

World Changer
John Wesley
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3 World Changer Questions

1. Do I Have peace with God?

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through out Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. Romans 5:1-2a

◆ **Dikaioō (dē-kī-o’-ō): to declare or pronounce someone just, righteous, to be freed, to ve seen as never having sinned**

“I went to America to convert the Indians; but O God, who shall convert me?” John Wesley

“On that day I heard the message of Christ in a different place. On that day my heart was strangely warmed. On the morning of that day, I did not believe. On the eve of that day I indeed did believe. I became a different person. I had the inward witness of the Spirit.”
John Wesley (from his Journal 1736-1738)

2. Do I Have a plan for Holiness?

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written, “Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15-16

◆ **Hagios (hä’-gē-os): to be set apart; to be clean or pure; to belong to a different realm**

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

“we have such a high privilege, we now in faith must live with high responsibility.” John Wesley

WESLEY’S 4-FOLD PLAN INCLUDED:

- BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER .
- STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY .
- TIME MANAGEMENT .
- SACRIFICIAL GIVING .

3. Do I Have a passion to Change the World?

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 1 Corinthians 9:16

JOHN WESLEY QUOTES

“Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come from miles to watch you burn.”

“The church may not let me in, so therefore the world is now my parish.”

“Give me ten people who hate nothing but sin and love nothing but God, and we’ll change the world.”

JOHN WESLEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- PREACHED OVER 40,000 SERMONS;
- TRAVELED OVER 250,000 MILES ON HORSEBACK PREACHING
- WROTE OVER 200 BOOKS (PIONEERED THE CONCEPT OF ‘ABRIDGED’ VERSIONS OF TEXTS)
- CREATED THE FIRST TRACT SOCIETY SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN SHORT, COMPELLING STORIES;
- BEGAN “METHODIST” MOVEMENT
- ESTABLISHED THE ORPHAN HOUSE IN NEWCASTLE
- ESTABLISHED THE FRIENDLY UNION BENEFIT SOCIETY WHICH INCLUDED A SOUP KITCHEN AND CLOTHES DONATION CENTER;
- CREATED A VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR THE POOR;
- CREATED A MEDICAL DISPENSARY WHICH HAD ITS OWN SURGEON AND APOTHECARY;
- STARTED SCHOOLS – WHERE HE HIMSELF TAUGHT RHETORIC, PHILOSOPHY AND LOGIC;
- ESTABLISHED A “POOR MAN’S BANK” WHICH PROVIDED SMALL LOANS TO THOSE IN NEED;

Discussion Questions

1. What one thing does God want you to do to become more like Jesus?
2. What does “the inward witness of the Spirit” mean?
3. Do you have a heart-felt relationship with God; or do you just have head knowledge?
4. How can you keep your passion for God growing?
5. How might using Wesley’s 4-Fold Plan help you in your own spiritual growth and fervor?