**Identity** – personal traits that define us. What makes me unique?

My strengths and weaknesses. Embracing and improving.

Am I limited in time? Place? Am I interwoven with an unlimited God?

in work? Job vs career vs purpose.

Our Skill – abilities, capabilities, possibilities, potential.

Knowledge – past, current, future

Financial worth – past, current, future.

Popularity – outwardly motivated, inwardly, purpose driven?

According to the Oxford Dictionary, <u>pride is defined as "the quality of having an excessively high opinion of oneself</u> or one's importance;

**Pride** is an emotional response of one's achievement or success **confidence** is defined as "a feeling of self-assurance arising from an appreciation of one's own abilities or qualities."

**Ego** is one's feeling about his/her own self. Identity, self importance.

The thinking, feeling, and distinguishing itself from others. Emotionally fragile?

Self esteem – am I healthy? am I honest?

Self loathing – am I my worst critic?

Humility – give credit to your team, and to God.

Jer 1:5 - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;

2 Cor 5:21 - Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us...and in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Rom 12:3 -

For I say to every man that is among you, through the grace given unto me, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Cont Eng translation...

For I am telling every single one of you, through the grace that has been given to me, not to have exaggerated ideas about your own importance. Instead, develop a sober estimate of yourself based on the standard which God has given to each of you

Gal 6:3,4- If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,

Rom 3: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. – Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)