

Series: "I QUIT"
Part 4: "COMPARING MYSELF TO OTHERS"
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Things we compare:

_____ Possessions _____ Performance
 _____ Appearance _____ Circumstances

Why God hates when we compare:

1. It gives birth to _____

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

Luke 18:9 (NIV)

¹¹ 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. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

Luke 18:11-12 (NIV)

2. It gives birth to _____

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. 1 Samuel 18:6-9 (NIV)

➤ We often _____ God's goodness in others' lives and _____ God's blessing in our own lives!

3. It kills _____

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NIV)

¹² 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 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

The Solution:

➤ Learn _____ !

¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

So, what do we do?

1. Know what we _____

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 everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

2. Know who we _____

In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:4b-8a (NIV)

3. Know where we're _____

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV)

Sermon Notes:
