

Is Faith Without Works Dead?
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Scriptures:

- James 2:14-26
- James 2:14-26, *MSG*
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Romans 3:28
- Romans 4:1-5
- Romans 4:1-5, *NLT*
- Hebrews 12:2
- Galatians 2:20
- Galatians 3:23, 25
- Hebrews 4:11
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Hebrews 6:10
- Hebrews 6:10, *NLT*

Summary:

Knowing the connection between our belief and our actions helps us to understand how they fit together in our service to others. We must never minimize the power of faith; we don't have to add our own self-effort to faith to get it to work for us. Our works are indeed important, but by themselves they don't justify us before God; they should instead flow out of our faith in His grace. Trusting in Him—not working and striving—makes us righteous. Our works should be the evidence of our strong faith; they should demonstrate our belief in a tangible way that others can see. The motives behind what we do make the difference between empty works in which we're simply going through the motions and works of faith which are pleasing to God. Putting into practice this relationship between faith and works makes us more effective Christians.

Notes:

1. Works and faith both matter, but our works should flow from the foundation of our faith. It's ineffectual to think that adding our works to our faith makes it work better.
2. Properly showing our faith by our works requires that we *develop* our faith, first. Our works should flow out of, and be the result of, our strong faith.
3. Dead faith is from our own efforts; living faith comes from Jesus Christ and is a gift from God. We must acknowledge that we would have no faith at all unless God had gifted us with it.
4. This saves us from boasting as if we could take the credit for doing anything good.
5. Constantly striving is a sign of unbelief. We don't have to work for what's already finished. Genuine faith lets us rest in the finished works of Jesus Christ; by contrast, laboring indicates unbelief.

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