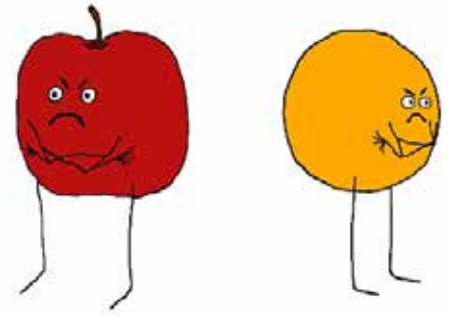


"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other BETTER than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" Philippians 2:3-5 KJV



We incessantly evaluate our own worth by those around us. Many times it's completely sub conscious. We are not even aware that we are even doing it. We compare attitudes, character, personality, and actions. God points out in His Word that those *"measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."* The believer's measure or standard of behavior and character is God's Word and the example given by God Himself, when He assumed human form and *"made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant."* He submitted to the cruelty of the Roman cross and esteemed men worthy of His sacrifice, going so far as to forgive the ones who tortured Him. Yes, He is God and more capable than ordinary men, but *"if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."* Faith transforms ordinary men. *"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* Through God's Word *"I can do ALL things."* Men of faith are *"more than conquerors, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: Others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: (Of whom the world was not worthy:) And these all, [have] obtained a good report, through faith."* The supernatural gift of faith creates supernatural men. God spent many exhausting hours feeding, healing, resurrecting, and teaching less worthy men; patiently and without a murmur; even insisting on seeing the children. He never tended to His own needs until alone, esteeming their needs above His own. When you're mistreated, *"consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."* Lowliness of mind is reaching OUT, not DOWN to help.

Compassion is the soul of Love,
And it is learned from God above,
To help the helpless in their need,
Truth must control my ev'ry deed. ~CGP

God sets the standard and enables men through faith in His Word plus NOTHING ELSE! Not their own strength, wit, or character, but through the *"new creature"* they are transformed into by calling on the Saviour in repentance! Repentance is desiring to forsake sin in all its forms and nuances in favor of faith and obedience out of love for God. *"We love Him, because He FIRST loved us!"* It is only through Christ, the Word, that we are enabled with the *"mind of Christ."* Are we *"more than conquerors"* through faith in Christ or weak with *"little faith"* in Christ?

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who FOR THE JOY that was set before Him ENDURED THE CROSS, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God."
Hebrews 12:2 KJV