

FAITH ^{THAT} WORKS

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FAITH THAT WORKS!

What good is it... if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? James 2:14 (NLT)

A FAITH THAT WORKS IS FAITH THAT IS MATURE.

God says maturity is about ATTITUDE/CHARACTER.

7 ATTRIBUTES OF A SPIRITUALLY MATURE PERSON JAMES 1

1. A MATURE PERSON IS POSITIVE AND PERSISTANT UNDER PRESSURE.

*Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an **opportunity for great joy**. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be **(MATURE)** perfect and complete, needing nothing. James 1:2-4 (NLT)*

2. A MATURE PERSON IS A PERSON WHOSE MIND IS MADE-UP.

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. **But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone...** James 1:5-8 (NLT)*

3. A MATURE PERSON UNDERSTANDS WHERE THEIR VALUE IS FOUND.

Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements. James 1:9-11 (NLT)

4. A MATURE PERSON IS PATIENT (AND PRAYERFUL) WHEN TEMPTED.

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12 (NLT)

5. A MATURE PERSON IS A PERSON OF PEACE, NOT TROUBLE.

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. James 1:19-21 (NLT)

6. A MATURE PERSON HAS MASTERED HIS/HER MOUTH.

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. James 1:26 (NLT)

7. A MATURE PERSON IS ALWAYS SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. James 1:27 (NLT)

...“Love your neighbor as yourself.” James 2:8 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. The book of James is known as the how-to manual on living a *Faith That Works*. This week read the book of James in its entirety. Then read Chapter 1 again slowly and out loud. Review the message notes. After doing so, write out one thing you could do this week to purposely fulfill each of the seven attributes of a mature follower of Christ.