

**Comparing  
Quit – Part 3  
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**Things We Compare...**

- We compare our possessions.
- We compare our appearance.
- We compare our performance.
- We compare our circumstances.

**Why God Does Not Want You To Compare...**

1. Comparison kills contentment.

**2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)** *“We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.”*

2. Comparison makes us prideful.

**Luke 18:11-12 (NIV)** *“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ”*

**C.S. Lewis – Mere Christianity**

*“We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better looking than others. If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking there would be nothing to be proud about. It is the comparison that makes you proud, the pleasure of being above the rest.”*

### 3. Comparison makes us resentful.

**1 Samuel 18:6-9 (NIV)** *“When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. <sup>7</sup> As they danced, they sang: ‘Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.’ <sup>8</sup> Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. ‘They have credited David with tens of thousands,’ he thought, ‘but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?’ <sup>9</sup> And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.”*

**When we compare we resent God's goodness in the lives of others and ignore God's blessing in our own life.**

#### So What Do You Do?

- Know what you have.

**Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV)** *“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.”*

**2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)** *“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*

- Know who you are.

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)** *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

**I pray today that you understand who you are,  
because in knowing who you are,  
you know who you don't have to be!**