

# JAMES

- 1:1-4** How to be joyful under trials: Knowing
- 1:5** Asking for wisdom under trial: No doubts
- 1:13-18** Source of temptation: our Desires.
- 1:19** Quick to hear, slow to speak & anger.
- 1:21** Put aside all filthiness & wickedness.
- 1:23** Look in the mirror/Bible and act on it.
- 1:26** Bridle tongue, watch your speech.
- 1:27** Care for the very weak & disadvantaged.
- 2:1-9** No playing favorites in worship.
- 2:10-13** Live it—we're judge by law of liberty.

# ALL OUT FAITH



JAMES 2: FAITH IN ACTION



James 2:13 For judgment will be merciless  
to one who has shown no mercy;  
*mercy triumphs over judgment.*

*Which is  
worse?*

Homosexuality

Prostitution

Immorality

Murder

Torture

Addict

Drunk

Thief

Liar

*Or all Rebellion?  
(Jas 2:10)*

*Gossip* Rom 1:29

*Uncharitable*

Mt 25: 41-46

*Evil thoughts*

Mt 15: 19

*Jealousy,*

*Outbursts of anger,*

*Envy* Gal 5: 20-21

Lk 6:36 *Be merciful* as your heavenly Father is..



# FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

The Epistle of James

James 2:14 What use is it, my brethren, if  
a man says he has *faith*, *but he has no*  
*works*? Can that faith save him?

*Demons believe* and  
tremble (Jas 2:19)

What is the condition  
of a human body that  
*NEVER MOVES ?*





# James 2 Faith in Action

## ***Mercy involves Generosity!***

Jas 2:15-16 Brother or sister in **want of daily food** & one of you says “Go in peace, be **warmed & filled..”**

Prov 19:17 ***Gracious*** to poor, lends to the Lord

Deut 23:20 ***Not charge interest*** to countryman

Prov 22:9 ***Generous*** will be blessed...

Mt 5:42 ***Give*** to him that asks of you...

Mt 25:35 I was ***hungry*** and you ***gave me***...

2 Cor 8:1-2 Thessalonians ***gave beyond*** ability

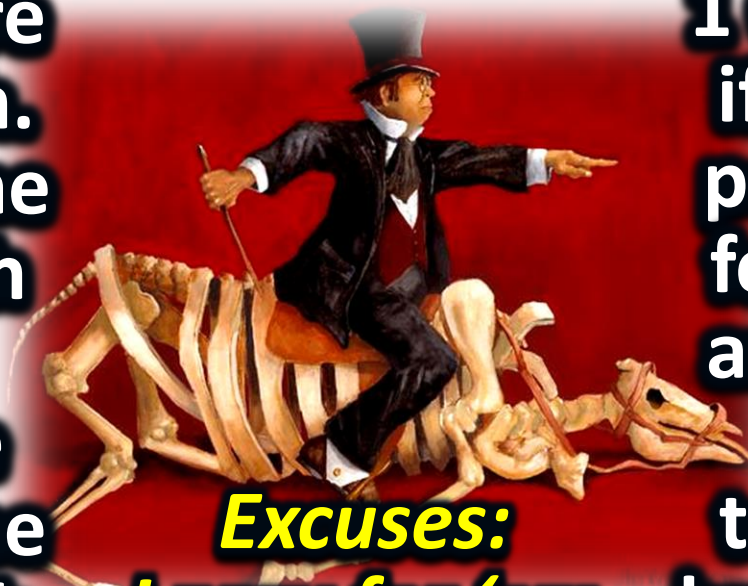
**Thoughtfulness**: Mat 10:16 Wise as serpents

# James 2 Faith in Action

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it has  
**no works**, is dead, being by itself.

Beware of a mere intellectual faith. No man can come to Christ by faith & remain the same any more than he can come into contact with a 220volt wire and remain the same.

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**Excuses:**  
***I pray for 'em***  
***Let 'em work.***  
***I got no money.***  
***They messed up.***  
***They'll just waste it.***

1 Cor 13:3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. (attitude)  
(Mt 6:2) Alms



# James 2 Faith in Action

James 2:18 (*Objection expected*)

Another person might say,  
"You have faith, but I do good things."

***(Objector's Point: "Dedication  
may be in different ways.")***

***(Paul's answer: "You need both.")***

"Show me your faith apart from the good  
things you do... and I will show you my  
faith by the good things I do." (GWT)

Faith is unseen except by God. To show faith  
to man, works in some form are needed.



# James 2 Faith in Action

James 2:19 “You believe that God is one. You do well; the ***demons also believe***, and ***shudder***.”

Jams 2:20 Are you willing to recognize.. that ***faith without works is useless?*** (Jas 2:20)

Tremble,  
struck with  
***extreme fear***.

Acts 3:19 ***Repent*** & turn again that your sins may be ....

Rom 10:9-10 With mouth ***confession*** is made to salvation

1 Pet 3:21 ***Baptism*** does now save you (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

John 12:42 Nevertheless  
believed in Him, but  
Pharisees they were not  
***they should be put out***

many even of the ***rulers***  
because of the  
***confessing Him, lest***  
***of the synagogue.***



# James 2 Faith in Action

## Scriptural Proof #1 *He offered*

Jas 2:21 *Was not Abraham*  
our father *justified by works*,  
when he offered up Isaac his  
son on the altar? (Gen 22:9ff)

Heb 11:17 “By faith  
Abraham, when he was  
tested, offered up Isaac.”

Faith is shown & perfected by *action* (Jas 2:22)

*James does not contradict the doctrine of salvation  
by faith. But he does teach that where there are  
no good works, nor holy life, there is no true religion.*  
cf Barnes (*Eye but no optic nerve. Optic nerve but no eye*)



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## Scriptural Proof #2 *He believed*

James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "*And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.*" (Gen 15:6)

"And he was called the friend of God."

- In Jehoshaphat's prayer (2 Chron 20:7)
- In Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 41:8)

James 2:23 "You see that a man is justified by works and *not* by faith alone."



Is our Christian life characterized by **ACTION**, or just words? (Acts 10:38) "Jesus went about doing good"



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## Scriptural Proof #3 *She Received*

James 2:25 “In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers & sent them out by another way?”

(Josh 2:2) Rahab took spies in. (2:6) Hid them  
(2:4-5) Mis-Directed (2:15) Let them out window.

Heb 11:31 “By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish”

Rahab believed (Josh 2:9) “I know that the Lord  
has given you the land...”





# James 2 Faith in Action

Mature  
apple tree  
should  
have roots  
and fruit.



Jas 2:26 For  
just as the  
body w/o  
the spirit is  
dead, so also  
*faith without  
works is dead.*

What good works  
*by other believers*  
has impressed you  
over the years?

