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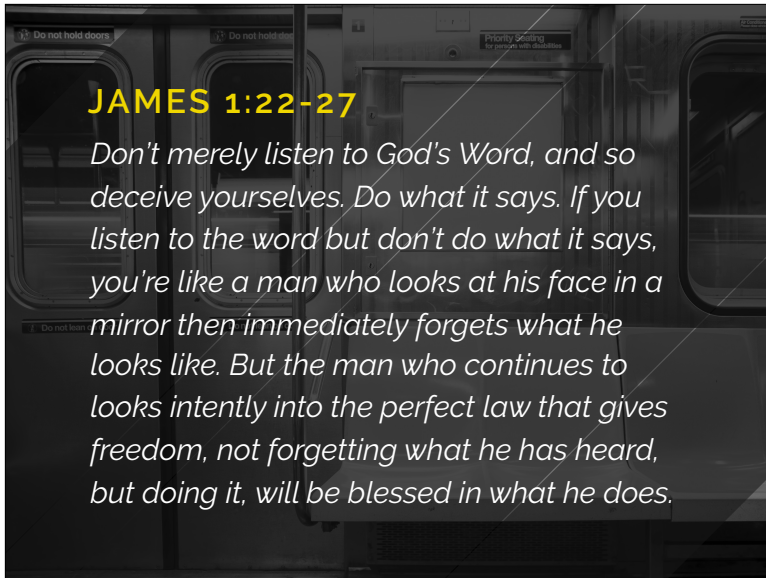
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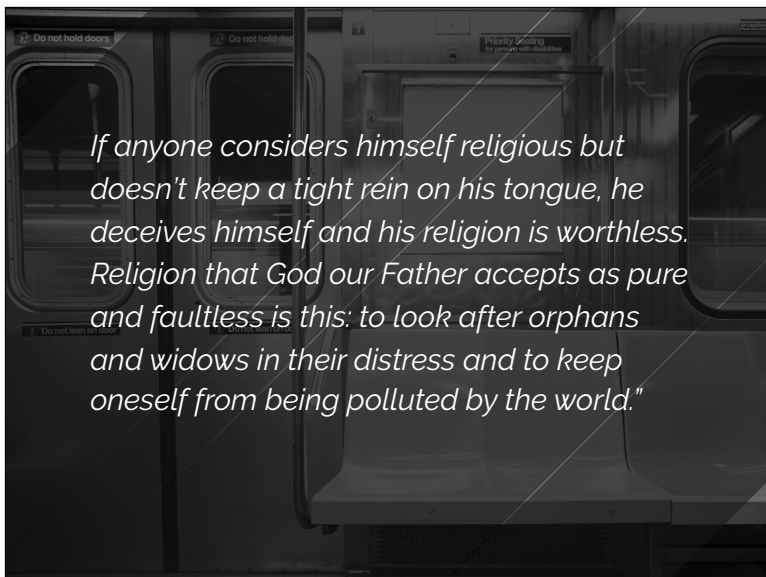
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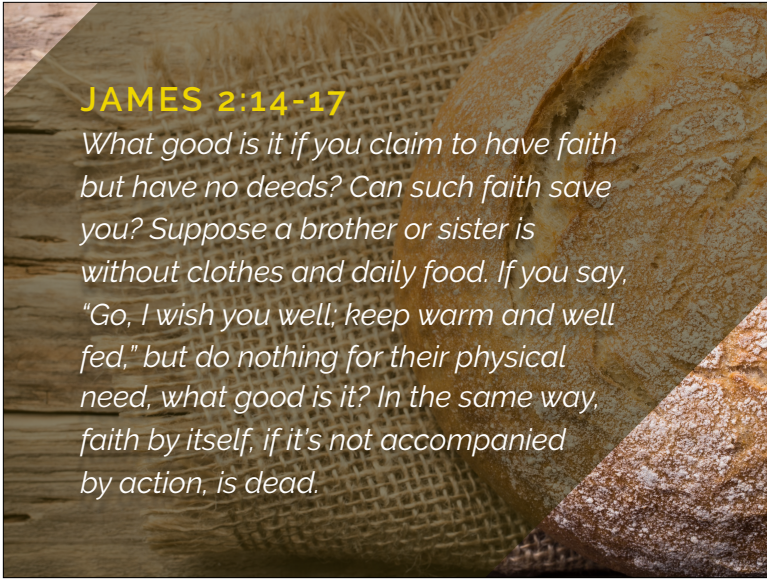
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**JAMES 2:14-17**

*What good is it if you claim to have faith but have no deeds? Can such faith save you? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If you say, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but do nothing for their physical need, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it's not accompanied by action, is dead.*

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The proof of faith is not what we say, but what we do with what we say!

