

Talk Is Cheap! Putting Our Faith Into Action

Real Faith vs Fake Faith

(Jesus said) ...when the Son of Man comes, will he find on this earth anyone with faith? **Luke 18:8 (CEV)**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. **2 Corinthians 13:5a (NIV)**

HOW DO I KNOW MY FAITH IS REAL?

REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN...

A) THE WORDS I SAY

Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone! **James 2:14 (NLT)**

JESUS: "Not everyone who SAYS that I am their Lord is going to enter the kingdom of heaven. The only people who'll enter heaven are those who DO what my Father in heaven wants them to DO." **Matthew 7:21 (NCV)**

B) THE EMOTIONS I FEEL

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say to them, 'I wish you well! I feel for you and I hope you stay warm and eat well!' but then you DO nothing to meet their needs. What good does your sympathy do? It's worth nothing! In the same way, faith, if it is not accompanied by action, doesn't work. It's dead and useless!" **James 2:15-17**

C) THE IDEAS I DEBATE

"Now someone may argue, 'Isn't it possible that some people have good faith while other people do good deeds?' But I say, 'No! I can't see your real faith if you don't DO any real deeds to show me!' In contrast, I can show you my faith by the good things I DO!" **James 2:18**

D) THE TRUTHS I CLAIM TO BELIEVE

“Now, you say, ‘Well, I believe there is a God,’ and I say, ‘Good for you!’ But even the demons believe THAT and are afraid! It’s foolish to not realize that faith in God is useless if you don’t do what he wants you to do.” James 2:19-20

REAL FAITH IS WHAT I DO; IT GROWS AS IT SHOWS.

Just as a body without a spirit doesn’t breathe and is dead, so faith that doesn’t DO anything is just as dead!
James 2:26

Isn’t it obvious that faith and works are yoked partners, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are “works of faith”? James 2:22 (MSG)

It is BY grace you have been saved THROUGH faith... FOR a life of good works which God has already prepared for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10

I SHOW REAL FAITH BY OBEYING JESUS

Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say... Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me.”
Excerpts: John 14:23-24 (NLT)

I SHOW REAL FAITH BY LOVING OTHERS

(Being a Jew or Gentile isn’t) worth anything to those who believe in Christ Jesus. The only thing that really counts is faith that shows itself through love. Galatians 5:6 (NIRV)

Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it. 1 John 3:18 (CEV)