

James: Faith in Action
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James the Author

- To a scattered flock
- The Evidence of True Faith – Works of Spiritual Maturity

Message 1: True Faith is Evidenced by Growth Through Trials

- The Trial(s)
- Being Obedient
- Being Doer of the Word

James 1

2-5 "...whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature & complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

19"...Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,..."

22"Do not merely listen to the word, Do what it says."

Message 2: True Faith is Evidenced by Works of Genuine Love

- Our Partiality
- Impartial Obedience
- Genuine Love

James 2

1"...as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favouritism"

8"...love your neighbour as yourself, ..."

Even those who are openly against you

2 Samuel 16:2; 1 Peter 2:20

15-17"Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"

Message 3: True Faith is Evidenced by Wisdom of the Tongue

- The Fruit of the Tongue
- The Destructiveness of the Tongue
- The Call of the Wise Heart

James 3

1"Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways..."

5-6"...the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts...The tongue is also a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, ..."

13"Who is wise & understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom."

17-18"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure: then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial & sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness"

Galatians 5:22-23

Message 4: True Faith is Evidenced by Separation from the World

- Spiritual Warfare
- Practical Steps to Victory

James 4

1-3 "What causes fights & quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?...You do not have because you do not ask God...you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives,..."

Message 4: Practical Steps to Victory

- Humble myself before God
- Submit to God
- Resist the devil

Message 5: True Faith is Evidenced by Dependence upon God

- Away from Sinful Dependency (from money or possession for happiness or security)
- Toward Spiritual Dependency (onto Christ: Truth, Prayer, Love)

Practical Applications

- Our Trials – becoming Doers of the Word
- Genuine Love for Brethren
- Watch our Tongue
- Apply the "Steps" to Victory
- Leading a Spirit Filled Life Daily
- The Great Commission