



## Lesson 131 Emulate Christ

Majesty, splendor, resilience, life in your God Jesus. Do not try to compare yourself to others but instead seek Me, follow My example. Be humble, be the unique person I created. Each is special. Each has traveled a different path to come to where they are now. Embrace this thing called life. Embrace and celebrate. Be all that I created you to be, not another. Do not try to emulate others but instead emulate Christ. This isn't a competition. That is all for now, go in peace.

### Introduction

We are going to start today's lesson by first looking at the Lord's closing remark of "This isn't a competition." And indeed it is not, for competition is defined as:

#### Competition:

-the act of striving to outdo another for acknowledgment, prize, award, supremacy, profit, etc.  
-engage in contest

Synonyms – struggle, compete, contest

After reading the definition of competition, I decided that competition is like many other things, in that it can be good or it can be bad. On the good side, in sports for example, it is a way to meet and spend time with other people who share a common interest (fellowship), it teaches us about rules and following them (obedience), it teaches us to try harder (it motivates us), it teaches us about working as a team (serving) and it helps us to be a good winner (humble etc.) or a good loser (happy for the other person's success) dependent upon our circumstance.

However, on the bad side, the cons may be that it leads to feelings of inadequacy, inferiority or incompetence. It can even lead to depression if you come to feel as if you are falling short of the mark. Consequently, instead of striving to reach your fullest potential, your motivation becomes twisted to winning at all costs. Ultimately, you seek to put yourself (before others) into a position that may not be yours to claim. An example of which can be read in this:

**Mark 10:35-45** *Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you*

*desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

The actions of James and John *greatly displeased* their fellow disciples but Jesus used this situation to teach them about servitude and humility. He taught them to follow His example. Therefore with that in mind and through the words we received this week, the Lord will teach and encourage each one of us to **emulate** (imitate with effort) **Christ** himself.

**1 Peter 2:21** *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps...*

**1 John 2:6** *He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.*

Hence through this lesson the Lord will re-affirm to each one of us that we are all special and unique. We are each, individually, a creation of our Father God, with varying gifts and talents. We may have come here by different paths but we are all seeking after a richer **life in our God Jesus**.

And finally, we will come to understand that even though we are different and unique, with different skills, we are all still one and same children, of the most High God. We do not need to fret with comparisons or competitions. We need instead to **Embrace and celebrate this thing called life**.

## **Life in Your God Jesus**

The Lord opened today's message with these words, **Majesty, splendor, resilience, life in your God Jesus**. The definitions of which are as follows:

**Majesty** – regal, lofty or stately dignity, supreme greatness or authority

**Splendor** – brilliant or gorgeous in appearance, grandeur, glory, brightness

**Resilience** – the power or ability to return to original form, ability to recover readily

These words, to me, speak of a type of life we can have through Christ our Lord. It is a brilliant life full of dignity and brightness. It is a life full of possibilities. It is a life full of answers and entrance. It is a life full of return and recovery. Yes, it is a "life" (living, alive) in Christ indeed.

**October 14<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide** - Only those in close touch with Me, inspired by My Spirit, infected by My Love, impregnated with My Strength, retain a resilience of being and receptivity to new Truth.

The child heart that I enjoined upon My followers is ever ready to be renewed, is ever responsive to all that is prepared for "the new creature in Christ Jesus."

Our life in Christ is a new life. And it is this life that the Lord is speaking of today.

02/28/13 DP - **Marvelous are My ways, walk in them fully to fulfill My plan for you. State of preparation, what say you about this? Training for My Bride, legalistic observance of My laws/ways, abide in Me and I in you...** See yourself changing conforming to My image, refashioned from old to new. It is My doing. Obedience is key.

03/21/13 MVA - **Keep focus forward. I AM showing many things.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.*

**March 13<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide** - Be happy in Me. Feel that your life is complete in Me. Know the Joy of a friendship in which those who love Me share.

Our life in Christ can be a life of **Majesty, splendor, and resilience**. This is because His ways are **Marvelous** but we must first **walk in them** (His ways) **fully** in order to obtain this aforementioned life of **Majesty, splendor, and resilience**. On 03/11/13 the Lord said,

03/11/13 CT - **Approximation (a guess or estimate), you can't approximate (simulate, imitate) life. You have to jump right in. You should not live your life half way. Live it with gustow. Put all into your life (i.e. give it your all). No half measures. Embrace it. Embrace whatever you are led to work on at the time. If study, then give it your all. If reading, then give it your all. If praying, then give it your all. Work tirelessly in all. Do your best. Give your best. Make an A+ not a C-. Be a pleasing servant for your God Jesus.**

The life we have in Christ is like no other. It is a brilliant life full of dignity and brightness. It is a life full of possibilities. It is a life full of answers and entrance. It is a life full of return and recovery. It is the life of a *new creation*, where the *old things have passed away*, and they *have become new*.

