## Identity Killer

Comparison is a killer of Identity, Dreams, Creativity and Purpose.

Matthew 25:14-28

## Comparison is a venom that will end up defiling your heart into believing and agreeing with lies about God, yourself and those around you.

**Comparison** was present when, *in Isaiah 14:13–14*, Lucifer **embraced pride** *and* **declared**, "I will make myself LIKE the Most High."

In verse 15, we see the consequence of his decision. It brought about his ruin and he has used this very thing to bring about ruin in the earth; To kill, steal and destroy God's dreams for His creation in the hearts of His people.

We also see this in the garden, *in Genesis 3: 2–5*, where the serpent tells Woman: "and you will be LIKE God, knowing good and evil."

The serpent succeeded in shifting Woman's attention from the abundance of what was available, to the desire to touch what was not available for her and Adam to eat of.

#### This is also evident in the parable of the Talents.

#### Read: Matthew 25:14-28

The slave with the one talent lost the joy of the assignment when he agreed with the lie that his contribution was meager compared to his companions greater amounts; instead of investing like the others, he gave up and hid what he was given.

#### Comparison will plant in your heart seeds of:

- Coveting
- Envy
- Jealousy
- Gossip
- Division
- Manipulation
- Fear
- Anger
- Depression
- Hopelessness

We open the door of our heart to comparison by way of agreement and decision.

By agreeing with **comparison**, we allow our God-given purpose to be stolen from us, *sabotaging* us from finishing everything that God has intended for us to fulfill.

# **How** do you get **free** from *comparison*?

### Agreement.

There is great power in agreement. Agree **with what God says** about you. Take a look at the scriptures for reflection. These are some of the things God has said about you.

#### Decision.

Make the decision of repentance. Repentance does not stop at penance; it requires changing the way you think. In the original Greek, repentance is the word *Metanoia meaning:* a change of the mind that changes the will and causes a course correction, i.e. mindset shift.

#### Romans 12:1-2 NASB:

**1** Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Make the decision to obey.

#### SCRIPTURES TO REFLECT

We were never created to be the same...

"I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;"

Psalms 139:14 NASB

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons."

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NASB

#### "For the body is not one member, but many."

1 Corinthians 12:14 NASB

#### REFLECTION PROMPTS

• What do you hear in your heart when you read these scriptures?

• What changes need to take place in order to come into alignment scripture?

• In what ways can you apply the revelation you are receiving to your everyday life?

#### NOTES