

# What Will They Say?

(1 Corinthians 4:3-4)

- Introduction:
1. What other people think about us can be a stumbling block to all of us, because we all seek approval.
  2. This isn't something that is relegated to the youth, but is something that everyone faces, young and old.
  3. It can cause us to say and do things we don't really want to do.
  4. If we're going to live righteous lives, we cannot allow what other people think about us to bother us.
    - a. (Mark 8:38; 1 Corinthians 4:3-4).
    - c. It's a process of growth and maturity.
  5. The problem with the "WWJD" sentiment was that people didn't know Jesus well enough to know what he would do. So in order to know WWJD, one should first discover WDJJ.

## I. What Did Jesus Do When Under Pressure?

- A. Under pressure, Jesus always taught the truth.
  1. (Matthew 19:1-12).
  2. There was no "safe" way to answer this question.
- B. Under pressure, Jesus kept his integrity.
  1. (John 18:37).
  2. He didn't let people "sway" his thoughts, words, or actions.
- C. Under pressure, Jesus always lived the truth
  1. (Matthew 9:10-13).
  2. (Luke 19).
  3. (Luke 9:51-56).

## II. What Should We Do When Under Pressure?

- A. When our friends ask a tough Bible question, what should we do?
  1. WDJJ? – Teach the truth!
  2. Tell people the truth when they ask you a Bible question, but do so with grace and gentleness (Colossians 4:6).
- B. When our friends ask our opinion on some subject, what should we do?
  1. WDJJ? – Keep Your Integrity!
  2. Don't be double-minded – (James 1:8).
- C. When our friends avoid, make fun of, and talk badly about a certain kind of person, what should we do?
  1. WDJJ? – Live the truth!
  2. Show compassion, love, and respect for all people (Romans 14:3).

- Conclusion:
1. If we want to be like Jesus, we must learn to be totally committed to the truth as he was.
  2. Regardless of the peer pressure around you, teach the truth, speak the truth, and live the truth and you will never be more like your Savior.