### **Do Not Compare**

So far in this lesson, basically, we have learned that each one of us are special and unique. We are each, individually, a creation of our Father God, with varying gifts and talents. We may have come here by different paths but we are all seeking after a richer **life in our God Jesus**. Consequently, what we discovered is that this richer life, can only be found, in Christ Jesus. Therefore, it is in and through Him, that we become a *new creation*.

All of this sounds really awesome and positive but remember the Lord cautioned us today against competition. He, as a matter of fact, said this:

**Do not try to compare yourself to others but instead seek Me, follow My example.**

In my opinion, these words indicate the Lord's complete understanding of human frailty! He understands our thoughts. He understands how the enemy works in our lives. He understands that there are times when we all need to be brought back on track. And with that in mind, let's look at the definition of compare,

**Comparison/compare:**

**-the act of examining (two or more objects, ideas, people, etc.) in order to note similarities and differences**

**Synonyms – analyze, consider, contrast**

Therefore, when we **compare** ourselves to others what we are doing is noting the similarities and/or differences in our thoughts, actions or deeds. And since the Lord told us that we are **not** to do this then I think we can, most definitely, assume that we are falling back on the bad side, or on the cons of competition, as discussed earlier. Remember comparing ourselves to others in many instances leads to feelings of inadequacy, inferiority, incompetence and even depression.

I think what the Lord is trying to teach us, is that often times when we compare ourselves to others, what happens is that we end up feeling as if we are falling short of the mark. For

example, one person may have three meetings a day, another may have two, while another may only meet with the Lord formally once a week yet he spends a great deal of time together with Him throughout the day. One person may have multiple dreams every night, while another person rarely dreams. One person may have begun seriously following after the Lord when he was 24 while another began at 52. Therefore, as these examples indicate, comparisons are not profitable. And this is why the Lord cautioned us with these words, **Do not try to compare yourself to others.**

This, however, is not the end of what we can say about comparisons because comparisons can also lead to selfishness, arrogance, and bitterness, as expressed in these passages.

**Philippians 2:3** *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*

**James 3:13-18** *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

These verses above clearly speak of selfish ambition, envy and self-seeking types of behaviors. All of these types of behaviors go against the wisdom from above. They, likewise, are not profitable. And finally, we will close this Do Not Compare section, with this from the Lord who said,

**instead seek Me, follow My example.**

Here the Lord is saying, don't compare yourself to others, instead look to Me, follow the example I left for you. And this sentiment goes right along with the verses we read above. Remember,

**1 Peter 2:21** *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps...*

**1 John 2:6** *He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.*

Consequently, we are to walk as He walked and we are to follow His example, as indicated below.

04/03/13 CT - **Take a step back, meditate on Jesus' example of humility, patience and virtue and then move forward. Move forward in the fruits of the Spirit. Move forward minus self. I know that it seems a constant battle at times controlling self.**

04/06/13 DP - **Follow My example set forth in the earth no self.**

04/08/13 CT - **Follow My example.**

In this section, the Lord has taught us that comparisons are distracting and they are not profitable, as well. Inadequacy, inferiority, incompetence and even depression; selfishness, envy and self-seeking behaviors can all come about as a result of comparison; not to mention the overwhelming feelings of defeat. Basically, what the Lord taught us here is that comparisons lead to negative feelings that open the door to the enemy. His solution, however, is for us to **seek** Him (a closer relationship with Him), by **following** His **example.**

## The Person I Created

In the last section we discussed all the negative feelings and consequences of comparisons. The Lord, however, advised us away from this type of behavior towards one of seeking after Him, through the following of His example and now in this section He will further elucidate His answer through this:

Be humble, be the unique person I created. Each is special. Each has traveled a different path to come to where they are now.

I think it would be good to break this passage down into it's various parts. So let's begin by looking at what the Lord has had to say about humility.

03/29/13 CT - Focus on the positives of life. Discard the negatives. Be My child. Be humble, full of grace, accepting your position as one of the Most High's.

04/04/13 SN - Be humble.

04/05/13 SN - Hearts united as one, Let us come together, Divisiveness is never the way, Humble...gentle sets the pace.

