

FIND YOUR GREATNESS



“The price of
greatness is
responsibility.”

- Winston Churchill

Lesson 1002

Made in God's Image – Greatness!

What are New Name Journals?

You've probably completed numerous Bible studies over the years. Most of these studies strive to increase your knowledge of the Bible itself or strengthen your commitment to the doctrinal principles you hold so dear. Both of these pursuits has value but neither are transformative if you do not find a way to apply them to your walk.

New Name Journals are designed to go further by facilitating your desire for change by helping you to apply Biblical principles to your daily life. To be effective, this must go beyond the mental exercise of accumulating facts. Openness and honesty in your responses should lead you to a point of changing the way you think about yourself, others, God, and the world around you - repentance.

To arrive at this point of repentance, you will want to personalize the information to your own individual circumstances. Feel free to use any extra space available to complete your thoughts.

As with all worthwhile pursuits, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth.



Journal Goals

This Journal will help you to discover your God-given greatness so you can grow in confidence to "do even greater things than these" (John 14:12) as Jesus promised.

This *Made in God's Image* Journal will give you an opportunity to:

- † Explore your design as a creative being.
- † Learn what the Word of God says about you.
- † Cast a vision for your future based on God's view of and purpose for your life.
- † Discover what makes you special to God.



Name

Date

In the beginning...

Have you ever watched the game show *Jeopardy!*? One of the categories on the program is called, "Stupid Answers." It's called that because the answer to the clue is inside the clue itself. So, from *Jeopardy!*'s "Stupid Answers" category: "This is what God was doing when He created man." The answer: "What is creating?"

Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." This means we were created in the image of creativity. Have you ever thought that your original design is and has always been to create? Even Adam, as one of his first assignments from God, was to name the animals. "Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)

As life takes its toll on us, we experience woundings, sorrows, pain, and disappointments, we often let the enemy speak to our fears and allow him to steal from us that for which we were designed. Returning to our design will bring about the abundant life Jesus promised us in John 10:10.



Describe 5 examples of your childhood creativity.

(These can include times of pretending, attempts to invent, making your own toys, etc.)

You've been I.D.'d!

The Word of God has much to say about our identity in Christ. If we will internalize (take into our heart) the truth the Scriptures speak about who we are, the enemy (or the hurting people he uses) will have little chance to drag us down with his lies.

Using the Scripture verses below, write down what the Word of God says about you.

Matthew 5:14 _____

1 Peter 2:9 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

2 Corinthians 5:20 _____

2 Corinthians 11:2 _____



As you are a branch grafted in to Israel, you share in its identification (Romans 11:17). Using the Scripture verses below, write down what the Word of God says about you.

Psalm 17:8 _____

Song of Solomon 2:16 _____

Psalm 95:7 _____

Psalm 8:6 _____

While growing up, sometimes important people in our lives (parents, teachers, coaches, friends, etc.), out of their own hurts, will label us as something less than God sees us. Often, these labels become part of the fabric of our life through which we filter the world and our value in it. Having the truth to set us free from the lies of our past can be a powerful tool. Let's use this tool now.

The Lies Hurt.



In the left column, list names you were called or ways in which you were identified as a child (the lies) that were less than how God sees you. In the column on the right, write down the truth.

The Lie		The Truth
	1	
	2	
	3	
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	8	
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Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Vision is important to our living the life we were created to live. The psalmist recognized the praiseworthiness of God in his own creation by declaring, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14) Over time, we often lose sight of our possibilities God built into our lives and begin to settle for something less. Let's take a few minutes to restore what has been lost and cast a new vision.

List 3 things that as a child, you wanted to be when you grew up.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List 3 things that as a young adult, you wanted your life to look like.

