

January 7, 2018

QUIT KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

Keeping up with the Joneses will cause you to _____ that you think will make you _____, only to realize that they _____.
Pro 14:30

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Keeping up with the Joneses will cause you to _____ based on _____ and _____.
Ro 12:2

Keeping up with the Joneses will assure your _____ for the _____.
James 4:1-2

Keeping up with the Joneses is not a _____ or a _____ issue; it's a _____ issue.
Ex 20:17

We were never designed to find our value in what WE HAVE but in what GOD has GIVEN. Col 2:10

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Heb 13:5

TALK IT OVER

If you're honest with yourself, how powerful is the pull of comparison on you? What choices have you made that may have been made on the basis of keeping up with the Joneses?

What does Ex 20:17 say about comparing (coveting)? Of all the choices, why do you think God made coveting part of the Ten Commandments?

In your opinion, is comparing a spiritual issue? Why?

How have you found comparisons based on competing or conformity to be unhealthy for you?

What effect has thanking God for your own blessings as well as the blessings He bestows on others had on envy in your own heart? (1Cor 13:4; Col 3:17; Phil. 4:11)

Read Col 2:7. How has deepening your personal faith helped you in practical ways such as dealing with comparison?

Do you sense anything standing in the way between you and God these days?

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☑ ***Keeping up with the Joneses*** will assure your REGISTRATION for the RAT RACE.
James 4:1-2

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