

One Pastor's Thoughts

Ever wonder why some people are so grumpy? We don't really know all about other people's lives, even our good friends. Some of us think that younger people couldn't possibly have troubles. They have youth and health and seemingly bright futures.

To some extent, all of us have been shaped by our experiences. I think we would be surprised at the number of people who had unhappy childhoods. Those of us who were blessed with wonderful parents couldn't possibly understand the negative impact of bad parenting. And some of us had opportunities that others were denied.

Let's don't be so quick to judge others. Have a little compassion. Show a little kindness. Instead of ignoring unhappy people, maybe there's a way you could be a bright spot on a otherwise bad day.

For a time it was popular to wear a rubber band bracelet that read, "What would Jesus do?" or WWJD. It's still a great question. How would Jesus respond to grumpy, troubled, negative and even emotionally warped people? They, too, are children of God. We are called to be positive reflections of the one who changed our lives, brought us purpose and forgave our sins.

Frankly, I think that WWJD is not always the best question to ask. I prefer WWJWMTD. What would Jesus want me to do?