

Evidence Of A Changed Life

The only reliable evidence of a person's being saved is not a past experience of receiving Christ but a present life that reflects Christ in their life.

1 John 2:3-6 - We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Ephesians 4:22-28 - You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

A life changed by Jesus loves the truth.

A life changed by Jesus has control of anger.

Jesus expressed righteous anger (Mark 3:5, John 2:15). Jesus was always angered when God was slandered or when others were mistreated, but He was never selfishly angry at what was done against Him. Anger that is selfish, out of control, or seeks revenge has no place in the life of a Christian (Romans 12:17-21).

A life changed by Jesus will be generous.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Luke 14:12-14

Ephesians 4:29-32 - Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

The language of a life changed by Jesus is pleasing to God.

Psalm 19:14 - May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- **No unwholesome talk**

This includes profanity, dirty jokes or stories, vulgarity

Psalm 141:3-4 - Take control of what I say, O Lord, and guard my lips. ⁴Don't let me drift toward evil or take part in acts of wickedness. Don't let me share in the delicacies of those who do wrong.

- **Build others up**

- **Never attack others**

James 3:7-10 - People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. ¹⁰And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

- **Kind, compassionate and forgiving**

Romans 12:9-11, 14-15, 17-18 (NLT) - Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁷Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.