



## LESSON FOUR:

### Genuine Faith

(James 2:14-26)

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Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine faith. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

#### **I. Faith Reveals Generosity Without Pride (vs.14-16)**

- A. When faith is tested it results in patience.
- B. When faith is tested it results in action.
- C. When faith is tested it proves to be a strong foundation.

#### **II. Faith Reveals Works Without Ignorance (vs.17-18)**

- A. Good works are the result of a strong faith.
- B. Good works are the result of a living faith.
- C. Good works are the result of a humble faith.

#### **III. Faith Reveals Belief Without Misunderstanding (vs.19-20)**

- A. Faith/belief without works is no more than words without deeds.
- B. Faith/belief without works is no more than intellect without action.
- C. Faith/belief without works is no more than religion without Christ.

#### **IV. Faith Reveals Examples Without Disobedience (vs.21-23)**

- A. Abraham was obedient when he attempted to offer Isaac.
- B. Abraham's faith was made perfect through his obedience and works.
- C. Abraham's works were accounted to him for righteousness.

#### **V. Faith Reveals Justification Without Conformation (vs.24-26)**

- A. Justification comes by good works.
- B. Justification comes by right actions.
- C. Justification comes by a living faith.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine faith. Will you follow James' advice?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "Faith"**