

THE OVERCOMING LIFE

Overcoming Comparison Jimmy Evans

John 21:15–24

I. The Curse of Comparison

1. It produces arrogance (superiority) or insecurity (inferiority).
2. It keeps me self-focused and focused on others rather than focused on God.

Romans 8:3–8

3. On some level, it keeps me mistrustful of God and offended at Him.
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4. It causes me to be resentful and reject others who have what I want.
5. I try to be something I am not in order to measure up and feel good about myself.
6. It is an open door for the devil to work.

James 3:14–16

II. Considerations Concerning Comparison

1. No one gets the whole package.
2. The greater a person's influence, the less their impact. The more your impact, the less your influence.
3. God gives the most profound giftings in people and places we least expect!

1 Corinthians 12:23–25

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4. **The greater the size, level of responsibility, or scope of influence or authority, the greater the stress. Stress neutralizes the satisfaction of everything it is or does.**
 5. **Many times we are all feeling insecure at the same time and are coveting different things about each other.**
 6. **Everyone has pain. Many times it is very private. We look at people in a one-dimensional manner, choosing what we desire but not realizing what comes with it.**
 7. **Greater blessings and giftings produce greater accountability with God.**

Luke 12:48; James 3:1

III. Causes of Comparison

1. **Lack of Acceptance in Who God Made Me to Be**
 2. **Lack of Security and Identity in God**
- Jeremiah 17:5-8*
3. **Greed**
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4. **Wrong Concept of God**
5. **Lack of Love for Others**
6. **Covetousness**
7. **Jealousy and Envy**

1 John 2:15-16

IV. Curing Comparison

1. Thank God for who He has made me to be and accept myself.
2. Trust God with my needs and desires and to make me into the person I want to become.
3. Trust God with other people and stop interfering with His work in their lives.
4. Bless others in their advantages and be a giver and encourager.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?

Scripture is from the New King James Version of the Bible.