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WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

Charles Sheldon wrote a book in the late 1800's called "In his steps." It was an immediate success. The theme of the book was "What would Jesus do?" In recent years "What would Jesus do?" became the theme on bracelets and other novelty items often with the letters only of WWJD. Most people that wore the bracelets do not know about the book.

In the book a homeless man goes door to door looking for work. He is wearing ragged clothing and was dirty and no one offered him any help. His appearance was frightening to say the least. On a Sunday morning he shows up at the local church and walks down front and confronts the pastor (who had been preaching about helping others), and the people in the congregation about his plight. He tells them that he had been an engineer but lost his job and went looking for work to help his family, but that not one person in the church offered him any help. He then collapses and dies.

It took a toll on the entire church and the pastor. The pastor calls for a meeting and discusses something that most would have avoided. He wanted each person in the meeting to ask one question before they made any decisions about anything they did. The question was, "What would Jesus do?"

The opera star decided that singing worldly music wasn't what God gave her a voice for. She decided to only sing Christian music. The Newspaper owner decided not to put any ads in his paper that supported sin of any kind, including the sale of alcohol and other worldly addictions. Each person pledged to ask this question for a year, and it made a profound impact on their city. Lives were greatly changed by asking that one question.

In Colossians 3:23 it says, "**And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.**" This is another way of saying what WWJD says. We are to do everything as if we are doing it to/for Jesus. Our speech, our clothing, our job, our marriage, our everything. We often do not think how our grumbling and complaining is received by the Lord. What about our movie watching? What about time spent frivolously when we could be reading the bible or praying for others? We could go on and on, but I think you understand what WWJD means. Everything we do would be filtered through Jesus before we do it.

What a revival there would be if each of us took this verse to heart and lived it. Marriages would be healed. Churches would not have church splits. There would be such a move of God that nothing could hold it back.

Maybe each of us need to wear a WWJD bracelet as a reminder daily of this "What would Jesus do?" pledge. It just might bring the solution to the problems in our lives.