

FOLLOW-THROUGH GUIDE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018

IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

James 2:14-17

MEMORY VERSE

TOPIC: FAITH

James 2:17 (NIV)

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.



It's not only important what you do but why you do it. The Bible makes it clear that action without love amounts to nothing (1 Cor. 13). It's possible for people to do good things for selfish reasons. Paul said that his conscience was clear but that didn't clear him. God is the final judge of our actions and our motives. We are to love our neighbor as we love our self.

READINGS	YOUR NOTES & ACTION STEPS
MONDAY Luke 10:25-37	
TUESDAY 1 Corinthians 13:1-8	
WEDNESDAY James 2:14-17	Review your notes from Sunday's message Review the outline points and verses and follow through on your "Growing Point." The sermon is online for further review.
THURSDAY James 2:18-26	
FRIDAY 1 John 3:11-18	

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SERIES: NOT A FAN

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INTRO: WILL YOU OR WON'T YOU?

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV) - ²⁸ "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' ²⁹ "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Luke 6:46 (NIV) - "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

1. DO YOU ACT _____?

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV) - ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Revelation 13:14 (NIV) - Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV) - ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Titus 1:16 (NIV) - They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

2. IS YOUR FAITH ACCOMPANIED BY _____ DEEDS?

James 2:14-17 (NIV) - ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

1 John 3:17-18 (NIV) - ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Galatians 5:6 (NIV)
The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

3. ARE YOU ON THE _____ ROAD?

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV) - ¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV) - ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

James 4:17 (NIV) - If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV) - We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONC: TRUST AND OBEY

Deuteronomy 9:23 (NIV) - And when the LORD sent you out from Kadesh Barnea, he said, "Go up and take possession of the land I have given you." But you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. You did not trust him or obey him.

Dear God. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for my sin. I want to give you control of my life. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of the Holy Spirit and eternal life. Help me to know you better and to learn from the Bible how I can live a life that pleases you and helps others. Amen.
(If you pray this prayer please indicate that on your feedback form).

GROWING POINT How will I apply this? Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. [Jesus] John 13:17.
