherever" that goes (Rev 14:4)
- It's not totally predictable, plannable

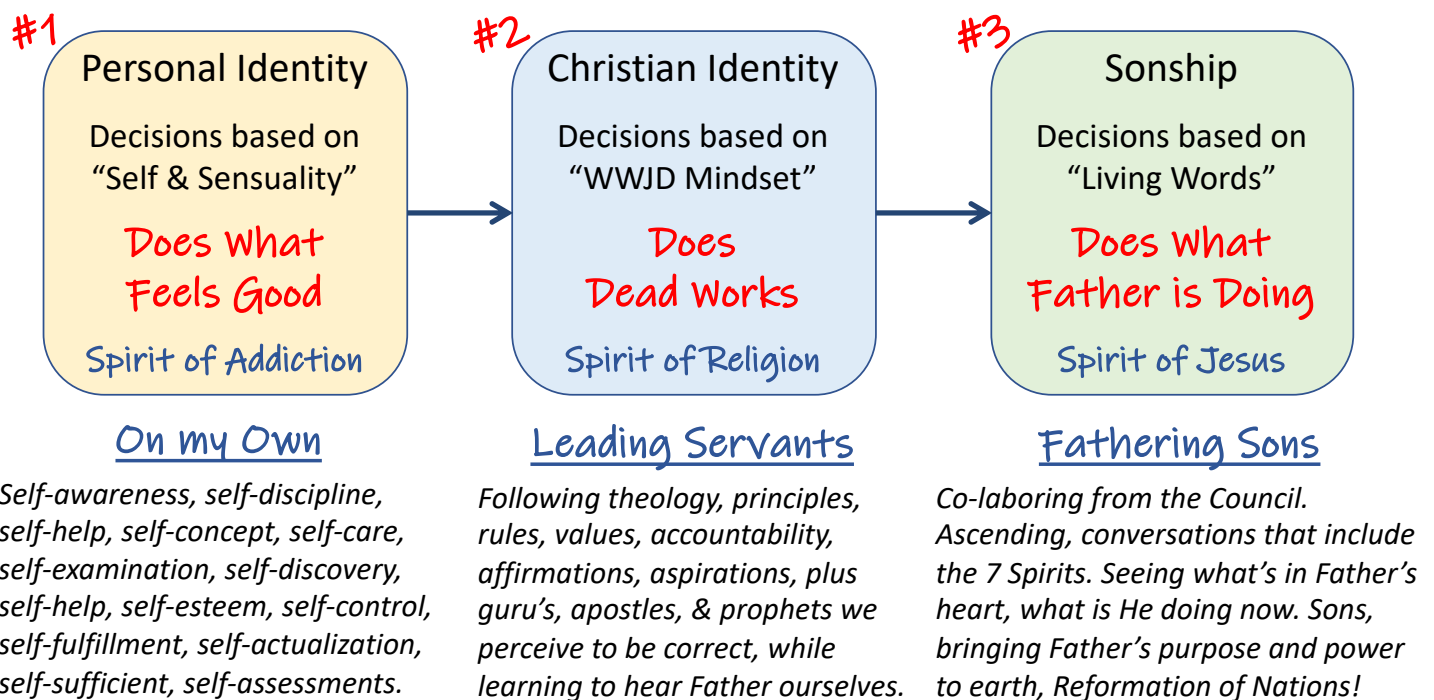
## Fear of the Lord

Independence is man's fallen state, natural propensity

Conversations and co-laboring "restore" your soul (Ps 23), Sonship is Ascension

- Reconnects you to the Vine, Life, Living words, fruit
- Be proud of your weaknesses.
- Be strong in Him, not your self-sufficiency

## 3 Phases of Identity – How We Decide What to Do



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