



# FAITH THAT WORKS

**Insight, Inspiration & Instruction  
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## **Faith without Works is like:**

- Really good books kept on the shelf that are not read.
- Really nice clothes in the closet that are never worn.
- Expensive tools are in the garage that are never used
- Good cars in the driveway that don't work...

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**James 2:14** What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no works? Can such faith save them? Well... we all know that it's a bit deeper than that ok... but you get the idea

Faith in the Greek is πίστις; pístis;

It means:

- The knowing what you believe is beyond any doubt the truth.
- Faith is believing what God can do.

**Spiritual Truth:** Faith is the foundation of our relationship with God...  
**faith activates everything related to God in my life**

**Spiritual Truth:** Because without FAITH... it's impossible to please God  
**Hebrews 11:6**

## **And spiritual... faith**

We are here because of Faith... we believe God is real...

We are here because of Faith...because we've seen him do great things in our lives

We are here because of Faith...because we feel His presence,

Pistis... Faith is important—how important is faith? ... to the believer... you see faith works...

## **Faith that saves...**

Justified through faith we have peace with God... **Romans 5:1**

For by grace you have been saved through faith... **Ephesians 2:8-9**

## **Faith touches my past**

Faith in Jesus...I have the forgiveness of my sins... **Ephesians 1:7**

## **Faith touches my present**

I can do all things through Jesus... **Philippians 4:13**

### **Faith touches eternity**

..."whosoever believes (has faith) should not perish but have everlasting life..." **John 3:16**

### **Faith produces miracles**

To the Woman who suffered from Chronic bleeding...Jesus said... your faith has made you whole" **Mark 5:34**

### **Faith gives me victory**

"canceled all the decrees of the enemy written against me..." **Colossians 2:14**

Faith activates God in my life...Faith draws God close to me...Faith moves the power of God in my life... it's through believing... its through having FAITH...

All of this is great.... BUT....Real, active, living, genuine faith... naturally produces works...

**James 2:17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action [works], is dead.

The Greek word for **dead** is **nekros**: νεκρός; nekρός; lifeless, Inanimate, breathless, no heartbeat, no pulse, (nada) deceased—no nothing, doesn't move, doesn't feel, defunct, inoperative, inactive,

Greek word James uses for **works** is ἔργον; érgon;

- To toil, to work,
- Anything someone undertakes to do,
- An effort, a deed, to labor.

The term is used over 175 times in the NT

He's not contradicting Paul when he writes to the **Ephesians 2:8** "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast."

Real and Genuine Faith produces works.

What kind of works?

"For by grace are ye saved through faith... created in Christ Jesus unto good works." **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Its people who need God working through you... to touch their lives...

Real faith is acting on what God has called you to do...

**Jame 2:22** You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did working through your life

**GOD USES OUR WORKS TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM**

**GOD WILL BE HONORED THROUGH YOUR WORKS**

Man can count the seeds in an apple... but only God can count the apples in a seed.

You and I will never know the amazing miracles...wonders... and blessings our works can do to farther the kingdom of God in others...

You have faith? You should have works...