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**Avoiding the Trap of Comparing**

Most people in the world fall into the trap of comparing themselves with others. Doing so only causes hurt for everyone involved. As Christians, we should learn to avoid the trap of comparing. To experience a happy and peaceful life and be a blessing to others, we should not compare ourselves with the world or others. Instead, we should compare ourselves with Jesus.

2 Corinthians 10:12 "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."

1. Why comparing ourselves with others is not wise

1.1 It causes division in the body of Christ– 2 Corinthians 10:12

1.2 It causes us to reject God's plan – 1 Samuel 8:4-7

1.3 It causes envy, strife and divisions – 1 Corinthians 3:3-5

2 Why comparing ourselves to Jesus is wise

2.1 You were created to be like Jesus - Ephesians 4:24, 1 John 2:6, Gal 4:19

2.2 We will live a life that pleases God – John 8:29, Colossians 1:10

2.3 We will love God and others – Matthew 22:37-39, John 13:34-35

2.4 We will live a life of service – Mark 10:45, Ephesians 2:10

**Conclusion:** Be sure you avoid the trap of comparing yourself with others. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and compare ourselves to Him so that we can live a happy and peaceful life and be a blessing to others.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is comparing ourselves to the world and others unwise?
2. What will happen to us when we compare ourselves to Jesus?
3. What are the four points mentioned as to why it is wise to compare ourselves to Jesus?