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The Lord Jesus Wants You to Be Peculiar

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“Usually, people don’t like being called weird or peculiar. We are social creatures, and by definition we like to belong. We don’t like to feel that we are marginalized or we are part of the “out group”. You have to understand that according to Jesus Christ, the world and its concerns, and the way it normally operates, goes against Christian life. When living in the world, it’s too easy to just fall into our own habits, follow the way of the flesh, and to simply react to life. Being a Christian involves responding to life not based on how we feel, or how other people expect us to feel, or what makes us look good in the eyes of other people, but based on our highest principles, of course, are based on Jesus Christ.”

What about Tattoos? – Pt-2

Should A Christian Get A Tattoo? Here Is A Biblical Answer!

By Will Maule
Freelance journalist

“Tattoos are in. There is no doubt about that. Church members, leaders, ministers, and musicians are getting them all over the place! Many have significant Biblical meaning, or scriptural connotations, whereas others are simply for fun. But should Christians really be getting them? Well, Todd Wagner from Watermark Community Church gives us his thoughts.”

“We should never get a tattoo when it is simply a case of “I want a tattoo.” We don’t do anything for ourselves anymore. “The life we now live in the flesh, we live by the faith of the Son of God” (Gal. 2:20). “All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable” (1 Cor. 10:23). Moses writes in Lev. 19:28 “Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I AM the LORD.”

“But if you got Christian tattoo’s is it not going to be confused with pagan culture?” We want to make sure that whatever we are doing, we are fully convinced that this is honoring to Christ”,(Col. 3:17) “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him”. Make sure you’re not doing it because you think it’s cool. We should do it to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, tattoos are usually permanent. If you regret your decision in the future the removal is possible and it is very painful and expensive.

A Mayo Clinic Warning against Tattoos

There are real health risks with tattoos. **The Mayo Clinic warns**, “Don’t take tattooing lightly”. They resulted in severe allergic reactions, infections. Unsightly scars, and blood-borne diseases like Hepatitis B and C. Tattooing deliberately opens skin and exposes your blood to unknown bacteria. **Tattoo parlors are not medical clinics, even though they are puncturing the skin and exposing blood.**

Motives for Tattoos

Why get a tattoo? If it is in rebellion to parents, this is clearly biblically unacceptable (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3). And while artistic self-expression can be ok, however, our primary motive for anything we do should be to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31). This means that we should seek to honor and draw attention to Him, and not ourselves. “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth’s sake” (Ps. 115:1). Getting a tattoo for purposes of witness may be acceptable, remember, this is not the primary or most effective way to evangelize. It is no way a substitute for verbally communicating the gospel. You are not fulfilling the Great Commission simply because you have a tattoo of a Bible verse.

The Message of the Tattoo

What is it about yourself that you want to communicate to the world? Tattoos sent powerful messages, automatically conveying what you value. They are nearly permanent and will likely be with you for life. A growing experience with tattoos is what has officially been termed, “**tattoo regret.**” As you mature, you may, like increasing numbers of people, regret your tattoos because you have outgrown their messages and changed your values. We are responsible to God for how we use the money He has loaned to us.

To Tattoo or Not Tattoo

Critical Questions:

1. Do you have a clear conscience before the Lord regarding tattoos?
2. Will I want this tattoo years from now?
3. Will my parents and or will my future spouse? Am I limiting my options?
4. Will I cause a weaker brother or sister to stumble?
5. Is my decision based on faith and will the result be glorifying to God?

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