

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD!



James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **DEAD FAITH!**
The act of faith void of works places the attribute of being destitute of power. (strength and authority) (No works, deeds, action, obedience to backup the faith claimed)

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Faith is: Believing with evidence shown forth in works and acts of obedience. (At salvation: We believed but had to act on our belief by obeying God by going down to the alter or by surrendering our lives to Him in the natural)

Paraphrased: "I am persuaded of the existence of the item I expect and am convicted of its **existence without seeing it.**"

Faith in Action:

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup – where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

I can already hear one of you agreeing by saying, "Sounds good. You take care of the faith department, I'll handle the works department."

Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from your faith that I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove.

Do I hear you professing to believe in the one and only God, but then observe you complacently sitting back as if you has done something wonderful? That's just great. Demons do that, but what good does it do them? Use your heads! Do you suppose for a minute that you can cut faith and works in two and not end up with a corpse on your hands? (Message Translation)

What are works? (works are obedience)

Are works important to God?

II Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad.

Works is the word "ergon" which is found as works, doing, labor, deeds. Effort on our part.

Our word energy come from this base – No one seems to want to put forth "EFFORT"

We also see it strongly in the word "working"

Eph. 1:19 And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the **working** of his mighty power, Rom. 10:17 Faith comes by hearing and **hearing** by the Word of God.

Hearing is a work because it carries the inherit action of obeying what we hear.

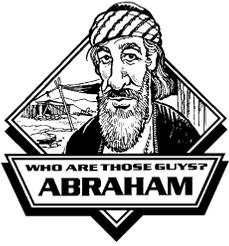


James 1:22 But be ye **doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
Doers not hearer only just confirms the above verse.

James 2:22-24 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by **works** was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Hebr 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which **worketh** by love.



WORKS:- Relationship – Faith – Trust – Obedience

Result: Covenant, new name, inheritance, the promise fulfilled

- Gen. 11:26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat **Abram**, Nahor, and Haran.
- Gen. 12:1-4 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram [was] seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.
- Gene 12:8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, [having] Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he buildded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.
- Gen. 13:1-4 Gene 13:1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram [was] very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.
- Gene 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:
- Gen. 16:2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. *Ishmael = God will hear (a work of the flesh)*
Ishmael's descendants were Bedouins and Arabs (nomads) (wandering, lawless, freebooting people)
- Gen. 17:4-5 As for me, behold, my covenant [is] with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
Abram = exalted Father - Abraham = Father of a multitude

Gen. 22: 1-19

Faith and Trust:

- Gene 22:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.
- Gene 22:8-10 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

Completion of the Word and the work of obedience:

- Gene 22:19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.