

I Thess. 1:3 (James 2:14-26) REAL FAITH WORKS

“YOUR WORK PRODUCED BY FAITH” (James 2:14-26)

WORK – toil; general term for work or business, employment, task

I think it’s fair to say that, whether you’re a follower of Christ or not, there is a degree of _____ that motivates your _____.

As a believer, the work we do for God will follow us to heaven. Rev. 14:13 – “They will rest from their labor, for their works will follow them” – the word in our text today.

“Follow them” – _____

I. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU _____ - V. 14 –
“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”

II. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU _____ - V. 15,16 – “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?”

Emotions are not _____! _____ aren't faith!

III. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU _____ - v. 18 – “But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

IV. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU _____ - v. 19 – “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!”

There's a difference between intellectual assent and heart commitment.

V. REAL FAITH IS SOMETHING YOU _____ - v. 20 – “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?” v. 21-26

Christ taught this:

Luke 6:46 - why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say?

John 14:15 - If you love me, you will obey what I command.

Maybe you feel the need to increase your faith.

1. Place your faith in God - not in _____ or yourself

2. Spend time in God's Word

Rom. 10:17 - Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word (rhema) of God.

3. _____ your faith - discard your doubts. "help my unbelief"

What is your faith producing in your life? Spend some time meditating – how does my faith underline and motivate and activate how I live my life – the work I do?

