

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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1. Faith Obeys the Word (1:19–27)
2. Faith Shows Impartial Love (2:1–13)
3. Faith Shows Righteous Works (2:14–26)
4. Faith Controls the Tongue (3:1–12)
5. Faith Produces Wisdom (3:13–18)
6. Faith Shows Humility (4:1–12)

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(James 4:13–5:6)

Boasting about Tomorrow *(James 4:13–17)*

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”;

14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

B7. Faith Shows Dependence on God

(James 4:13–5:6)

Warning to the Rich *(James 5:1–6)*

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you!

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

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4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

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From Self-Arrogance to Total Submission to God

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What / Who is the Source of Your Security?

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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.*

*Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and depart from evil.”*

(Proverbs 3:5–7)