

I want to be like you...

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Oh, oobee doo, I wanna be like you,
I wanna walk like you, Talk like you, too

You'll see it's true, An ape like me,
Can learn to be human too

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Why do we try to be like everyone else?

No one likes to be different, considered weird or strange, called a freak

But...we are different!

Exodus 19 : 3 – 6

peculiar – belonging to a person and to him only; special

Psalms 135 : 4

“...for His special treasure.”

Titus 2 : 14

‘periousios’ – being beyond usual

I Peter 2 : 9

“But you are...His own special people...”

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Why are we different?

God chose us!

John 15 : 16 – 19

Why should we be different?

God desires that His people be different!

I Kings 8 : 22 – 23, 53

II Corinthians 6 : 17 – 18

“Come out from among them And be separate...”

‘aphorizo’ (h)– to set off by boundary;
to mark off from others, to separate – in a
bad sense: to exclude; in a good sense: to
set apart for some purpose

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Why is it important to be different?

“You are who your friends are.”

“Show me your friends, and I’ll show you your future.”

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I Corinthians 15 : 33

“Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits.”

II Peter 2 : 4 – 8

“...righteous Lot...tormented his...soul...by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds...”

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How do we stay separated from 'them'?

Romans 12 : 2

“...do not be conformed to this world...”

‘suschematizo’ – to conform one’s self to another
pattern, fashion self according to;
made to resemble, reduced to a likeness of

“...be transformed...”

‘metamorphoo’ – change, transfigure,
metamorphose
think of the butterfly

Colossians 3 : 2 – 8; 12 – 16

“...you...once walked...in them...put on love...”

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I Samuel 8

“Make us a king...like all the nations.” (5)

“...they have not rejected you, but have rejected Me...that I should not reign over them.” (7)

“No, but we will have a king...that we also may be like all the nations.” (19-20)

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How does this make God feel?

I Samuel 10 : 17 – 19

“...but you have today rejected your God...
and you have said to Him, ‘No, set a king over us!’”

I Samuel 15 : 23

“...For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,
and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...”