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The Attack on Identity

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The Weapon of Comparison

2 Corinthian 2: 12 *For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.*

We are less likely to succumb to the weapon of comparison when we know who we are in our Faith, when we are grateful for what he has done for us.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

...because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

The Weapon of Competition

1st Corthians 9: 24 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.*

25 *Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable. 26* *So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27* *But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.*

The best way to defend against the Weapon of Competition is to compete with a Kingdom Mindset.

The Weapon of Condemnation

Romans 8: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

John 16: *7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

- **It is through the Conviction of the Holy Spirit we are protected from the Weapon of Condemnation**

Let our faith in Christ become our Identity