

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)

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

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)

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes,

3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,”

4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well;

9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty *(the law that sets us free)*.

13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy *(there will be no pity for those who have not had pity on others)*. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.** *(But even in judgment, God is merciful).*

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

“ROYAL LAW OF LOVE”

8 If you really fulfill the *royal law* according to the Scripture,
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.

*“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows in their trouble,
and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”*

(James 1:27)

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

“ROYAL LAW OF LOVE”

1. Conviction by the Law (vv 1,4,9)

1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with *partiality*... **4** (You) have shown partiality among yourselves, and *become judges with evil thoughts*.

9 If you show partiality, you *commit sin*, and are *convicted by the law as transgressors*.

Partiality is Sin

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

“ROYAL LAW OF LOVE”

2. Unity of the Law (vv 10,11)

10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. **11** For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Sin is Sin, Lesser or Otherwise!

B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

(James 2:1–13)

“ROYAL LAW OF LOVE”

3. Mercy beyond the Law (vv 12,13)

12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. **13** For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. *Mercy triumphs over judgment.*

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy... Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful... He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

(Matthew 5:7; Luke 6:36; Micah 6:8)

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“ROYAL LAW OF LOVE”

1. Conviction by the Law
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B2. Faith Shows Impartial Love

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“ROYAL LAW OF LOVE”

8 If you really fulfill the *royal law* according to the Scripture,
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.

The Great Commandment

“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

(Matthew 22:37–40)