

Evidences of Faith

*James 1:2-4, 19-21 ¶ Consider it
pure joy, my brothers, whenever you
face trials of many kinds,*

3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

*19 ¶ My dear brothers, take note of
this: Everyone should be quick to
listen, slow to speak and slow to
become angry,
20 for man's anger does not bring
about the righteous life that God
desires.*

21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

“Therefore”

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

1 Corinthians 13:2-3 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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*James 3:8 but no man can tame the tongue.
It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and
Father, and with it we curse men, who have
been made in God's likeness.*

10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

12 My brothers, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

II. A compassion driven spirit.

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?"

*38 When did we see you a stranger
and invite you in, or needing clothes
and clothe you?*

*39 When did we see you sick or in
prison and go to visit you?'*

40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

III. Living a clean life.

*keep oneself from being polluted by
the world.*

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

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