

# The Measure of Life – Conformity to Jesus

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Romans 8:29

*“Attached to Jesus, you are a unique masterpiece.”* (Ephesians 2:10) As such. *“God chose us to bear **the family likeness** of His Son...”* (Romans 8:29) So, the genuine YOU is **Jesus-like!**



I have bad news! Because we crave acceptance, we permit parents, peers, pressures and the public to define us. Consequently, Father's original design is hidden beneath layers (like an onion) of false fabrication. In the process of conforming we lose our true identity.



Don't panic! The Creator possesses the original blueprint of **YOU**: *“Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. **This is the true self.** Every other identity is illusion”* (Brennan Manning). This is the first step of self-discovery.

Second, become acquainted with **THE Measure**. *“Grow in ... understanding your Master and Savior, Jesus Christ.”* (2 Peter 3:1) The authentic **YOU** is **Jesus-like!** He's the measure of your growth in becoming **Jesus-like!**



*“It is when I turn to Christ, when I give myself up to His*

*Personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own". (Mere Christianity, p 58.) As you employ meditation and prayer The Mentor is on 24/7 duty to guide you in discovering the **Jesus-like YOU!**)*

Finally, slowly begin to examine yourself. *"God is patient. He wants you to have an opportunity to change the way you think and act."* (2 Peter 3:9) What thoughts, actions and words are Jesus-like? Label these: **"the real me"**! Anything that doesn't measure up to Jesus is a distorted fabrication. If you need help, ask Father: *"Investigate my life. See for yourself whether I've done anything unlike Jesus. Then guide me on the road to the fulfilled life."* (Psalm 139:23-24)



George Washington, the first president of the United States, was serious about *"measuring up"*! He prayed: ***"Daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ."*** (George Washington, the Christian pp. 24-35)