

Imparting Identity

Definition of impart: make known, communicate, bestow

Source of Wisdom:

God: John 1:1-5,9-14

False Tree: Independent/knowledge without truth

Original Design: Psalm 139:

- Not self-generated
- It is received in relationship—designed to be image bearers(I am designed to reflect/gain my identity from an outside/external resource)
- Image Bearing—**Imprinting:** Jesus models with Father
- Given freewill-but must learn to be led—Spirit will lead to life—Soul will lead astray (mind, will, emotions)
- Gain my identity by hearing His voice
- Learned in the context of community/belonging
- Imagination=thought that is God breathed—to image forth the unseen realm
- Inquiry leads to Wisdom—who will impart true identity
- Led by the Spirit—leads to worship—unfolding development of gifts
- Narrow way—growing light

False way: Proverbs 14:12

- To learn who I am apart from God—begin to absorb false identity—led by fear (Romans 1)
- Self drawn conclusions—subjective, isolating, produces competition/conflict
- More you attempt to design a unique identity—the more isolated you become from God and others—leads to idolatry/self-enthroned
- Continually default to outside voices that speak to fear/guilt/shame
- Symptoms=self loathing, depression, anxiety
- Wide way—growing darkness

Words of Life:

- Naming
- Affirmation of Belonging
- Affirmation of Gifts/Calling
- Encouragement/Consolation

Words of Death:

- Naming
- Accusation: Bullying and Self-loathing
- Associated with shame and guilt
- Rejection of others/self