

Questions to Consider — Lesson 11 — “Test of Good Works” — James 2:14-20

1. (a) Read James chapter 2 noting how many times faith and works are mentioned together. (b) Why do you think James emphasizes that? (c) How does James contrast true faith and dead faith?
2. Memorize James 2:19-20.
3. (a) What is Paul saying in Galatians 2:16? (b) In Ephesians 2:8-9? (c) Are these a contradiction to James 2:14-20? (d) Why or why not?
4. Read John 15:1-8. (a) What illustration did Jesus use for spiritual fruitfulness? (b) What is the prerequisite for fruitfulness? (c) What fruit (evidences of a redeemed life) should we be bearing according to verses 9-14? (d) How does this relate to what James says in James 2:14-20?
5. Read John 8:12-47, where Christ spoke to the Pharisees regarding the characteristics of those who know Him and those who do not. (a) Make a list of those things that characterize those who know Him and those who do not, for example, dead faith verses true faith. (b) What have you learned?
6. If you were asked the question, “Of what use is your faith?” what would you say?
7. (a) From the text, how does Christian faith differ from the faith that demons have? (b) What are some ways that you as a believer can demonstrate your faith by your works?
8. Put your “faith to work” by endeavoring to share your faith with at least one other person this week. (This may even be one who claims they have faith, but by their lack of works, they prove their faith is dead.)
9. Is your faith working? What is your prayer regarding this matter of genuine faith?