

THINGS WE COMPARE

- Possessions
- Appearance
- Performance
- Circumstances

John 21: 20-22 (NLT) ...²⁰ Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved – the one who had leaned over to Jesus during supper and asked, “Lord, who will betray you?”²¹ Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?”²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.”...

WHY DOES GOD HATE WHEN WE COMPARE?

1. Comparison is the death of contentment!

I Timothy 6:6-7 (NLT) ⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

2. Comparison makes us prideful.

Luke 18:14 (NLT) ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

3. Comparison makes us resentful.

I Samuel 18:6-9 (NLT) ⁶ When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. ⁷ This was their song: “Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!” ⁸ This made Saul very angry. “What’s this?” he said. “They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they’ll be making him their King!” ⁹ So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

WE RESENT GOD’S GOODNESS IN OTHERS’ LIVES AND IGNORE GOD’S BLESSING IN OUR OWN LIFE!

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

1. Be content with what you have.

Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV © 2010) ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

2. Know who you are.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) ¹⁰For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

