

Who Do You Think You Are?
Streams of Thought – Part 2 of 7
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**A Defective Self-Image Can Put A False Ceiling
on God's Work in and Through Me**

The Usual Path to Feeling Good about Myself

Discover what is valued by others

Compare myself to determine my value

Strive to increase my value by getting more

My Real Value is Set by The One Who Made Me

Who Does God Say We Are?

1. We are made by God in His image (James 3:9-10)

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the Maker of them all. ESV

James 3:9-10 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. NIV84

2. We are loved in spite of our rebellion (Romans 5:8)

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. NASU

Romans 8:15-17 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. ESV

3. We have a high spiritual position (Ephesians 2:4-7)

Ephesians 2:4-6 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been

saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. NIV84

How to Build a Strong Self-Image

1. See yourself the way God does (Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 12:3)

Jeremiah 31:3 "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness. NASU

Romans 12:3 Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. NLT

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2. Do right so you feel right (Psalm 106:3)

Psalm 106:3 There is joy for those who deal justly with others and always do what is right. NLT

3. Watch what you say to yourself (Proverbs 18:21)

Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. NIV84

**The words you mutter to yourself have the power to encourage or discourage,
to motivate or deflate, to generate joy or repel it**

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My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Memorize: Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*
- ☐ Build a strong self-image by (circle one): 1 2 3