

AUGUST 28 2021



The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.
Romans 8:6 (NIV)

Thought for today...

The 1990s saw a resurgence of the abbreviation 'WWJD', which asked the question "What would Jesus do?" When faced with moral dilemmas, or with difficult and testing situations, individuals asked the question of themselves and others.

As followers of Christ, our goal is to become more like Him with each passing day. I don't know about you, but there are times when it is as though I can **literally** hear my flesh crying out in protest, when in a challenging situation, I choose to respond in a manner which reflects that "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 (English Standard Version).



The Apostle Paul reminds us: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (New King James Version).

If we pray to be more like Christ, get ready - because at the most inopportune time, He will present us with ‘opportunities’ that will enable us to practice being just like Him!

When those ‘opportunities’ arise, will we stop to ask ourselves “WWJD?”, or instead decide to ‘give as good as we get’, so as to ensure that others get the message that although transformed, we are not to be trifled with?

Proverbs 19:11 offers comfort to those who fear that to take such an approach, will result in being viewed as a door mat: **‘If you are sensible, you will control your temper. When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it.’** (Good News Translation).

John 3:30 explains what our intent and objective should be, namely that: **‘He must increase, but I must decrease.’** (Christian Standard Bible). How we as followers of Christ choose to respond in challenging situations, will prove revelatory and in some instances, disappointing. Luke 6:45 tells us: **‘What you say flows from what is in your heart.’** (New Living Translation).

The Apostle Paul entreats us: **“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”** Romans 12:2 (NLT).



And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:24 (ESV).

I believe that as I continue to allow God to transform me through His Word and other means, my ears - though once attuned - will grow deaf to the protesting cries of my flesh.