

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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“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–15:6)

1. Faith Obeys the Word (1:19–27)

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(James 1:19–27)

19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

20 for the wrath *(resentful, deep-seated anger)* of man does not produce the righteousness of God *(the standard of behavior which He requires from us)*.

21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

B1. Faith Obeys the Word

(James 1:19–27)

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

B1. Faith Obeys the Word

(James 1:19–27)

26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

27 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.

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(James 1:19–27)

“DOERS, NOT HEARERS ONLY”

21b Receive with meekness the implanted word,
which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word,
and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

“receive” – *“warm and welcoming acceptance”*

Receive and Reshape!

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“DOERS, NOT HEARERS ONLY”

1. Contrast between Worldly and Godly Living

(vv 19–21a; 26,27)

2. Change through the Word of God

(vv 21b–25)

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1a). Worldly Living (vv 19–21a)

19 So then my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. **20** for the wrath (*resentful, deep-seated anger*) of man does not produce the righteousness of God (*the standard of behavior which He requires from us*). **21a** Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness.

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1b). Godly Living (vv 26,27)

26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. **27** 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.

i). Control of the Tongue

ii). Concern and Care for the “Needy”

iii). Consecration unto God

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2. Change through the Word of God (vv 21b–25)

21b *Receive* with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. **24** For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. **25** But the one who *looks into* the perfect law, the law of liberty, and *perseveres*, being no hearer who forgets but a *doer who acts*, he will be *blessed* in his doing.

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(James 1:19–27)

“DOERS, NOT HEARERS ONLY”

1. Contrast between Worldly and Godly Living
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*“Therefore, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
(1 Corinthians 10:31)*