

Manifesting GOD Podcast Study Guide



You're Not ALL That!

A Case of **MIS**appropriated Identity

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Introduction

The purpose of this study guide is to establish a foundational understanding of how one's identity can be misappropriated and the implications this has on the individual's purpose, life, and relationships.

1.1 Understanding Identity

- **Biblical Perspective:** In consideration of the concept of identity in the Bible, using scriptures such as Genesis 1:27 ("So God created mankind in his own image...") to highlight the divine origin of identity.

How does what you are taught as a Christian emphasize the importance of recognizing and respecting the unique identity given by God?

1.2 Forms of Appropriated Identity

- **Personal Appropriation:** When an individual takes on an identity that is not their own, often leading to inner conflict or confusion.
- **Cultural Appropriation:** Consider examples in modern society where cultural elements are taken out of context, leading to a distorted identity.
- **Spiritual Appropriation:** When aspects of spiritual beliefs or practices are adopted without a true understanding or respect for their original meaning.

Where might you have unintentionally allowed others or yourself to *mis*appropriate your identity?

1.3 Consequences of Appropriated Identity

- **Loss of Authenticity:** How can appropriating identity lead to a loss of one's true self, referencing 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, which speaks to the importance of diverse identities in the body of Christ.

- **Impact on Relationships:** Explore how relationships can be affected when one or more parties are not authentic in their identities.

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- **Spiritual Implications:** Consider the spiritual consequences of not embracing one's God-given identity, possibly referencing scriptures like Psalm 139:14 ("I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."). What impact might that have to your purpose?

1.4 Case Studies

- **Biblical Examples:** Present a few case studies from the Bible where identity was appropriated or mistaken, such as Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27).

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- **Modern Examples:** Briefly consider real world examples where identity appropriation has caused significant issues, drawing parallels to the biblical stories.