

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Part 3: The Big Question

QUESTIONS WE OFTEN ASK

- Two staples
 1. What do you want to be when you grow up?
 2. What do you do?
- Thought provoking questions we can add
 1. Who do you want to be in five years?
 2. Who are you? What defines your life?
- Answers from the scriptures **(2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NKJV)**
 1. We are new creations - the old spiritual condition has passed away
 2. What is new in us is from God - we are born of Him

WHEN JESUS CHANGED A FUTURE (Luke 19:1-10 NKJV)

- The conflict in Zacchaeus
 1. He was powerful and rich - but hated and rejected by his people
 2. He surprisingly possessed a spiritual hunger
- Jesus engaged Zac in a life changing way
 1. He stopped for him and knew his name
 2. He went to have a meal at Zac's house - considered a huge honor
 3. Jesus showed He was not afraid to be identified with those religion had rejected
- A future changing transformation
 1. When Zac knew he was not rejected by Jesus and by implication by God
 2. On his own he became
 3. Jesus acknowledged the change - saying salvation had come

SO WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?

- Start with a hunger; a desire
 1. A hunger to know and please God
 2. Hunger/desire precedes effort
 3. God acknowledges and answers a hungry heart **(Luke 1:53 NKJV)**
- Add the belief that God is for you and is not disappointed with you **(Romans 8:31-32 NKJV)**
 1. He has stopped under your tree - and validated His intent by sending Jesus
 2. This belief reduces the fear of failure
- Find out who you are destined to become
 1. As a child of the living God - we have a big capacity and big potential for change/growth
 2. The scriptures give us a picture of who we are **(2 Peter 1:5-7, 9 NKJV)**