



*Friendship Deeds, From A-Z*



**are to NOT compare!**

**Galatians 6:4-5**

***“Each of us has one body with many parts. And the parts do not all have the same purpose. So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts.”***

Wanna hear a crazy thought? What if, one day you woke up and your arm had turned into a leg? It decided it wanted to go for a walk. (ha!) And then, your nose said, “I’m tired of smelling things...I’d rather sing instead.” So your nose became a mouth. It’s an interesting thought, but it wouldn’t work very well, would it? *(It’d also look kind of nutty!)*

The same thing is true when you as God’s child compare yourself to others. “I wish I were as smart as him.” “Why can’t I sing like that?” “I play soccer better than she does.” You’ve already learned that God has given you special gifts and talents to shine in you and that He wants you to serve others with them; on the other hand, look at what the Bible says about comparing those abilities to others:

**“Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.” Galatians 6:4**

Depending on whether you’re the one wanting or the one bragging, God is the one who should always get the credit for the good things we do or have! Ask Him to help you understand how each person together, doing what he or she does well will show others a more complete picture of who Jesus is.

Can you think of some other ways that one might compare himself or herself to another? Toys, houses, clothes, privileges are some. What are others? Discuss it with your parents...then look up one of the big “10” in Exodus 20:17. Comparing can sometimes lead to wanting what others have, can’t it? Daring to do what the letter “D” teaches will help you be a better friend, so will you do it? Double-dog-dare-ya!

**Discuss the following questions with your parent/s:**

- 1. What are some ways that you have compared yourself to others?**
- 2. Have those comparisons ever led you to want something you don’t have?**
- 3. According to the Galatians verse at the top, do you think it is ok to compare one friend to another? What about bragging if you have more of something than someone else?**
- 4. What does the verse mean when it says, “But in Christ we are one body”?**

*“E” is cheerful and likes to build. Meet him next week and learn his skill...*