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They Look Alike

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Have you ever noticed how older married couples begin to look alike? As they grow old together, they begin to have similar facial features. If you're with them long enough, you hear them finish each other's sentences. They hold similar views and have complementary character traits. Their focus on eternity increases year by year.

The same can be said of those who love God and spend time with him. They desire to know him more by knowing his word. The longer they read and meditate on his word, the more they begin to *think* like God. *I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways* (Ps. 119:15). They know it so well that when they hear his words spoken they can complete His sentences.

As time goes by, his character traits become theirs. They take on holiness, purity, mercy, and grace. They are *transformed by the renewing of the mind* (Rom. 12:1b).

Their love for God grows day by day and creates an intense yearning to deny self and please him. They go often to the Bible to know what he desires. *You are good and do good; teach me your statutes* (Ps. 119:68). *Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day* (97). *I love your commandments more than gold, yes, than fine gold!* (127).

When you truly love someone, you want to spend time with them. Those who love God want to be with him often in his word and in prayer. When they do, their focus on eternity increases year by year, because they long to be with him and abide in the place he has prepared for them!

Today's Verse: *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you* (James 4:8).

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