

## HOW TO BECOME SPECIAL

We saw a Hollywood friend while watching a television feature film. He portrayed a highway patrol officer. Norma noticed him first. “I could tell him by his walk,” she said. To prove how well she can identify people by their stride, she spotted our son-in-law from a block away the next day as he crossed a street.



Like a fingerprint, each of us has a distinct walk, and a voice like no other person. The Lord made each of us special. Unfortunately, too many of us spend money and time trying to look and act like other people. Doing that seems cool to many. Scores of young and old folks spend valuable money and time trying to achieve the likeness of celebrities and powerful icons. Sadly, when we mimic others, we lose our own precious, special identity. We miss what makes us valuable and unique. We become as different as a breadcrumb.

Only one thing can make us special. Few people discover the secret. We attain it by modelling someone else’s pattern all right, but it’s that of Jesus. We treat people as Jesus did, and behave as he did. When we pattern our lives after him, he makes our unique walk, voice, and other characteristics attractive and memorable. He alone can make us into what we were born to be. With him we become truly distinctive, not a tacky imitation. Following Jesus puts us on the **“path of righteousness that shines more and more to the perfect day,”** *Proverbs 4:18*. Otherwise we’re destined for “crumbliness.”

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