

## **Living Well in the Face of Unhealthy Comparison**

---

June 14, 2020

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:1-6; 10:12-13

### **The Dangers of Comparisons**

- It is dangerous to compare ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ (10:12).
- Comparisons are dangerous because they \_\_\_\_\_  
from the main thing.
- Comparisons are dangerous because they are not \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Living Beyond Comparison's Discouragement**

- Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ministry (v. 1).
- The importance of a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2).
- We must maintain our \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5).

## **Life Enrichment**

---

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are some daily tasks that involve comparison?
- How does peer pressure shape our emotions, actions, and relationships?
- Why do you think the kind of comparison mentioned in this week's sermon is dangerous?
- Are humans and human institutions like churches good standards by which to evaluate ourselves and our ministries? Why or why not?
- How might we become distracted by unhealthy comparisons?
- What are some ways the Apostle Paul attempted to live beyond the discouragement caused by comparisons?
- With so many examples of successful individual and church ministries available to us, how can we avoid the temptation to join in unhealthy comparisons?
- Why is it important to know the nature of our ministry?
- What are some ways that the American church engages in "peddling the Word of God?" How can we avoid participating in Christian peddling?