

Be Yourself

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Did you ever hear it said of someone, “When God made him, He threw the mold away”? Well, that is true of every individual who has ever lived or ever will live. When God made you, He threw the mold away. You’re the only you there will ever be. Everyone is an original. God does not make copies.

The expression, “identical twins,” is a misnomer. There is no such thing. Every individual has his or her own RNA and DNA that is totally distinct from any other person who has ever lived or ever will live. Now if God determined to make every one of us different, then why should any one of us try to be a copy of someone else?

The Lord gave us four children, and not one of them was like another. Some required more discipline than others. Some were more sensitive. Others were more musically inclined. I never tried to mold any of them to be like someone else, but I often said, “I’ll do anything I can to help you reach your full potential and be everything God wants you to be.”

I think parents make a mistake when they try to ful-

fill their own ambitions through the lives of their children or grandchildren. Let them prayerfully choose their own vocation or surrender to their own calling. Then do whatever you can to help them reach their full potential.

And whatever you do, be yourself. Learn from others, but don't try to mimic others. When you try to be someone else, then in reality you're no one at all. You're certainly not yourself, and you're not the person you're trying to be. So be yourself.

B. R. Lakin, a famous evangelist, used to say, "If I could only play one note on the piano, it would be the note B-natural"