

ACCELERATE YOUR FAITH
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1. FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU SAY .

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man CLAIMS to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such "faith" save him? (vs. 14)

Jesus - "Not everybody who says to me `Lord, Lord' is going to enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 7:21 (22-23)

2. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU FEEL .

"Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, `Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?" (vs. 15-16)

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" 1 John 3:17 Also 3:14-16, 4:7-20

*"In the same way, faith by itself if it's not accompanied by actions is dead."
James 2:17*

3. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU THINK .

"But someone will say, `You have faith - I have deeds.' SHOW ME your faith without deeds, and I will SHOW YOU my faith by what I do." (vs. 18)

"Any time a person becomes a Christian he becomes a new person inside, the old things have passed away. All things become new." 2 Cor. 5:17

4. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE .

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that -- and shudder!" (vs. 19)

5. REAL FAITH IS SOMETHING YOU DO .

Illustrations: Two very different people

* Abraham (vs. 20-24)

* Rahab (vs. 25)

2 Cor. 13:5 *"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves."*

Questions to ask yourself:

1. Am I really a Christian after all?
2. How do I know for sure?
3. What changes can I point to in my life?
4. How can I settle it right now?
5. What do you believe God wants to accomplish through you in 2018?
6. How does faith affect your goal setting?

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, for a life of good works God has already prepared for us to do." Ephesians 2:8-9

"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

"Unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God" John 3:3 NLT