

Victory Connect Lesson
"Words and Action"
Pastor Paul Daugherty
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Key Passage: Jas 2:14 [MSG] Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? :17 Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

Introduction: Faith without corresponding action is like a glove without a hand; lifeless. We cannot separate our works from our faith. Righteousness is not earned by good works. Good works are the result of salvation.

What does it look like to walk this out by faith?
(Read James 3:17-18)

1. Purity

Jas 3:17a NLT But the wisdom from above is first of all pure... Mat 5:8 NIV Blessed are the pure in heart...

2. Peaceful

Jas 3:17b NLT ... It is also peace loving... Rom 8:6 NIV The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

3. Gentleness (opposite of harshness)

Jas 3:17c NLT...gentle at all times...
Mat 11:29a ESV Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart...

4. Teachable

Jas 3:17d NLT...and willing to yield to others...
Jas 3:17d ESV...peaceable, gentle, open to reason...

5. Merciful Mat 5:7 NLT God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

6. Full of the fruit of the Spirit

(Surrender to the Holy Spirit, He is the hand in the glove.)
Jas 3:17e KJV...full of mercy and good fruits...

7. No favoritism, no hypocrisy

Jas 3:17f KJV...without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
Jas 3:17f NIV...impartial and sincere.

Discussion Questions:

1. Does your belief result in fruit?
2. Do others see the fruit of faith in your life?
3. Share a time you chose to be teachable?

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