

Preventing Conflict Through  
Accurate Self-Evaluation

The question "Who am I?" is overworked. It is often asked as an invocation to self-worship. It is, in fact, the wrong question for the Christian to pose. On the Damascus Road, Saul of Tarsus cried out, "Who are you, Lord?" In the Lord's answer and subsequent working in Saul's life, the problem of the Apostle's identity was solved. It is ludicrous to imagine Paul, the aged servant of Christ, staring blankly at his prison walls mumbling the question, "Who am I anyway?" In addressing his inspired letters, it is clear that his identity was never in doubt after his encounter with Jesus Christ on the Syrian road.

The same man exhorts believers to "think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."<sup>35</sup> Thus the proper questions to ask are: What is God's design in and for my life?; What task has the Lord prepared me for?; What gifts have I received that are to be developed and put to work for God's glory? All of this is couched in a word of caution that I am not to think of myself more highly than I ought.<sup>36</sup> So along with assessing strong points, there should be a serious evaluation of my limitations.

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