

James: Live the Life Series

Week 2: Live the Life in Action – James 1:19-2:26

17 January 2021: Weekly devotional questions



Quick, Slow, Slow (James 1:19-21)

1. What are the situations that tend to cause you to erupt in anger?
2. How can you respond in a way that pleases God?
3. What are some truths you can remind yourself of the next time you face a challenging situation?

Is Knowing the Same as Doing? (James 1:22-25)

1. What is God's Word telling you to do? Are you doing it?
2. What holds you back or hinders you from doing what God's Word says?

About Both Speech and Deeds (James 1:26-27)

1. In what ways have I failed to "keep a tight rein" on my tongue?
2. What practical steps can I take to help the powerless in my community?
3. How can I guard against becoming "polluted by the world" (v. 27), particularly in the area of service?

Do We Play Favourites? (James 2:1-4)

1. How might we be guilty of playing favourites in school, at church, at work or among our friends and family?
2. Is there a certain group of people that we tend to be inclined towards, e.g. the rich (or even the poor), the academically gifted, or the established? Does it match up with how God sees them?
3. How can we guard our hearts against treating one group more favourably than another?

Do We Favour the Rich? (James 2:5-7)

1. How have I shown preferential treatment to rich individuals at the expense of my own brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. How does today's passage change the way I should view the poor and the rich?

Stop Trivializing Favouritism (James 2:8-11)

1. In my home, workplace, church or other social circles, have I shown favouritism and trivialized the grievousness of this sin?
2. How can I love the poor or even my enemies—and treat them equally without favouritism?

Mercy Begets Mercy (James 2:12-13)

1. What areas do you tend to judge others most harshly about? What might help you to be more merciful to others in these areas?
2. Do you see the law of Christ/law of liberty as something that gives you freedom? What might help you further grow in enjoying God's law, as He lovingly planned for you to do?

Is OUR Faith Dead? (James 2:14-17)

1. How do we make sense of today's passage in the light of other Bible passages, like Ephesians 2:8-9, which say that justification is obtained by faith alone?
2. How does today's passage help us better understand true faith in Jesus?
3. Do you see a tension between belief and action in your life?

How do we know if we have True Faith? (James 2:18-26)

1. What can you do this week that would demonstrate your faith and the love of Jesus?
2. What steps can you take to strengthen your own faith, for instance, spend more time reading the Bible, pray more regularly, share the gospel with people who don't believe in God?