



More Than Conquerors

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“Conquering Comparison”

Intro: If the Devil can't **confuse** your **identity**, he will get you to **compare** your **individuality**.

(Romans 8:37) “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

(2 Corinthians 10:12) “For we dare not **make ourselves of the number**, or **compare ourselves** with some that commend themselves: but they **measuring themselves** by themselves, and **comparing themselves among themselves**, **are not wise**.”

* We ask questions so we can compare things:

- like what do you do? (Then I can see if you are above or below me academically, financially, etc.)
- Are you just greeter or are you on the praise team, etc. (Then I can see if you are above me or below me spiritually) on an on with the comparisons...

Principle: When I **compare** I **compete**.

✓ Comparison gives birth to **PRIDE**.

(Luke 18:11-12) “The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.”

✓ Comparison gives birth to **INSECURITY** and **JEALOUSY**.

(1 Samuel 18:6-9) “And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. 7 And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. 8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom? 9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.”

CONQUERING COMPARISON

(Hebrews 12:1-2) “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

1. Run **YOUR** race.

(Psalm 139:14) “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.”

(1 Corinthians 9:24-27) “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

2. Focus on **JESUS**.

(Acts 17:28) “For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.”

- Why not take a few minutes to write down the ways that being unique is a positive factor in your life?
- How can you maximize your uniqueness? Every product is known because it has something to offer that other products don't offer. What do you have to offer that distinguishes you from other people? If you don't know or you aren't sure, ask God to show you. Perhaps you could ask others who know you — I believe they could share some positive insights that will help you on your journey to freedom.