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And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly Man. 1 Corinthians 15:49 (NIV)

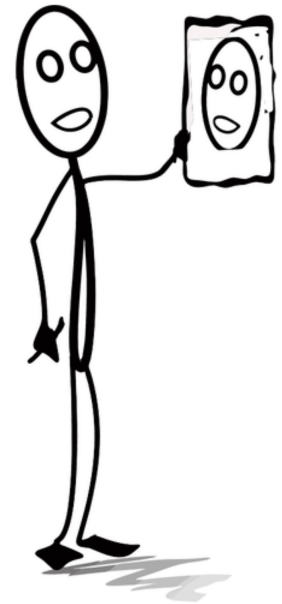
## Thought for today...

“She looks just like you!” “He’s the spitting image of his dad!” Perhaps these words or similar have been said to you, or maybe someone has exclaimed how closely you resemble another member of your family?

Growing up as a child, I was generally irked when yet another adult remarked on how much I looked like my mum. I wanted to look like me - not anyone else!

Interestingly, as I grew older (and wiser), I began to witness and grasp the beauty of my mum’s character, and so greatly welcomed others’ comments that I not only looked like her, but sounded like her too!

In Genesis 1:26, we read: ‘Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;...”’ (NKJV) and in Genesis 1:27: ‘So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.’ (NKJV).



One dictionary gives the definition of an image bearer as: *'a person who bears a strong physical resemblance to another, esp. to a relative, (also called) spit, spit and image'*.

An internet search of the phrase 'spitting image' will likely unearth its origin as 'spit and image', which in turn is supposedly (incorrectly) said to have been inspired by God's use of spit and mud to create Adam in His image. [The Biblical account of Adam's creation is found in Genesis 2:7: **And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (KJV)**]

When others look at us, do they see a strong resemblance to our Heavenly Father? Do they remark that we sound like Jesus? Can they taste the sweetness of the fruit of the Spirit? **'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;...' Galatians 5:22-23 (English Standard Version).**

As followers of Christ, our desire should be to become more and more like Him. **'Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.'** (KJV).

**'But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.'** 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV).



Let's be intentional to seek to reflect God's glory to a watching and waiting world.