

How then are we to break the cycle? When we take our rightful place in Christ and begin walking in the fullness of our identity, we will soon find that there is no striving in abiding. We no longer should feel the need to strive, earn or beg for the love, mercy, grace and acceptance of God. He loves me. He is in me. He is for me. He is pleased with me. I abide in Him. We are meant to use our talents, abilities and predispositions, our very identity, to change societies within the seven pillars which shape them, not to try to impress or gain approval from either God or man.

There is a popular song by JJ Heller, which so beautifully states what I think too many of us secretly cry out for within our souls. The chorus of the song says:

*Who will love me for me
Not for what I have done or what I will become
Who will love me for me
'Cause nobody has shown me what love
What love really means*

God, in His great love for us, showers us with blessing after blessing, not because of what we have accomplished, but because of who we are. We would do well to emulate that example.

*I will love you for you
Not for what you have done or what you will become
I will love you for you
I will give you the love
The love that you never knew*

Abide in Him.

How can I show others I appreciate them for who they are, not just their accomplishments?

In my own life, where do I operate in the works for rewards cycle?
