

WWJD TODAY

This same change process (sanctification) occurs with Jesus' followers today. The goal is to bring us to the point that we, as believers, become more like Jesus in our daily lives. The Bible says "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor 6:11). This is not something we can do by our own willpower but by submitting our will to Jesus and asking God (the Father) to make us more like His Son Jesus. It is the work of the Holy Spirit that transforms us into the image of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord (2 Cor 3:18). In this way, our words, actions, choices and behaviors in our daily lives truly reflect **WWJD** or **What Would Jesus Do?**

HOW CAN I BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

The first step to become a disciple or believer and follower of Jesus today is to simply ask Him. Just say these words from your heart and mean them: "Lord Jesus, I want to know you and have you in my daily life. Please forgive me for all the things I have done wrong. Thank you for dying on the Cross in my place, so that I don't have to pay for my wrong doing (sins) myself (John 3:16). Please come into my life and change me through your Holy Spirit so that I can be more like You every day. Help me to know the answer to the question **WWJD** (**What Would Jesus Do?**) in

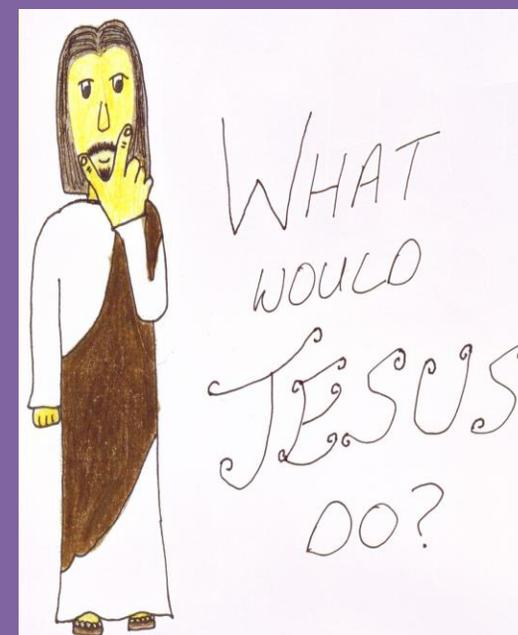
my daily life. Teach me what to say and do with people and situations in my life. Help me be a good witness of Your Love to other people around me. Thank you for changing me and being with me on this journey of becoming more and more like You." Amen

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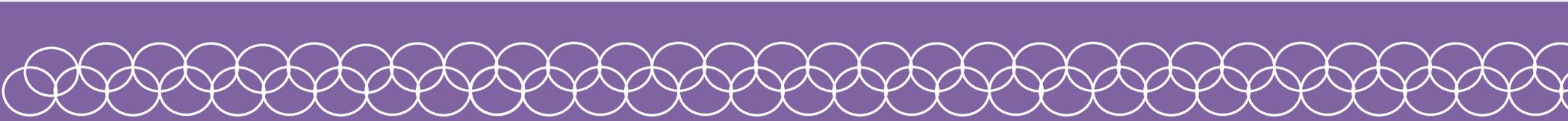
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Sancti...what?

Sanctification: A Big Word



WWJD?



LEAVE IT TO THE KIDS

Adults are funny. They like to impress people by using words, lots of words and big, long words for really simple things. Take, for example, sanctification. Most people can barely read that word, much less pronounce it. So, how can they understand it? But leave it to kids. They have no one to impress and they use little words. They can help us understand hard to understand things like “sanctification.” That is why Jesus loves children and said “Let the little children come unto me” (Luke 18:16). Jesus taught everyone, including His disciples, that way. Jesus took big words and explained them in a simple way. He told stories (parables) to help everyone understand. These stories are in the Bible and are still good for us today. Let’s look at one really big word “**SANCTIFICATION**” to see what it really means in our lives today.

WWJD/WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

A few years ago, it was really popular to wear bracelets that had these four letters **WWJD**. These four letters stood for **W**hat **W**ould **J**esus **D**o? People wore them as a reminder to think like Jesus, as well as talk and respond to situations that were happening to them in the way Jesus would have talked or acted. **WWJD** is the simple way to explain SANCTIFICATION. It describes a process of change that occurs in a person’s life as they walk with Jesus in their daily activities.

SANCTIFICATION/WWJD

People who have decided to follow Jesus and have asked Him to forgive them and invited Him into their lives are called “Believers” or “Christians.” In the old days, when Jesus walked on earth, these believers were called “disciples.” They were just like us. Once they started to follow Jesus, they began their own personal journey of changing that is called “sanctification.” We know it better as “becoming a different or better person” and more like Jesus. This isn’t something we can do on our own by using our willpower. But, it is done through us by the Holy Spirit within us once we have become a believer in Jesus Christ.

PETER- A GREAT EXAMPLE

One of the best examples of the process of becoming like Jesus in our everyday life is Peter the disciple. He was an ordinary fisherman when he decided to follow Jesus completely and wholeheartedly. He was a dedicated follower, but a little impulsive and often acted before he thought. In the Bible, (John 18:10), when the high priest’s servant came to take Jesus, Peter reacted really quickly and with his sword he cut off the right ear of the servant with his sword! That was not a WWJD! Jesus said “Put your sword away!” to Peter. Then, Jesus healed the servant’s ear (Luke 22:51)

SANCTIFICATION/MORE LIKE JESUS.

But, Peter didn’t stay that way. He was in the process of becoming more like Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit. As the book of Acts in the Bible shows us, Peter was changed (Acts 15:6). He became a man more and more like Jesus to the point that Christian tradition teaches he even died for Christ on a cross, but upside down because he did not feel worthy to die in the same way as Jesus died.

Christians today can be a lot like Peter. Sometimes people are disappointed with Christians because the words they say and what they do are NOT always a WWJD behavior. People expect Christians to be like Jesus: soft, tender, forgiving, compassionate and loving. But instead, they might be meeting a Christian who is in the early stages of their following Jesus (like old Peter and his sword). But they ARE in the process of becoming more like Jesus (sanctification) with the help of the Holy Spirit.

OUR HELPER-THE HOLY SPIRIT

The change process (sanctification/WWJD) begins within us when we accept Jesus and what he did on the Cross at Calvary. God (the Holy Spirit) begins the process of transforming us on the inside. In the same way that Peter (with his sword) was changed, you and I are changed to be more like Jesus in all areas of our lives.