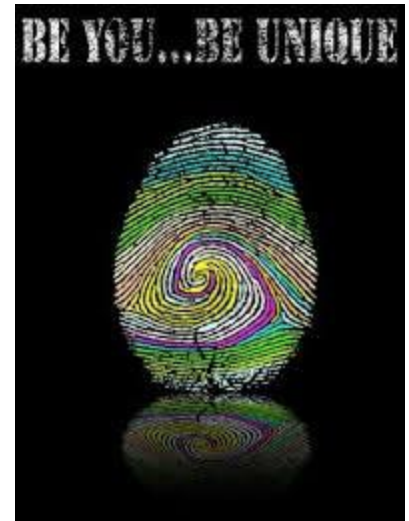
1. _____
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Prayerfully consider what God has in store for your future. Write down the top 3 things that come to mind.

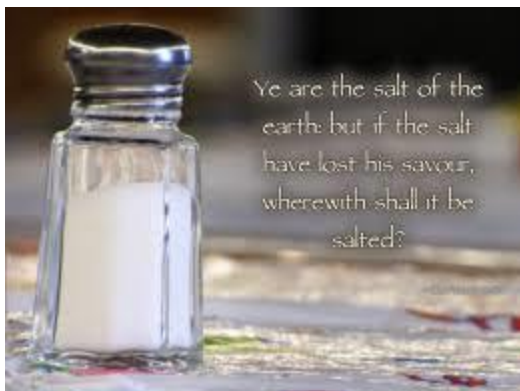
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No Other You

Matthew 5:13 tells us, “You are the salt of the earth.” But what does this mean? In Luke 14:34 we learn that, “Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?” Here we see the application of the word “salt” has to do with seasoning instead of other properties of salt, such as its use as a preservative, a cleansing agent, or a drying agent. The Scriptures also teach us in Leviticus 2:13, “Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.” Salt is even one of the ingredients in the incense (Exodus 30:34-35) which is a type and shadow of prayer (Psalm 141:2 and Revelation 8:4). Salt as a seasoning speaks to the uniqueness of our personality as an individual. Being made in God’s image does not make us clones. His image is so vast, so incomprehensible to the human mind that no one person can express it all. It takes all of us to represent the various facets of his “omni-everything-ness.” There is so much of Him to go around that He created each of us different yet with the same capacity to receive and be an abiding place for His Spirit.



We are each made with such a uniqueness that is so special to the Lord that he calls us to express our personality in prayer and in all of our offerings to Him. We are even invited to express ourselves to one another out of our uniqueness in Colossians 4:6, “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”



Write down the top 3 unique things you can think of that God has placed in you to bring Him special pleasure.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PERSONALITY PROFILE SCORES

7 Choleric

13 Sanguine

8 Phlegmatic

12 Melancholy

Above are the scores from the Personality Plus Profile Assessment you completed. The higher numbers represent the personality types you exhibit the most. Below are some characteristics of each personality type measured in the assessment you took.

- Choleric - rise to the top during crisis moments, provide direction and leadership, will maintain focus on the goals, generally optimistic thinkers, function well with heavy workloads and when under stress and welcome new challenges and risks without fear.
- Sanguine - instinctive communicators who are able to both influence and inspire others, spontaneous and very motivating when in a team or group, respond well to the unexpected, often putting a positive spin on any negative factors, express ideas well, not afraid to offer opinions, accomplish goals through sense of humor, extremely accepting of others.
- Phlegmatic - naturally relational, creating a supportive and positive team environment, tends to be very grounded in reality and common sense, talented multi-taskers although will work at a slow and steady pace until something is complete, will approach other team members with patience, attention, loyalty, and an even-temper, tend to be peacemakers and nurturers in groups.
- Melancholy - instinctive organizers who can both create and maintain systems, strive for consistency, logic, and accuracy and do very good work, ask important questions, are "do it yourself" managers who maintain focus on tasks and will see something through until it's finished, emphasize quality, think logically, and strive for a diplomatic approach and consensus within groups.

Write down the top 5 characteristics you like about yourself from the 2 personality types with your highest scores.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

As you complete this stage of your journey of transformation, look back and appreciate what you have accomplished. Recognize what God has given you to carry you through the challenges and opportunities ahead.

This Journal has helped me to... _____

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