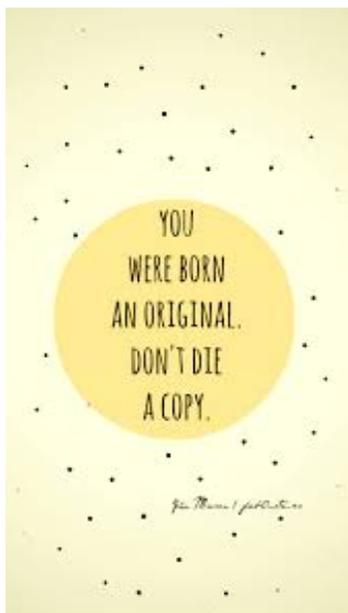


# Be You.

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As my children get older, I'm realizing more and more the influences that are around them in person, in movies, in songs, in even in animals. As a toddler, little children learn by mimicking others and they pick up more than we probably care to admit! I've found myself recently giving a speech to my oldest – to remember who she is – to continue to be herself because no one else is going to be her for her – and the enemy wants to rob her of herself. If you look in the mirror and forget what you see after you walk away, then how will you remember the Word of the Lord, let alone do what it says? (**James 1:22-24**)



Over the years, if not careful, I've found myself acting like someone that I'm hanging around. Some people that I've allowed to influence me (especially in my earlier years) were not necessarily beneficial to my growth as a person. I've even found myself talking like others I know when I'm down right honest about it. I'm not saying that it's wrong to have similarities and sometimes gravitating towards someone else's character can just show that we love them.

God designed each of us. He's perfect so He didn't mess up when it comes to you and me. So I want to encourage each of us to continue looking at Him, the One Who knows exactly what we need, when we need it – and He designed our character. There is **NO OTHER YOU.**

Don't be so focused on someone else's qualities or gifts. Let's try not to let ourselves run away with ideas of hoping to become the next \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with favorite icon).

Lord help us to not be obsessed with someone else's life that we miss the life You've given us. We never want to take what You've made in us for granted. As well, Lord, help us to have the strength, energy, drive, passion, and focus to work on ourselves as much as we help others and more. We want to do our best with what You've created us to be. **IN Jesus name, Amen.**

**Ephesians 2:10 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**