

WWJD - Is It Possible?

WWJD stands for "What Would Jesus Do?" The idea for this question to help you decide what to do in any situation came from a story written over a hundred years ago, yet the question is as relevant today as ever.

Many have tried to use WWJD as a benchmark for decision-making and many more have sadly given up using it over time.

They concluded that it was just too difficult to live this way. After all, who can be perfect? So....what about WWJD - is it possible? What does Scripture teach?

This week and next we will explore this idea of WWJD as we seek to understand the Biblical concept of Sanctification. In so doing we will find the power to really follow Jesus with our lives...

Sanctification is how you become a **WWJD** kind of person.

I Peter 1:21 ; I Thessalonians 5:23-24

Legalism is our attempt to please God by **our own efforts**.

Isaiah 64:6

Christianity's Big Mistake: We give believers an ever expanding "to-do" list, **uncoupled** from the **supernatural power** to do it.

II Timothy 3:5

Sanctification is a supernatural **renovation** by the indwelling Christ through the Spirit of God.

Romans 8:11



The spiritual life of every Christian has been **pressure-tested** and **approved**. The test pilot was **Jesus**. Jesus proved that the life He calls us to live is **doable**.

Unfortunately, many of His followers think He **cheated**.

The heresy - When faced with temptation, a test, or a trial, Jesus reached through a trap door and grabbed a hand full of **His own omnipotence** and hurled it at the problem.

How did Jesus do what He did?

Jesus **laid aside** the use of His own divine powers

Philippians 2:5-8 ; Hebrews 2:17-18

Jesus **voluntarily restricted** Himself to the same powers available to every believer.

Luke 2:40, 52

Jesus lived, loved, served, and worked His miracles by the power of the **Holy Spirit**

Luke 4:18

Jesus **pressure tested** life in the Spirit, and proved the Holy Spirit could handle every trial of life.

Hebrews 4:15

Now it's our turn...the same Holy Spirit is available to every believer.

Jesus Christ really is our Role Model.

By the Spirit's power, we can live a WWJD life . . .

Take some time this week to root out any legalistic thinking that may be part of your past.

Believe the truth about Jesus.

Believe God can work in you by His Spirit so you really can follow Jesus.

Get ready to stay one step behind Him!