

2 Corinthians



Power in Weakness

Overcoming Insecurity

2 Corinthians 10:7-18

7Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. 8Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. 9For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

1 Cor. 15:7-9a

**15 Here is a trustworthy saying that
deserves full acceptance: Christ
Jesus came into the world to save
sinners—of whom I am the worst.
1 Timothy 1:15 NLT**

STEPS TO OVERCOMING INSECURITY

1. Know your identity in Christ –

You are judging by appearances. If anyone is confident that they belong to Christ, they should consider again that we belong to Christ just as much as they do. 2 Corinthians 10:7

**2. See the purpose of our
calling**

8So even if I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. 9I do not want to seem to be trying to frighten you with my letters. 2 Corinthians 10:8-9

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

— [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

“I want to live my life in such a way that when I get out of bed in the morning, the devil says, "aw shoot, he's up!"

— [Steve Maraboli](#),

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

3. Stop the Comparison game

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Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant! 2 Corinthians 10:12

The Cost of the Comparison game

1. Gets your eyes off of God and on other people
2. Listen to what others say much more than what God says

3. Causes you to complain about perceived inequities

4. Sees others good qualities and demeans your own

- 5. Builds yourself up by judging yourself by your intentions and others by their actions**

- 6. Puts you in competition with others rather than contributing to their success and the success of the team**

4. Give all the credit and honor to God

13We will not boast about things done outside our area of authority. We will boast only about what has happened within the boundaries of the work God has given us, which includes our working with you. 2 Corinthians 10:13

14We are not reaching beyond these boundaries when we claim authority over you, as if we had never visited you. For we were the first to travel all the way to Corinth with the Good News of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:14

**15 Nor do we boast and claim credit
for the work someone else has done.
Instead, we hope that your faith will
grow so that the boundaries of our
work among you will be extended.
2 Corinthians 10:15**

**17But, “Let the one who boasts boast
in the Lord.” 18For it is not the one
who commends himself who is
approved, but the one whom the Lord
commends. 2 Corinthians 10:17-18**

Application questions:

Do I know who I am in Christ? How can I remind myself regularly of this true identity?

Have I been playing the “comparison game”? How can I stop?

How can I live my life more with the intention of God commending me?