



Deeds Not Words

Faith and action go hand in hand!

Word of the Week

James 2: 14-18

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this world if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" And walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup- where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?



Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, change me from within so that I may live out what I believe. You call us to love our neighbours as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the opportunities to put our faith into action, where faith and words and the need of our neighbour come together in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Something to think about...

Do you talk the talk and walk the walk?

Have you ever met someone who tells you all about what they can do but they never seem to do it? They like to talk and talk but they never do anything they say they will. Sometimes people who claim to be Christians do the same thing. They say they are a believer in Jesus, but nothing in their lives shows that they are. They talk a lot, but don't walk it.

There was once a golfer who liked to brag about how good he was. He knew every aspect of the game. He knew what to say, and could tell you all about famous golf players and the names of every famous golf course.

He "looked" like a golfer by how he dressed and what he said.

But could he really play the game? The golfer may have looked like or sounded like a golfer, but that didn't make him a golfer.

We see many people who talk the "Christian" talk but their walk doesn't show it. The bible says that our "outside" will change when our "inside" has changed. We should talk about living for Christ, but make sure that we actually do the things Jesus wants us to do.

•Why is it important to live out what we say?



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Something to talk about...

James suggests that having faith alone is not enough—your choice and how you act should reflect your beliefs. True faith is shown in our actions, not so much in our words. Unless we show what we believe, in our actions, then, as far as others are concerned, we have no faith.

Talk to the person next to you about the different groups of people you are involved with:

- Home?
- School?
- At clubs or activities outside of school?
- Church?

Talk to the person about which group do you find it most difficult to put faith into actions? And tell them why?

