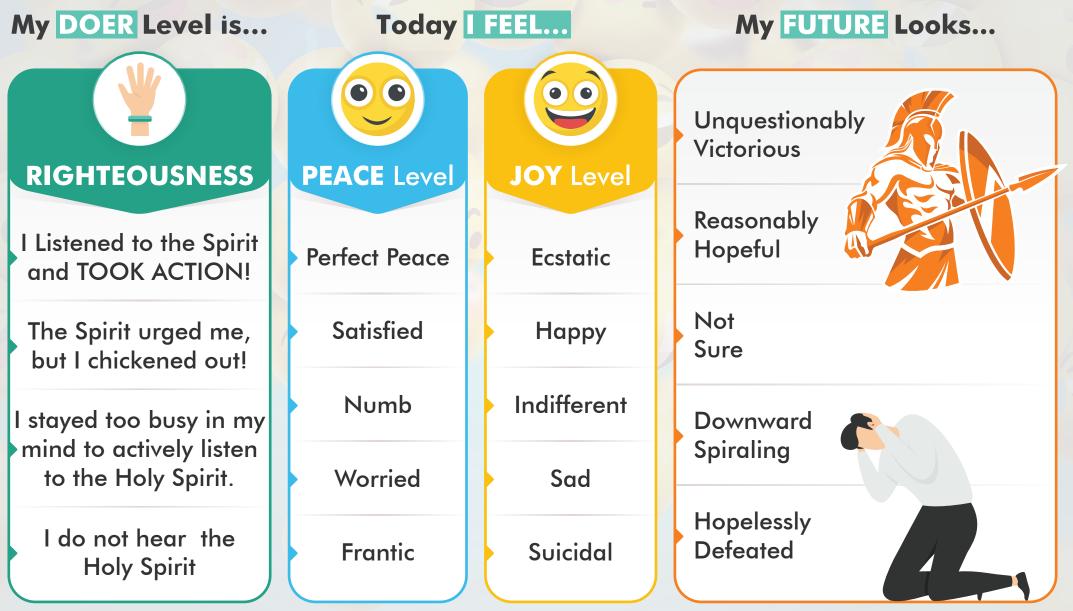
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When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden they hid from God. It was their sin that separated them from the perfect connection they once had with their Creator. God is all knowing, so why did He ask, "Where Are You"? Of course, it was to draw attention to Adam and Eve's condition. With sin now dominating their conscious mind, God would need to "cover their nakedness" and He made the first blood sacrifice to cloth them. This sacrifice was a prophetic act showing how He would cover sin for all mankind, through the sacrifice of His Son.

Jesus is the final sacrifice for sin and He still calls out to us "Where Are You?". The W.A.Y. Identity Chart is used simply to identify where you are in your relationship with God and His Holy Spirit that lives on the inside of you, or it may identify your need to submit your will and life to Jesus altogether and receive Him by faith..

Jesus went about preaching the KINGDOM and asked His Disciples to do the same. Go and preach "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". **The Kingdom of Heaven is the mystery of God taking up residence in our mortal bodies.** (Colossians 1: 26: 27) Jesus was the embodiment of the Kingdom. After His death, burial, and resurrection, He sent the Holy Spirit to take up residence in those who put their faith in His sacrifice at the cross and becomes "born again" into this new KINGDOM LIFE. The SAME SPIRIT that raised Christ from the dead dwells IN us. The W.A.Y. Identity Chart is designed to see where you are in your **KINGDOM IDENTITY**. We get to spend eternity with the **LORD** of our IDENTITY.

ROMANS 14:17 (paraphrased) THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS....

Righteousness, Peace, and Joy IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SALVATION AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and **in your heart**" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the **Lord** Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the **heart** one **believes** unto <u>righteousness</u>, and with the mouth **confession** is made unto **salvation**. (Romans 10:8-10)

Salvation = Giving up your will in exchange for the Lordship of Jesus and giving Him REIGN in your life. When you believe with your heart that He rose from the dead, you are acknowledging that you are dead in your sin, but by repenting and submitting yourself to Jesus, you will be resurrected with Him to Eternal Life.

Many of us may have confessed by repeating a prayer during an emotional moment. Afterwards, when the feelings left, we either forgot and continued living without Jesus or got busy trying to "act" like Christians. If we are honest, most of us did not truly believe with our heart OR mean it when we confessed "LORD" Jesus. To confess that Jesus is Lord, means that you completely resign YOUR WILL to do HIS WILL. Until you make this exchange, how can you call Him Lord or consider yourself saved?

Righteousness = Works done through obedience to the Holy Spirit and through the power of the Spirit, not works done by your own design and understanding of what you or others would consider "Good".

