



Seriously?

“In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.”

The Apostle Paul | Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

“No matter what you decide to do, be the best!” My step-grandmother’s words still ring loudly. I was trying to figure out college and my career path. What would my life have been like had I listened

and taken my “less practical” option, the one I’d dreamed about since kindergarten? Honestly, I waste no time on this kind of thinking anymore. God led me down an entirely different path, one I never foresaw. I couldn’t be more fulfilled!

Yet, I did (and still do) heed her advice in everything I do. I take my work seriously. I take who I am seriously.

“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.” The Apostle Paul (Romans 12:3)

I’ve resolved to think neither more highly nor lowly about myself than who God made me to be. But I take my giftings from God seriously. There are things I’m especially good at. I hone these skills like an expert craftsman. Jesus has given me a unique role in his body and I strive to be the best at it.

Reflect: Am I taking my unique God-given role seriously?

As an Advisor – Coach, I have an inside window to see people struggling... everything from inflating the importance of their worldly role to diminishing who God made them to be. Most have been acting in twisted roles for so long, they’re aren’t even aware. Their struggle imprisons them deep within; their soul’s ache. I know, I’ve been there!

Nothing thrills me more than to witness someone as they become clear about who God made them to be. “You mean I can just say no to things that don’t fit me? That it’s OK to be me?” They’re like the newly born fawns bouncing around my yard yesterday morning, their body language cheering, “Life is so cool!” or horses, released of their saddles and set out in a field, rolling on their backs in mud. “Ahhh... so good to be free!”

Character Identity: A combination of two generic roles that capture the essence of a person’s core God-given gifting, strengths, and natural abilities. A person will consistently bring this identity to every role he/she plays in life: job, parent, or other. Strive to know your Character Identity and align your life to it more and more each day.

Want to feel like the fawns? Uncover your Character Identity! Your unique role in the body of Christ. Then “be it” more and more to become the best.

Consider: How can I be the best at my role if I don’t know what it is?

When I made my decision on college and set my career path, I wouldn’t allow myself to consider my impractical option. A deeply seated financial fear was already well rooted in me. It ruled me... I had no faith fight it! Little did I know that this root, which would later point me to real path that God had me here for, was thriving and growing deeper. Unopposed, fear of financial failure directed the next 25 years of my life.

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears." King David (Psalm 34:4)

Then God, who I now see had been after me my entire life, finally got my attention. He called me to a Mission that required me to slay my Fear Monster. I confronted it head on. ([Read about it here: The Emperor Has No Clothes!](#)) Scared to death, I prayed and prayed! My faith skyrocketed, my Intimacy with Jesus grew deep... I took God seriously! He freed me and set me on a whole new path.

Now I strive to be the best at what God has asked me to do – I take my Mission seriously.

*Imagine: **My Mission advancing because I'm striving to be the best.***

I hate to think what life might look like if God was OK with being unexceptional; if he didn't give his absolute best for us...

*"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."
The Apostle John (John 3:16)*

Fortunately for us, he cannot be anything but the best... he loves us too much! He takes his role seriously... shouldn't you?

How might your life, your faith, change if you started taking God, the unique role he's given you, and your Mission...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What Fear Monster has been directing my life's decisions? How will I confront it?
- What faithless thinking do I need to change to become the best at what God has me here to do?
- What skills must I hone to become the best at who God made me to be?
- Don't know my Character Identity? [Contact us!](#)
- Don't know my Mission? [Start here!](#)

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

I take God seriously so I take who I am and what I do seriously.

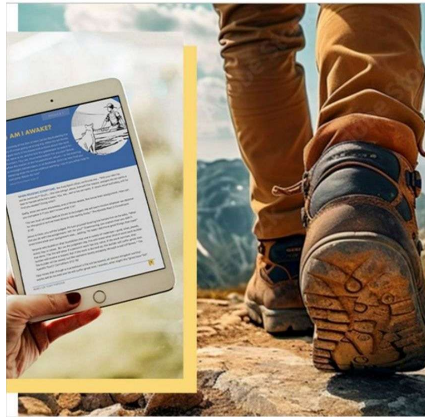
"Let the whole world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him. For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command."

King David | Psalm 33:8-9 (NLT)

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