

#### Martin Luther King's Accomplishments.

- Led the Montgomery bus boycott.
- He was the first President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.
- Led the Birmingham Campaign.
- Organized the march on Washington.
- He was famous for "I Have A Dream"
- Time Magazine's Man of the Year 1963.
- Youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize

DON'T FIT IN, STAND OUT

To be yourself in a world that is trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment!

**Ralph Waldo Emmerson** 

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#### **Ephesians 4:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called....

As Christians are we to fit in or, are we to stand out?

Rita Mae Brown said, "I think the reward for conformity is that everyone likes you but yourself.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)
<sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

It has been said that one of the greatest regrets in life is being what others would want you to be rather than being yourself.

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## Hebrews 13:15-16 (NASB)

<sup>15</sup> Through Him then, let us continually offer up a *sacrifice* of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. <sup>16</sup> And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Sacrifice is an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important.

#### Romans 12:2 (NASB)

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

To conform is to assume a certain form.

Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.

President John F. Kennedy

# Romans 6:12-13 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, <sup>13</sup> and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Flesh-Spirit Death-Life 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)
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It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society.

If the old things have not passed away then you are not a brand new creature!

**1 Peter 1:14-16 (NASB)** <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;

<sup>16</sup> because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

# **Colossians 3:5 (NASB)**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

# **Galatians 2:20 (NASB)**

<sup>20</sup> "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

#### **Ephesians 4:23-24 (NASB)**

- <sup>23</sup> and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- Transformed comes from the root word metamorphoo, it is where we get the English word metamorphosis which means a profound change in form from one stage in life to another..butterfly

#### **1 John 2:15-16 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

You can't be politically & biblically correct at the same time!

#### **Ephesians 5:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

If you are always trying to be normal by definition of the world, you will never know how amazing you can be by the definition of the Word of God.

# **1 Peter 4:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

# **STOP TRYING TO FIT** IN AND START **STANDING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!**