

Faith Works

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James 1

Famous phrases and quotes:

- Faith produces steadfastness.
- God cannot be tempted.
- Every good and perfect gift comes from above.
- Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.
- Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.
- Even the demons believe—and shudder!
- Faith apart from works is dead.
- Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well
- The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
- Have the patience of Job

Vivid Illustrations and Metaphors

- The billowing sea
- The withered flower
- The image of a face in the mirror
- The bit in a horse's mouth
- The rudder of a ship
- The destructive forest fire
- The pure spring of water
- Fig tree bearing olives
- The arrogant businessman
- The corroded metal
- The moth-eaten clothes

Imperative- commands

More imperatives (commands) per word than any other New Testament book

A Prayer of Pursuit

A.W. Tozer

O God, I have tasted Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need of further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire.

O God, the Triune God, I want to want Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory, I pray Thee, that so I may know Thee indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of love within me.

Say to my soul, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." Then give me grace to rise and follow Thee up from this misty lowland where I have wandered so long.

In Jesus' name Amen

TRIALS

Uncomfortable circumstances experienced

TESTS

An opportunity to discover the truth about our self while also improving skills and strengths

TEMPTATIONS

An opportunity to choose to love and worship God through obedience or to choose to serve/honor/worship ourselves

FAITH WORKS

- accomplishes what I want it to
- I should be working and trying harder to do better
- I should be working and trying harder to have more faith
- Faith is at work in me to produce it's fruit
- Faith – Works = ??
- Works + Faith = ??

FAITH

- "Believing something you know isn't true."
- "Believing something when there is no evidence for it."
- "Belief that is a personal preference."

Non-Functioning (Non-saving) Faith:

- You don't act according to your professed faith
- The object (foundation) of your faith can not perform what you believe & trust it can
- You have faith in your faith- which you must generate and sustain

SAVING FAITH

- Understand the teaching (Gospel)
- Agree that the teaching (Gospel) is accurate
- Respond by confessing the truth of the Gospel and trusting in it alone and completely