

## **Identity Clearance**

“The Proverbs of Solomon the son of David, King of Israel:”

*Proverbs 1:1*

Identity before Destiny brings sustainable success, while Destiny before Identity brings assured failure. King Solomon began as one who showed great wisdom and honor to those around him, but when he lost sight of God’s order for our lives...he shortly followed suit. He ended up messing up one of the greatest reigns known to man because his life fell out of order. His next book after Proverbs, a book about wisdom, shows his lack of wisdom as he places Destiny before Identity. “The words of the Preacher, the son of David, King in Jerusalem.” Ecclesiastes 1:1.

If we do not first establish our identity, then we will fall into the same trap that Esau did of selling his inheritance for a bowl of beans. The urgency of the present was more important than the value of the timeless. Hebrews 12:17 says, “Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected. Even though he looked for the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.” As we know there are decisions God will forgive us from but we will live out the consequences the rest of our lives. My hope is that at the end of this year you will seek to get your life in order so that you can assure that you do not make those bad decisions in advance.

Establishing Identity, as a Child of God, as the foundation of your life will give you the opportunity to receive the full inheritance of your Destiny. Going back and reaffirming the finished work of Christ in your life on a regular basis will help you make sure that you don’t veer off course.

***P2R (Point 2 Remember): Establishing our Identity in Christ in the Present will allow us to get through all the temptations of the enemy in the Future.***