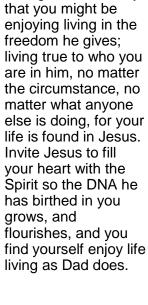
to grow you into all that he has given his life to be a reality in your life.

If you're comparing vourself with others, invite Jesus to show you why. Invite Jesus are in him, no matter to focus your attention on him, for it matter what anyone is his DNA that now pulsates through you. life is found in Jesus. Focus on Jesus that you might more and more live his supernatural love, naturally, because in him, it's you!

This week invite Jesus to show where you are condemning others, and then invite him to reveal why? What is it about vourself vou don't like? What is it that vou fear? What is it that you don't know about Jesus and his love for you that has vou a slave to other people.

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This week invite

Jesus to send the

Spirit to grow you to

ever greater maturity



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1 Corinthians 15:48,49

What came to your mind when you heard It's not this gentle, this read: "The Frist Man (that's Adam) was made out of earth, and people since them are earthy; the Second Man (that's Jesus) was made out of heaven, and people now can be heavenly." (1 Cor. 15:48,49)?

This says to me that Jesus has made a quantum change, and not just done a bit of panel beating. Jesus has made a change at the core; you can now be made out of heaven!

To read that as

meaning you'll be this What is God to do? nice, gentle, fluffy person totally missing When the engine in the mark. So much of your car dies, what what I hear people say about heaven totally misses the mark. There aren't angels sitting on

clouds playing harps. peaceful, serene, mystical place. Rub all those notions out of your brain.

When Adam was made God used the dirt of the ground to form a body into which he breathed life. Adam and Eve rejected God in favour of their own logic. They lost their core, their identity, their reason for being, their value. That's what I think God meant when he said they would die; it present us with a is way, way, more than simply stop breathing.

do vou do; just some panel beating?

What is God to do?

Jesus has come to breathe his breath of life into us, so that we might be made in his image, so that we might be made of the same stuff.

Jesus comes to make a quantum difference. Jesus has come to recreate us in his image, and Jesus is the very image of God. In Jesus we see God, personally.

Jesus doesn't come with some positive thinking program, or new ethical standard for us all to live up to.

When the engine in your car dies you don't simply re-do the upholstery. It'll be nice to sit in, but it won't get you to where you want to be. It'll be comfortable, maybe even have a great

Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

sound system, but it won't get you to where you want to be.

Where does Jesus want you to be?

Somehow I don't think Jesus' goal is that you are some nice, inoffensive person who never rocks the boat. Is that to them without how you would describe Jesus?

If you think that's Jesus, maybe you don't know him that well. I'd invite vou to ask him to reveal more of his personality to you.

Where does Jesus want you to be? What does Jesus want you to be?

I don't think Jesus wants you to be nice and cuddly and totally in offensive. I'm sure he doesn't want you to be aggressive and pushing, disregarding everyone around you.

Why does Jesus say: "love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you." (Luke 6:27,28)

Here's Jesus, why, to these actions; "Love vour enemies! Do good to them. Lend

What does Jesus want vou to be?

expecting to be repaid... and you'll trulv be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. You must be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate." (Luk Don't do it to win e 6:35,36)

Did you hear what Jesus is saying? It's not some new moral code, or some old moral code. Jesus wants you to live true are. to who he has recreated you to be.

Jesus hasn't come to give you more willpower, he's come to give you a new core, a new heart, a new identity, a new reason for getting up in the morning, a new relationship to live in.

Jesus; through his death and resurrection. has birthed you to be part of himself. At the core of who we are, in Jesus, is God, our heavenly Father. So we can now seek to live true to who we are, for in Jesus, you are Father's child. In Jesus you do carry his DNA; so just like Dad you can show compassion for no other reason than that's who you are.

approval. Don't do it to gain acceptance. Don't do it because you're comparing vourself; so you can aloat how compassionate you

This time Dad didn't use dirt to create his children: rather he chose to re-create us judge other." (Luke through his very own son; Jesus. Now we can act for no other reason than that is who we are. We do what our Dad does because in Jesus we

That doesn't mean you're god! That would be to totally miss the mark. Just as thinking because you love your enemy, do good to those who hate vou, and bless those who curse you in anyway shape or form alters the core of who you are.

Without Jesus changing the core of who you are, I can guarantee that by doing this actions you'll just become proud, maybe even arrogant. You might even catch yourself thinking; 'Why can't people be like me!' 'After all I did, they should too'.

I think this is what lies at the heart of Jesus saying; "Do not 6:37) Jesus isn't saving don't make judgements; that totally misses the point. Unfortunately I hear lots of people saving share the same DNA. you can't judge others. don't

condemn others, as if to give you what you

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this is some wonderful moral stance. Which of course leads them to judge and condemn those who they have labelled as judging and condemning. Does anyone see a major flaw here?

Jesus is reminding us to simply live true to who we are in him. I don't live true to who I am in Jesus by focusing on vou. All that does is lead me to make judgements about you, about myself, and in the

process I lose who I am.

How would you go about living true to who you are in Jesus? Would you do it by focusing on me, or by focusing on Jesus? Would you do it with will-power or by inviting Jesus to send the Holy Spirit - need to live true

to who you are in him?

I've notice that when someone is doing something that will harm them: like sticking their finger in a light socket, it's good to make a judgement, and sav: 'Don't do it'. That would be a loving thing to do: much better than watching them light up!

Today Jesus is inviting you to live life in his fullness: becoming all that he has dreamed possible. So I invite you to spend time with Jesus and invite him to send the Spirit