



WWJT: What Would Jesus Tweet?

Proverbs 15:28, Mark 7:14-23

SUMMARY: What will it take for Christians to begin loving one another again and stop passing judgment publicly? How are Christians going to talk about the love, forgiveness, grace and mercy of Jesus *if they are not showing the same* to the unbelieving world? Social Media has become worse than movies, more insidious than commercial advertising, and the dominant cultural influencer of our times. What presence do you have on Social Media? Twitter? Facebook? Instagram? TikTok? Snapchat? What is your purpose there? Can you fulfill your life purpose using Social Media? What principles will guide you? The Bible speaks to all people of every generation and every situation, including social media. The Bible gives clear direction for what we should and shouldn't tweet! What Would Jesus Tweet? What should you post on social media?

Keep posting inspiring stories and scripture and devotionals.

• JUDGING - Specks and Logs

- Jesus said the measure you use will be measured against you.

"Once the log is removed from our own eye and you can see clearly the speck in your brothers eye"

Matthew 7:1-6

- Get the log out of your eye and then gently take the speck out of your brother's eye, making sure you leave the eye!

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, TELL IT TO THE CHURCH. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18:15-17

Since Jesus lived among us, throwing stones has carried an unattainable threshold. (John 8:1-11)

- We must not be silent about sin in the camp. But I suggest that we find ways to make our points publicly by speaking about topics and not about people (each other) and set an example for others.

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 4:20-21

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12

- If you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all.

The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.

Proverbs 15:28

- Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)

Speaking the truth in love requires a finesse that is not easily accessible in 140 characters to address the issues we now face. Tone and body language are inaccessible. Emojis aren't enough to fully convey heart. Be wise and innocent!

Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Matthew 10:16

14 And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." 17 And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Mark 7:14-23

- It's not what goes in a man that defiles him, but any evil way that comes from his heart!!!

- It may seem too simple to divide the world into three kinds of people, and try as he might to avoid it, clinical psychologist and best-selling author Henry Cloud helpfully points out in his book, *Necessary Endings* that there are essentially three kinds of people:

- 1) Wise People
- 2) Foolish People
- 3) Evil People

What Would Jesus Tweet?

- God Loves You!
- Love God with all your heart
- Love your neighbor as you love yourself
- Love one another

- Let not your hearts be troubled
- Believe in God Believe also in Me
- Fear Not
- I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the father except through me
- The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel
- Go and Sin no more
- Judge not, lest you be judged
- Do not throw stones
- Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you

Sermon Application

1. Have you ever had a bad experience on Social Media? Would you be willing to share with your group?
2. What do you regularly post on Social Media? What kind of responses do you receive?
3. Do you know people who post personal information to a fault? What is the result?
4. Do you know people who post heavy politically? What are your thoughts about people who have a take it or leave it attitude on Social Media? Is that position helpful?
5. Have you encountered people on Social Media who are searching for truth? How have you responded?
6. Have you encountered people on Social Media who are evil and vile? What has been your response to them?
7. How might you use Social Media to be a witness for Jesus?