

# A FAITH THAT WORKS: FOUNDATIONS OF A FAITH THAT WORKS

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## MATTHEW 3:20-21

One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

## JOHN 7:5

For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

## JAMES 1:1

This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## JAMES 2:17

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

### 1. PRACTICE PATIENCE

## JAMES 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

### 2. ASK GOD FOR WISDOM

## JAMES 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

### 3. COMMIT TO GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

## JAMES 1:6-8

But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

### 4. BE CONTENT WITH THE LIFE GOD HAS FOR YOU NOW

## JAMES 1:9-11

Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. And those who are rich should boast that

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God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.

### **JAMES 1:16-18**

So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

## **5. MANGE YOUR EMOTIONS**

### **JAMES 1:19-21**

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

### **EPHESIANS 4:27**

Anger gives a foothold to the devil.

## **6. BE OBEDIENT TO THE BIBLE**

### **JAMES 1:22-25**

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

## **7. SERVE OTHERS IN A WAY THAT THEY KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS**

### **JAMES 1:26-27**

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

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**MY NEXT STEP:** (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- I MADE THE DECISION TO TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST TODAY
- I AM READY TO GET BAPTIZED
- I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING A CONNECT GROUP
- I WILL ATTEND GROW CLASSES TO VOLUNTEER

**PRAYER REQUESTS OR PRAISE:**

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