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There was an expression used a few years ago that took off in popularity like grass afire. It was seen on bracelets, necklaces, stationery, bumper stickers, etc. There were no words -- just W.W.J.D. The letters stood for *What Would Jesus Do*?

The expression is not seen or heard much these days, but the words are still powerful. It is a very good question to ask oneself when considering what to say or do in a given situation. We want to emulate Jesus in every respect.

There is another person I try to emulate. Her name is Jane McWhorter. Her godly life is worthy of imitation. When considering the appropriateness of a word or action, I often ask, "What would Jane do?" I want to imitate her Christlikeness. Consider Paul's words, *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ* (1 Corinthians 11:1). Jane helped thousands of women grow in the Lord. She certainly touched my life in many wonderful ways.

My first introduction to Jane was when I heard her speak to women at Freed-Hardeman. Her lessons were well prepared and delivered beautifully. It was obvious that she knew and understood God's word. When she spoke of personal adversity, she exhibited humility, grace, and an immense depth of faith. Her demeanor was noble and quiet. Her character was admirable. I wanted to be like her because she was like Jesus.

Jane passed this life a few days ago, but she will continue to inspire me and others to be Christlike. Her legacy of faith, hope, and devotion to the Lord lives on. Jesus told the aging John, *Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.''Yes,'' says the Spirit, ''that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them*'' (Revelation 14:13).

May each of us live so people can say they want to imitate us as we imitate Christ!

Today's Verse: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

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