

Principle #6: Comparison always leads to carnality

For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NASB)

You are what you are by the grace of God

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NASB)

Begin to say to yourself:

I am going to break the _____ of _____ myself with other people.

Practice – Three things to help you break the habit

1. Habitually choose to _____ others the way God does. 1 Samuel 16:7

“...God sees not as man sees...”

2. Habitually choose to _____ yourself Psalm 139:13-18
the way God does.

God loves you and cares for you just the way He made you.

3. Habitually choose to _____ your performance/success by answering the following questions:

• Did I give my very best _____? Colossians 3:23

• Who am I seeking to _____?

• Am I fulfilling my God _____? Matthew 25

Discussion Questions:

1. Think about how many times you compared yourself to others in this past week. How will you begin to break the habit of comparing yourself with other people?
2. Paul understood he was who he was by the grace of God. What steps can you take this week to develop this kind of thinking?
3. Who are you seeking to impress? Why?
4. According to Psalm 139, what impacts you the most about the way God sees you? How can you create a habit of seeing yourself as God does?
5. Take some time to thank God for the way He's created you.