**Matthew 18:4** *"Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

**Matthew 23:12** *"And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> God Calling** - You will find such Joy as the time goes on in speaking to each other of Me, and together climbing higher. Always humble, meek, and lowly in heart.

From these many passages we can gather that humility is prized in the Kingdom of our Lord. The Lord, in fact has said that, he who is humble, he will be acclaimed, and honored by the Most High. I even think that humility prohibits (blocks) comparison because the point of focus is different in that.

But let's move on from here to the next part and that is, that we are all **unique and special**; about which the Lord said,

**be the unique person I created. Each is special.**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> God Calling** - Each soul is so different -- I alone understand perfectly the language of each...

**May 21<sup>st</sup> God Calling** - Character is chiseled into Beauty by the daily discipline and daily duties done. For in many ways, My disciples must work out their own salvation, though this is not possible without My strength and Help, and without converse with Me.

Even for the Spiritual Life the training is different for different spirits. The man who would fain live a life of prayer and meditation is thrust into the busy ways of life, and the busy man is bidden to rest and wait patiently for Me. O joy, O rest, and in the busy ways be ever at peace.

From these passages we can see that we are all different. No one is made a like and only Christ alone understands each perfectly. Each though **unique**, each is important. Each though **unique**, each is special. We are one body yet we have many members. Each member is valuable. Each member is special.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-25** *For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.*

*If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were*

*hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.*

*And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.*

Can you see how the Lord is teaching us that we are all unique and special? We are one body with many members. We have come together yet we have all traversed different paths to get to this point, to get here. And this is the last part of this section that we will talk about, the diverse paths, the assorted, varied, dissimilar tracks we have followed to meet here. The Lord said,

Each has traveled a different path to come to where they are now.

And though they are different, they are none the less, of equal importance. They help us to become the person we are today. Here are some messages that speak of our different paths:

02/08/13 BN - I speak to each of My servants differently...according to their needs,

02/12/13 BN - My calling upon each is different...listen for yours.

03/02/13 DP - I am guiding each individually, corporate purpose. Be aware of My leading in your life. Do as I say and all will be well.

03/27/13 DP - I am preparing you each individually for corporate participation together follow in gladness let your hearts be always filled with joy in your midst.

04/02/13 BN - I gift each with different things.

04/02/13 DP - I am grafting, molding on an individual basis. All are being conformed to My image. Great pressure being applied.

We began this section with the understanding that we are to be humble, realizing that we have all been created by the same Father. We are to be humble in spite of our uniqueness. We are to be humble because we recognize and acknowledge the value of each individual which reminded me of this:

**March 10<sup>th</sup> God Calling** - See the good in everybody. Love the good in them. See your unworthiness compared with their worth. Love, laugh, make the world, your little world, happy.

In this section we have learned that when our point of focus is away from self or away from comparisons to others then we will come to appreciate the uniqueness of each individual creation and the paths they have traversed to grow closer to the Lord.

### **Emulate Christ**

What we have discovered thus far in this lesson is that we each have traversed a different path to come to where we are today. No one is more special than the next. We are each special and unique. Some may dream, dreams others may on occasion hear the voice of the Lord. Some may have visions others may possess the gift of tongues, or healings or the gift of prophecy. Basically, what the Lord is teaching us is that we are all a creation of the Lord our God and as such He is encouraging us to:

Embrace this thing called life. Embrace and celebrate. Be all that I created you to be, not another. Do not try to emulate others but instead emulate Christ.

Through these words, I believe, the Lord is speaking of our frailty. He is addressing the issue of our inadvertent competition by saying, be the person I made. Don't try to be someone else. Embrace the life I gave you. Value it. Be the you I created. If you have to copy someone, copy Me, don't try to copy a path that was not made for you and therefore is not perfect for you. He said, **Do not try to emulate others but instead emulate Christ**.

But how do we emulate Christ? Let's read this passages from Him in an effort to find this out: **July 18<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide** - As the world's great Teacher I taught not only so much by word as by the Living Word.

"Learn of Me," I said, adding that men should see in Me meekness . . . and lowliness.

So that My disciples should take Me as their great example, I epitomized My attitude towards My Father in Heaven and towards His other children as "meek and lowly."

Towards God the Father the meekness of a yielded will; towards His other children lowliness devoid of the pride that sunders men and prevents their humble approach to God.

"Learn of Me -- I am meek and lowly in heart." So do you find rest unto your souls.

