

The Guide #1

A Soldiers Identity

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Your character grows greater through adversity, so embrace it! -Munckism

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:1-3

A Soldiers Identity is _____

A Soldier's Identity is _____

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If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
Matthew 16:24

Many identities are noble: Marine, guide, soldier, doctor, lawyer, teacher, coach, mother, father, grandpa, etc. Many identities are destructive: Alcoholic, drug addict, liar, cheater, failure, adulterer, etc. In the end, there is only one identity that truly matters, and that is "I am a man of God." You cannot control who your family is, and the ones you love will at some point let you down.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 1 Corinthians 13:11 NLT

But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. Psalm 10:14 NIV

If you want to step into your destiny as a man of God, then you need to surrender your life to God.

Whatever commands my _____,
commands my _____,
and that commands my _____.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:11-12

Identity = _____

Energy = _____

Expression = _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____

Your truest identity is not what you do, what you have accomplished, what social economic group you were born into or what pain you have experienced. Your truest identity is that you are the son of the most high God, the creator of the universe. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You are a man of God. That is your true identity, embrace it and live it. like a good soldier.

FOR DISCUSSION:

What are the attributes of a good soldier and a bad soldier?

What identities do men typically choose?

Why is it difficult for men to know as a man of God first in their lives?

Why is it important to never forget the moment we received eternal life?

Our culture is full of the negative implications of bad identities, choices, and men. What are the positive implications of a man of God on our culture?