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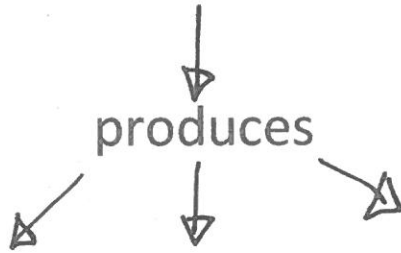
STOP JUDGING AND EVALUATING YOURSELF, for this is not your role. Above all, stop comparing yourself with other people. This produces feelings of pride or inferiority; sometimes, a mixture of both. I lead each of My children along a path that is uniquely tailor-made for him or her. Comparing is not only wrong; it is also meaningless.

Don't look for affirmation in the wrong places: your own evaluations, or those of other people. The only source of real affirmation is My unconditional Love. Many believers perceive Me as an unpleasable Judge, angrily searching out their faults and failures. Nothing could be farther from the truth! I died for your sins, so that I might *clothe you in My garments of salvation*. This is how I see you: *radiant in My robe of righteousness*. When I discipline you, it is never in anger or disgust; it is to prepare you for face-to-Face fellowship with Me throughout all eternity. Immerse yourself in My loving Presence. Be receptive to My affirmation, which flows continually from the throne of grace.

LUKE 6:37; JOHN 3:16-17;
ISAIAH 61:10 (NASB); PROVERBS 3:11-12

Stop

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My path is

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And although you were formerly alienated,
hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet
He has now reconciled you in His fleshly
body through death, in order to present you
before Him holy and blameless and beyond
reproach.

Colossians 1:21-22 (NASB)

The Attributes of God

1. How do the truths about who God is affect how I live my everyday life? Look at an example of this in **Psalm 46:1-2**.

God is our **refuge and strength**, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change.

God is _____ . (fill in any attribute of God)

Therefore I _____. (What will I believe, think, or do?)

Practice this using some of the attributes of God you heard about today.

2. How does what I believe about God affect my relationship with Him?

3. Where have I been making God smaller than He is, or someone other than who He is?

Benefits of Writing

Writing improves the thinking process itself and critical thinking in particular.

Writing improves problem solving.

Writing maximizes learning.

Writing demands that we use higher order thinking skills to respond to complex problems.

Writing aids in the retention of learned material.

Writing requires you to use deeper analytical thinking.

Summary writing during lectures results in more durable learning.

Note taking is an effective learning strategy.

Writing a summary requires active reorganization and synthesis of information, encourages review, and offers the opportunity to restate the main points of something in your own words.

Summary writing significantly increases reading comprehension.

Written language, stabilized on paper, invites kinds of reflection not so natural to oral exchanges.

In comparing talking and writing, writers demonstrate more abstract thought, are more objective and explicit, elaborate in greater detail, and tend to be more rigorous in their treatment of the topic.

Writing is a powerful tool for structuring knowledge.

Discussion combined with writing enhances the retention of knowledge over time.

Writing is an important tool for organizing and consolidating rudimentary ideas into knowledge that is more coherent and well-structured and so more easily learned and retained.