



Dangers of Comparing



Teddy Roosevelt quote

“Comparison is the thief to Joy”

It can be easy to lose our Joy this time of year.

Seems to always be a battle between:

Gratitude and Contentment vs. Envy and Jealousy

Some struggle with Superiority

2 Corinthians 10:9-13 - New Living Translation

Pride will keep you from learning from others.

Augustine (400 a.d.) - "It was pride that changed angels to devils, humility makes men as angels."

American culture rewards arrogance, not modesty.

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“I don’t compare students nearly as much as Mrs. Wynn does.”

Some struggle with Inferiority

Do you struggle to be happy for others?

Do you always think everyone else is better off than you?

Do you feel “less than” when together with groups of people?

Don't buy into the lies that you are inferior.

Parable of Land Owner - Matt. 20:1-16

4 Comparison Problems....

1. Breeds Complacency and Conformity
2. Destroys Contentment
3. Kills Confidence
4. Creates Contempt Genesis 4:2-8 , Genesis 37

This Holiday Season.....

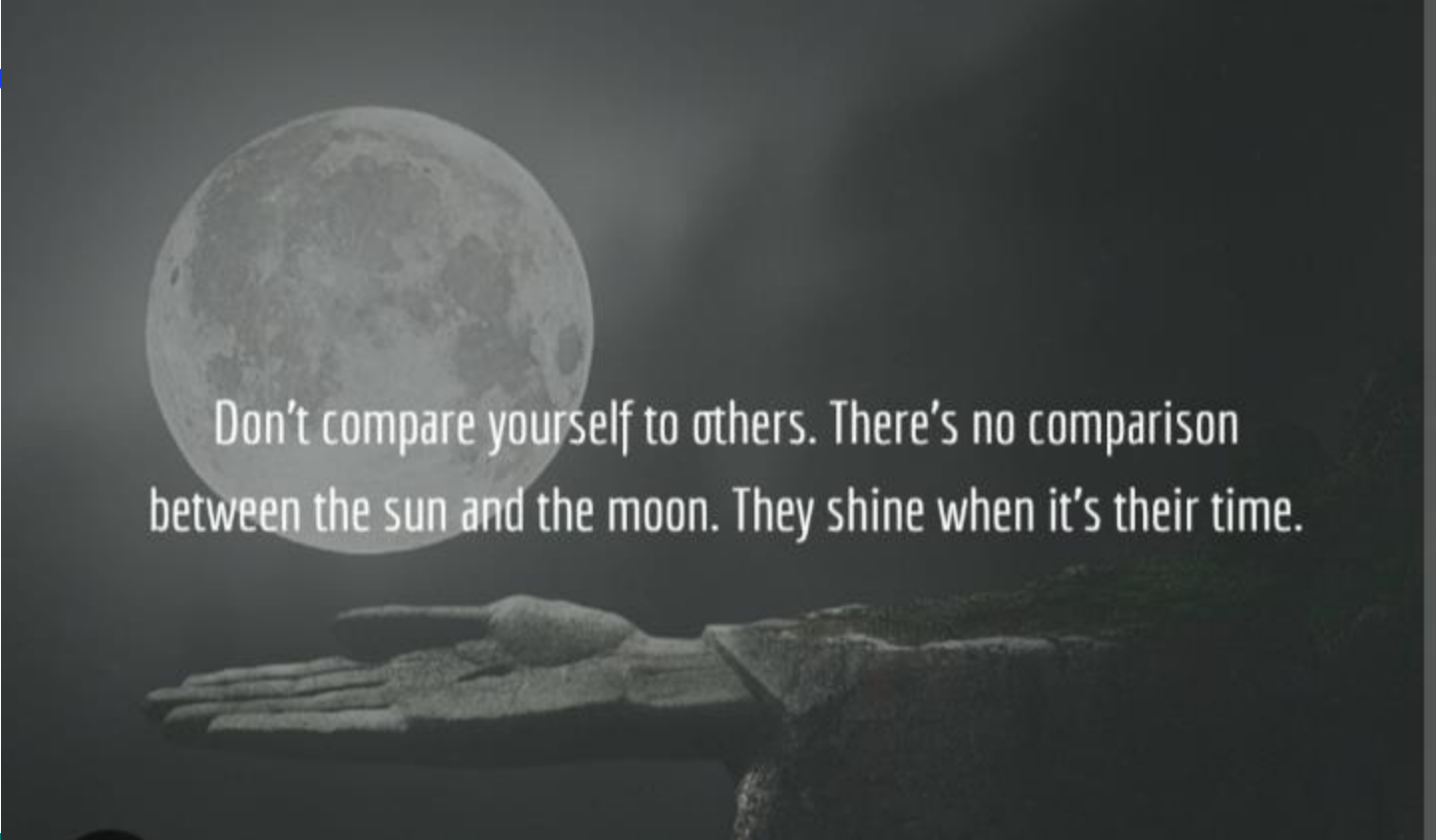
If you struggle with:

Discontentment → Worship the Giver of all things.

Insecurity → Love others! Philippians 2:1-4

Insecurity is fear based. 1 John 4:17-19

Jealousy → Give generously by sharing your blessings.

A large, full moon is shown in a dark, clear sky. Below the moon, a hand is reaching up, palm facing up, as if holding or supporting the moon. The hand is dark and appears to be part of a larger figure, possibly a person or a creature. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, with the moon being the primary light source.

Don't compare yourself to others. There's no comparison
between the sun and the moon. They shine when it's their time.