

James: Live Your Faith

Read from bottom to top for how the letter of James sees the relationship between God, wisdom and the heart, words and actions of true faith.

Fulfillment of Faith



James convicts and challenges his readers to a life of faith that puts God's wisdom on display in godly behavior even in persecution. No excuses or self-deception! James 1:1-8, 12; 5:7-12; 19-20

Works of Faith



James sees deeds as necessary evidence of genuine faith that naturally stem from real belief, wisdom (& when words don't lead us astray); Without deeds, suspect self-deception. James 1:22-25; 2:14-26; 4:1-3; 5:1-6

Words of Faith



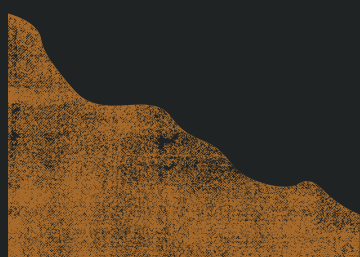
James believes words display either *godly* or *worldly* wisdom in our heart which causes either a tongue of prayer, praise & peace towards good work OR a tongue of boasts, lies & judgment encouraging unrighteous behavior. James 1:19-25; ch 3, 5:13-16

Wisdom of Faith



James says real wisdom stems directly from our understanding of the Truth and comes from God Himself. It looks like the fruit of the Spirit, settles in the heart; influences choices. James 1:5-8; 3:13-18

Foundation of Faith



James sees the Truth about *who God is* and the Truth of the Gospel as the foundation of a life of faith: the immovable and absolute. The seed that gives birth to real life. James 1:5-8, 18; 2:8-12; 4:4-6; 5:7-9, 19