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For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

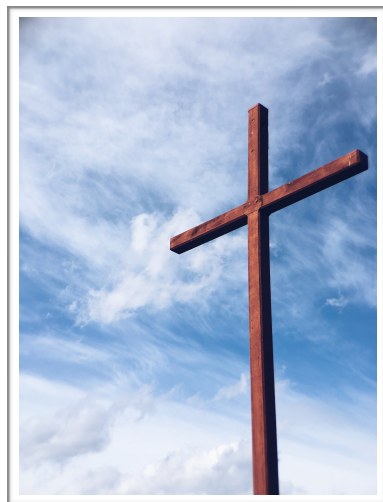
Have you ever happily bought a 'knockoff' version of a designer item, only to discover when you take the item home, that on closer inspection, the flaws and imperfections that you had convinced yourself were minuscule are actually quite noticeable? If so, the chances are that at that point you may regret having made the purchase and consider the item not worth the price that you paid.



Despite the fact that we may be living counterfeit, imitation lives of pretence, Jesus has never once complained to Our Father that the price He paid to set us free (His death on the cross at Calvary) was too high, or that on closer inspection He has decided that we were not worth it. Instead, He was willing to take our place on the cross knowing full well that some of us will never freely acknowledge that He died to save us, and knowing also that some of us, despite knowing Him, will time and again fall short; we will continue to lie, to be judgmental and to treat others poorly.

Satan - the master counterfeiter - will try to convince us that we should continue to live inauthentic and unoriginal, knockoff lives, but we must choose to remember that we are designer originals, created by The Creator of all things.

The enemy is desperate for us to live as described in the following verses: **‘But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!’** 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (New King James Version).



Rather than live our lives as the counterfeiter would have us do: **‘Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.’** 1 John 2:6 (New Living Translation).

‘So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to - the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires.’ Ephesians 4:22 (Good News Translation).

God created us as unique individuals with specific plans crafted for each of our lives. With that in mind and knowing that Satan’s plan is for our lives to be a knockoff version of what God has planned: **‘Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.’** Romans 12:2 (NIV).

‘For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.’ Ephesians 2:10 (New Living Translation).