

Identity

Part Two - Who Am I?

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2 Timothy 3:1-5 (ESV)

1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

“Who am I and what, if anything, can I do about it?”

—ALDOUS HUXLEY

THE EMPIRICAL SELF

(1) The _____ Self

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Psalms 139:13-15 (NLT)

13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

The body: a marvelous machine...
a chemical laboratory, a powerhouse.
Every movement, voluntary or
involuntary, full of secrets and marvels.
—Theodor Herzl (1860-1904)

(2) The _____ Self

Acts 2:42 (CEV)

42 They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

(3) The _____ Self

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NKJV)

27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Christ does not say to me, “Be yourself.”

He says, “Be with me.”

—Brother Roger of Taizé

ANSWERS:

1. SOMATIC

2. SOCIAL

3. SPIRITUAL