We emulate Him by following the living example that He left for us. He presented the model we are to follow. It was one of a yielded will, which is a way of saying that, He was all that He was created to be. And through such His has become a path that leads us to rest. Therefore, His is a path not of competition but of humility. And He recently has added this:

04/04/13 SN - **Be humble and seek My face, I AM not asking that which is too much, Trust...honor...respect, Dedication/commitment...value, In time you will know the way.**

04/04/13 BN - **Be faithful to being obedient to Me and all else will fall into place.**

04/05/13 KE - **My ways should be your ways.**

We follow the example of Christ because He provided us with the perfect example. His example is like no other's. He presented an example of a fully yielded vessel. He also provided the perfect example of humility for us to follow. And as we follow His example we must understand that our paths will still be unique. No one else will have traversed the same route as yourself. No one else will have had the same experiences combined with the same gifts. No one else will experience life with Christ exactly as you have. Therefore, we are still, all unique and special, and as such He encouraged us to **Embrace this thing called life. Embrace and celebrate (it) and Be all that He created you to be.**

## Competition

In the last section, we learned that we are to embrace the life we have been given. We are to embrace it's uniqueness yet we are to become a yielded vessel which is another way of saying that we are to become all that we were created to be. And the Lord added this,

04/10/13 DP - **Whispers of love surround you, embrace Me in My fullness. Dwell in unity with Me completely, manifested in My glory. Embrace all I am. Seek Me ever so dearly. I long to fill purged vessels. I reach out unto you. Will you receive Me?**

Yes, the Lord has said that our lives are not to be about comparing. They instead are to be about yielding and embracing. He said, **This isn't a competition**. Therefore, it's about unity. It's about becoming the person He created. He gave us the example to follow. For He said,

**John 13:15** ***"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."***

Therefore, we, of course, are not competing with Christ. And obviously, we likewise, are not to compete with our brothers and sisters in Christ. But we are instead, as stated above, we are to follow His example and seeking after His guidance as well:

**March 25<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide** - Walk in My Ways. Follow the path I have bidden you tread.

Humble yourselves before Me, and keep My laws, so shall you have perfect peace.

I am with you to give you the needed strength. Go forward unafraid. Grow in Grace, and in the knowledge of Me, your Master and your Friend. Count all the learning of earth's wisest as nothing compared with the wisdom that I, your Lord, would show you.

Love and learn. You have much, very much to do for My Kingdom. So seek to become perfect. Sift your motives. All that is unworthy cast aside, uproot its inner growth.

02/20/13 MVA - Following all guidance and instruction of your God Jesus, will guide one into excellence.

04/09/13 MVA - Aware each must be. I AM moving all into positions of authority in your God Jesus. Each must see discern move forward. Gifts given each to be used in concert one another. Practice makes perfect in your God Jesus.

04/10/13 KE - My agenda will be performed and My plan set for you. Take your strides only in Me, as I give you the strength to make them. know this.

Consequently, in Him is life. And it is a life to be embraced.

04/08/13 CT - Embrace your life with Me. Celebrate all that it means to be mine. Worship and praise. Honor and reverence. Likeness. Follow My example. Follow truth.

The Lord's path for us is complete. There is no need for competition or comparison. In His presence fullness is found.

**Psalm 16:11** *You will show me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

## Summation

We began today's lesson by looking at the definition of competition. We learned that due to our human frailty we often compare ourselves to others; however, through this lesson the Lord has taught us that we are all unique and special. We have all come to this point via different paths and yet in spite of these differences each journey has led us to the Lord. We are one body but we have many members. And there is value in each. The Lord taught us that even though one may have dreams and another may hear the voice of the Lord each gift has been given according to the will of the Lord and therefore each is perfect. We should not try to emulate others or their paths but we should instead emulate Christ. This week the Lord said,

Majesty, splendor, resilience, life in your God Jesus. Do not try to compare yourself to others but instead seek Me, follow My example. Be humble, be the unique person I created. Each is special. Each has traveled a different path to come to where they are now. Embrace this thing called life. Embrace and celebrate. Be all that I created you to be, not another. Do not try to emulate others but instead emulate Christ. This isn't a competition. That is all for now, go in peace.

As we proceed forward in our walk let each of us be mindful of these words from the Lord:

04/01/13 DP - Purity in heart coming forth, let your motives be correct. No vain glory. Love must be your motive. See the need, fulfill it through love. Love conquers all. Conquer negativity, Fear, Evil, Darkness. Love is the greatest power. I am love in its purist form. There is no conquering power greater than I. All will humble before Me.

May the Lord bless and keep each unique and special person of His,

Blessings,  
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