

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

**“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also.”**

(James 2:17,26)

*“Bold practical Christian living that reflects
a genuine faith evidenced by a transformed life.”*

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

- A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)
- B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–5:6)
- C. The Triumph of Faith (5:7–20)

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B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–15:6)

1. Faith Obeys the Word (1:19–27)

2. Faith Shows Impartial Love (2:1–13)

3. Faith Shows Righteous Works (2:14–26)

B3. Faith Shows Righteous Works

(James 2:14–26)

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

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B3. Faith Shows Righteous Works

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18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

(Suppose someone disagrees and says, “It is possible to have faith without doing kind deeds.” I would answer, “Prove that you have faith without doing kind deeds, and I will prove that I have faith by doing them.” CEV)

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble!

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

B3. Faith Shows Righteous Works

(James 2:14–26)

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

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25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

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TRUE FAITH ACTS!

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“foolish” – “empty”

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1. Empty Belief *(v 19)*

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*“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God,
believe also in Me.” *(John 14:1)**

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2. Empty Words, No Action *(vv 15–17,20)*

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3. Examples of Faith
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 - b). Rahab

Faith = Justification + Works