

THE COMPARISON TRAP

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I. Describing the Comparison Trap

II. Root Desires of Sinful Comparison

III. Growing in Fear of the Lord

- A. God is Creator. (Genesis 1:1, 26-28)
- B. God is Sovereign. (Psalm 115:3)
- C. God is All-Wise. (Isaiah 55:8-9; Psalm 131)
- D. God is Love. (1 John 3:1; Romans 8:32, 38-39)

IV. Growing in Love for Others (John 21:21-22; Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

V. Practices for Combatting Comparison

- A. Cultivate God-centeredness. (Psalm 115:1)
- B. Cultivate others-focus. (Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:11-14, 24-26)
- C. Cultivate humility. (1 Corinthians 4:7; James 4:6, 10)
- D. Cultivate gratitude. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- E. Cultivate generosity. (1 Timothy 6:18)