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Putting Your Faith to Work – Part 1



While much of the Bible dwells on the walk *to* God, the Book of James focuses instead on the walk *with* God. It directs us how to put the very faith we profess to work.

We are justified by faith alone; however, the faith that justifies is never alone. The presence of Jesus in our lives must impact how we live our lives.

“The Christian should work as if it all depended on them and pray as if it all depended on God.” Charles Spurgeon

James 1:1–18

Faith in the Fire

1. Live _____: Adversity is a reality every Christian will face. James 1:2–8

- Adversity is inevitable, but difficulties and misfortunes don't have to wear you down and wear you out. To turn adversity into opportunity you need to:
 - Choose _____ over complaint. James 1:2
 - Know that strain brings _____. James 1:4
 - Seek God's _____. James 1:5

2. Live _____: Life is not discovered in what you have, but Who you know. James 1:9–11

- True riches for a Christian consist of faith and love that is expressed in generosity and pursuit of Jesus, not things. Luke 12:13–21

3. Live _____: Confront the temptation that could deceive you. James 1:13–15
- Satan can and will tempt us, but our greatest challenge is within.
 - The course of temptation, if not confronted, brings sin and consequence.
4. Live _____: Give thanks to God for His goodness. James 1:16–18

As we put our faith to work, we discover God's work in a greater way in our lives.

Answers: committed; joy; gain; guidance; prudent; aware; grateful



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