There is a difference between understanding 1) the "Principles of Christianity" and making a "judgement" on how to make that happen (doing works through your own convictions or understood obligations) and 2) "Dying to Self" to let righteous acts come through your relationship with the HEAD (Jesus) by way of the Holy Spirit. The ONLY <u>righteousness</u> in you is Jesus IN you. (2 Corinthians 5:21) There is not one who is <u>righteous</u> (Romans 3:10). Your own <u>self-determined</u> righteous acts are as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). So, the only truly "righteous" acts come from your obedience and submission to the Holy Spirit. If we are HIS, then we know His voice and another (including ourselves) we will not follow. (John 10:27, John 10:4-5). We KNOW His voice when we KNOW Him. Do you hear God or are you trying to obey a preconceived understanding of how a Christian should act and think?

My DOER Level is...



Your KINGDOM IDENTITY comes from HIM living on the inside of you and carrying out His Kingdom through you. It is no longer YOU that lives, but CHRIST that lives in you. (Galatians 2:20). RIGHTEOUSNESS, or DOING "RIGHT" THINGS, comes from your relationship with Jesus and your submission to the Holy Spirit. Only by FAITH can we be saved and only by FAITH can we be righteous. You must first put your faith in Jesus as the sacrifice for your sin and then trust Him to bring you to where He wants you to go. He is the Author and Finisher of your Faith.

If our focus is on our ability to manage sin or discipline ourselves to do good things, one of two things will happen:

- 1) You will get frustrated and realize this Christian thing isn't for you.
- 2) You will get so good at being a "good" Christian that you become selfrighteous and potentially become deceived.

Matthew 7:22-23 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

There are 9 fruits of the Spirit, but Peace and Joy are the only ones that deal directly with your emotions. We could argue that love is an emotion, but love does not behave as an emotion. These two fruits are the barometers that alert us of where our identity is found. Again, to have Perfect Peace and Abundant Joy is only accomplished by FAITH and allowing the Holy Spirit to have reign over your mortal body. If the focus is on you (mortal you) and how you "feel", then it interferes with the KINGDOM you. Peace and Joy IS the Spirit in you, not something you can find outside of you. If you are not at peace or lacking joy, simply ask the Holy Spirit to have control and manifest these areas of your life.

But the Advocate, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things** and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.** I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:26-27)

"These things I have spoken to you, that my **joy** may be in you, and that your **joy** may be **full**." (John 15:11)

THE KINGDOM IS... Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Spirit!

The key is not to try harder or get more disciplined, it is to recognize how loved you are and how righteous you already are in Christ Jesus. It is HIS sacrifice, not yours, that paid the cost for your sin and it is HIS Spirit that perfects you!

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit (salvation), are you now being made perfect by the flesh (self-RIGHTEOUSNESS)? We are made perfect by the SPIRIT! RELAX! He's got you!

My FUTURE IS...



There is another indicator of where you are in your KINGDOM IDENTITY. It is HOPE!

The recurring theme in Kingdom Identity is that it is based on faith in Jesus' redemptive work and carried out by the Holy Spirit. Hope is no different. True and lasting HOPE does not come from positive thinking or even good projections. It comes from the Holy Spirit. CHRIST IN US!

Colossians 1: 26 - 27

²⁶ Even the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the **hope** of glory:

KINGDOM IDENTITY versus FLESH IDENTITY

When we become a New Creation by being born again into the Kingdom of God, we have two opposing identities at war with each other. Flesh Identity is our worldly identity...the Old Man. For example, we may "identify" with many things that are not coming from the Spirit of God, but from our flesh. One thing you will hear a Christian say when trying to justify their actions is, "That is just the way God made me." Well, there IS "the way God made you" once you became a New Creation, but there is also "the way SIN made you" when you were born. You were born into sin with a sinful nature and the manifestation of that sinful nature comes in many shapes and forms. It does not matter WHAT form sin takes, ALL sin separates us from God and comes from our Flesh Identity. Flesh Identity can even manifest in ways that "appear" as righteous. Reread Matthew 7: 22-23 above! We can even build our identity around being a "good" Christian who is talented and can operate in spiritual gifts. Can you imagine standing in front of a holy and perfect Father and say "Are you kidding me? I went to church every Sunday, I read my Bible for two hours every day, I prayed on my hands and knees, and I only listened to worship music. I worked at the homeless shelter every other weekend and I led dozens through the prayer of salvation. What do you mean I can't come in?" Do your works compare anywhere close to holy enough to earn your way in? In this case, your identity was founded in all the "right" things you thought you were doing "for Jesus". Yet, many people who do all these amazing works can honestly say "I have never heard God speak to me." For that person can you imagine any other response but, "I never KNEW you", "we never had a relationship". There are many stars in Hollywood with fan clubs that could tell you every detail of the person's life and worships the ground they walk on, but if you walked up to their door and asked to come live with them, what would they tell you? They would say "Who are you? How do I know you?" Then they would probably call the police thinking you are a robber or stalker.

We hope this chart will help you determine your identity and WHO your faith is placed in to live a Kingdom Life of Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit. God Bless!