

Faith Without Works is Dead

James asks a very pointed question in James 2:14, “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?” He also bluntly says that “Faith without works is dead” (2:20). What does this mean for us today?

Actually, it means the same thing today as it did when James wrote to the twelve tribes scattered abroad. It means that we should show our faith by the works that we do. If we see a need of the Church, we should step up and meet that need. The need could be individual, like writing letters to a prisoner or grading correspondence courses. Many of our brethren have needs that you can help with. Do not hesitate to pitch in to help out with some of these individual needs.

There are also collective needs that we should help with. The first Sunday of each month we provide a service to the folks at Autumn Care Senior Home. Those good people really love it when we go over there. Have you been there? If not, why not? There are other opportunities to serve groups. The youth group always needs workers, as does the college-age group. There are also missions that you can help with. Talk to the appropriate deacons or an elder to find out how you can help.

The elders challenge each and every one in the Karns family. Look for a need and help meet that need. Find a work and pitch in. There are many people in need of Jesus’ saving grace and not enough of us to do it all. Jesus said, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Luke 10:2).

Be one of the laborers. There are precious souls that need saving. Do the work of the Lord, because faith without works is dead.

The elders love you and pray for you continually.

For the elders,
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