

## Faith, It Should Change Us

Scripture(s): James 2:14-17

I. The first area of lived out faith with which James challenges us is personal \_\_\_\_\_. James declares to us that faith cares about what God is producing in us more than our \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:2-4 2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

II. The second area of lived out faith with which James challenges us is \_\_\_\_\_. The love we live by is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, not a ranking of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

James 2:8-11 8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

✓ Value who God is making you to be because it is like \_\_\_\_\_.

III. The third area of lived out faith with which James challenges us is how we use our \_\_\_\_\_. It is a lifelong journey to get our mouths to align with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

James 3:1-2 1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

✓ Be honest with yourself that disappointing words that come out of your mouth in times of anger or fear are parts of your \_\_\_\_\_ that still need to become like Jesus.

IV. The fourth area of lived out faith with which James challenges us is the pervasiveness of \_\_\_\_\_. We must decide if we want God to oppose us or give us \_\_\_\_\_. A heart that embraces \_\_\_\_\_ is a key to that decision.

James 4:6-7 6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ receive God's plan for you no matter what it asks of you.

V. The fifth area of lived out faith with which James challenges us is to rise to the challenge of past \_\_\_\_\_. We are no less God's people than the saints that have gone \_\_\_\_\_ us!

James 5:10-11 10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

✓ Stand up in faith believing that God wants to use you and work in you just as He has \_\_\_\_\_ done with His people.

Remember this - The Christian life Jesus calls us to is the one where we \_\_\_\_\_ because of what we know.

Our challenge: Learn who God wants you to be and grow to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

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