

VICTORY

PART 5

VICTORY OVER THE CURSE OF COMPARISON

2 Corinthians 10:12 But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant!

2 Corinthians 10:17–18 As the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.” When people commend themselves, it doesn’t count for much. The important thing is for the Lord to commend them.

1. DECIDE WHO DECIDES MY WORTH.

Psalm 139:13–14 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

2. DECLARE MY INDEPENDENCE.

Romans 12:2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

3. DO TO OTHERS WHAT I WANT THEM TO DO TO ME.

Luke 6:31 **Do to others as you would like them to do to you.**

4. DIRECT MY STEPS TO HIS PURPOSE FOR ME.

1 Corinthians 9:26 So I run with purpose in every step. . .

Hebrews 12:1–2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.