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who started life as a thief and a liar. He lived as a deceitful schemer to get what he wanted and had no peace until God gave Him a new identity (Genesis 32:27-30). With the new identity, came abundant blessings that were rightfully his.

God wants you to have a sound and a disciplined mind because He created you in His own image. He will give you a new identity in spite of your past. However, you must repent of your sins and seek a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ, before that can take place. Christ died on the Cross of Calvary to pay for the sins of mankind. The Blood that He shed on the Cross cleanses all manner of sin, in that your sins are completely forgiven once you receive Him as your Lord

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1. Admit that you are a sinner.
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