

Faith in Action
Life Lessons – Part 2
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James 2:19 (ESV) You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

Matthew 7:16-17 (ESV) You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

John 14:15 (ESV) “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

Matthew 7:20 (ESV) Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

1. Avoid _____

James 2:1 (ESV) My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

James 2:2-4 (ESV) For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:5 (ESV) Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

2. Love your _____

James 2:8 (ESV) If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

James 2:9 (ESV) But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

James 2:12-13 (ESV) So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

3. Work your _____

James 2:14 (ESV) What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

James 2:15-16 (ESV) If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

James 2:17 (ESV) So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:21-22 (ESV) Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

James 2:26 (ESV) For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read James 2).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why does simply believing in the one true God not make one a believer (James 2:19)?

Intro. What is the evidence of a false believer (Matthew 7:15-17, 20)?

Intro. What is the evidence of a true believer (John 14:15)?

1A. What are some of the ways that we are tempted to show partiality to others (James 2:1)?

1B. In what ways is discrimination judging with evil thoughts (James 2:2-4)?

1C. What does James 2:5 tell us about judging based on outward appearances?

1D. How does this passage in James 2:1-5 relate to the current issues of racism?

1E. Why is it so easy to be influenced by the values and priorities of the world in which we live?

2A. How does the royal law in James 2:8 provide the solution for discrimination of all kinds?

2B. Why is partiality sin (James 2:9)?

2C. What does it mean to show mercy in our relationships (James 2:12-13)?

2D. Why do Christians often fail to see the need to treat others with the kind of love and respect God gives us?

3A. Are godly works or actions essential for someone who lives by faith in Christ (James 2:14-16)?

3B. Explain what James 2:17 means in your own words.

3C. How can our works impact our witness to the world?

3D. What does the example of Abraham tell us about the importance of works (James 2:21-22)?

3E. What is the difference between saying works must accompany genuine faith and saying works if the way we secure salvation (James 2:26)?