

Weekly Summary: Faith Works To Make Us Better

Some people are religious, but they don't seem to remember much about the teachings of their religion. James spurs us on to not deceive ourselves with our church attendance, but to actually love one another.

Homework Leading Into This Week: James 1:19-27

Scripture Reading: James 1:13-27

FaithWorks: A Journey Through James

Week 2: Faith Works To Make Us Better



- ❖ James 1:19-20 - My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
- ❖ James 1:21a - Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent.
James 1:21b - And humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.
- ❖ The **Word** makes us **better**, not **bitter**.

- ❖ James 1:22 - Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:23-24 - Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

James 1: 25 - But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

- ❖ Faith **works** every **day** to make us **better**, not **bitter**.



- ❖ 2 Corinthians 4:16, 18 - Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- ❖ Put faith to (daily) work:

1. **Podcast junkie**
2. **Your Time of Grace**
3. **YouVersion**
4. **1 Section / 2 Questions**

❖ Story: The Moon is Round

Points to Ponder

1. Have you ever been angry at God? If so, what happened? How did you overcome that bitterness?
2. Read Job 1:13-22. How could Job have praised God despite all the suffering he endured?
3. Study Asaph's words in Psalm 73:21-24 and apply them to a trial you are facing in your life right now.

Homework For Next Week: James 2:1-13

*"We do not do good works to get into heaven;
we do good works because heaven has gotten into us."
~ Peter Kreeft*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. "Live Like That" - by Sidewalk Prophets
2. "It Is Well (You Make Me Brave)" by Kristene DiMarco
3. "God With Us" - by All Sons & Daughters
4. "Diamonds" by Hawk Nelson