

What Jesus Wouldn't Do

A man was driving in heavy traffic when the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman driver in the car directly behind him was furious and honked her horn repeatedly, screaming in frustration, as she had missed her chance to get through the intersection – even so upset that she dropped her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said to her: “I’m very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him.



“I noticed the *What Would Jesus Do* bumper sticker, the *Choose Life* license-plate holder, the *Follow Me to Sunday School* bumper sticker and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car.”

That is a sobering story. To be a faithful witness to the truth of God, we must leave our old sinful ways behind. In their place, people should see someone who behaves more like Jesus, lest our lives become a contradiction.

The Apostle Paul admonished the Corinthian Christians for behaving like unbelievers when he wrote: *You are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world?* (1 Corinthians 3:3 NLT).

Instead of being controlled by our sinful nature, we need to be controlled by God's Spirit. Let the world see the difference Jesus can make.

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