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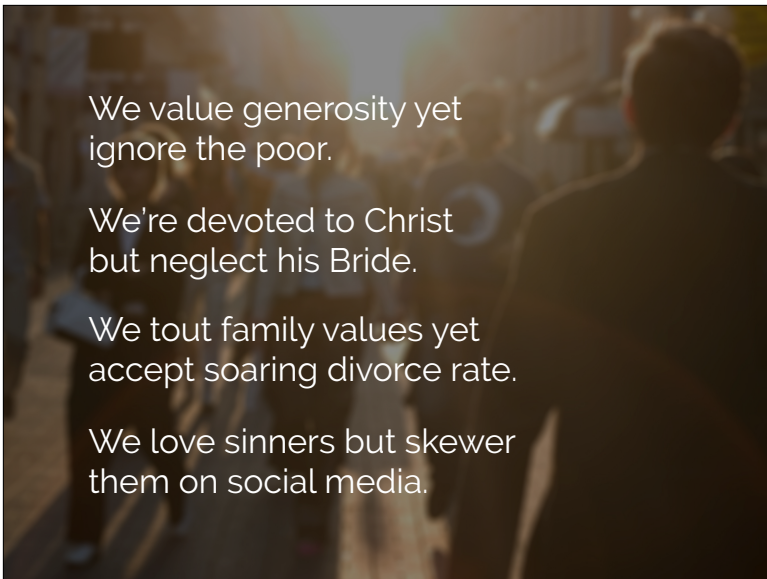
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We value generosity yet ignore the poor.

We're devoted to Christ but neglect his Bride.

We tout family values yet accept soaring divorce rate.

We love sinners but skewer them on social media.

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## The Consequence of Belief/Behavior Disconnect

### SELF-DECEPTION

"and so deceive yourselves." vs 22

### FRUSTRATION

"they immediately forget what they look like." vs 23

### BONDAGE

they miss out on "the law that gives freedom..." vs 25

### SPIRITUAL POVERTY

He won't be "blessed in what he does." vs 25

### IRRELEVANCE

"his religion is worthless." vs 26

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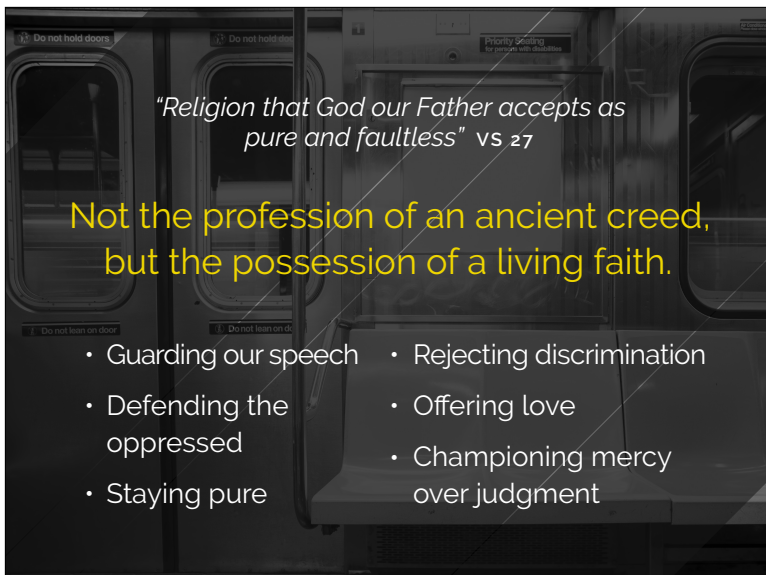
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**Faith:** True or False

**#1**

**Authentic faith is not just something I say.**

*"What good is it if he claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such 'faith' save him?"* JAMES 2:14

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*"You'll know them by their fruit. Not all who sound godly really are. They refer to me as 'Lord,' but they still won't enter God's Kingdom. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father."*

MATTHEW 7:16-23

**The decisive issue of faith is not what I say; it's how I obey!**

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**Faith:** True or False

**#2**

**Authentic faith is not just something I feel.**

*"If a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food and you say to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"* JAMES 2:15

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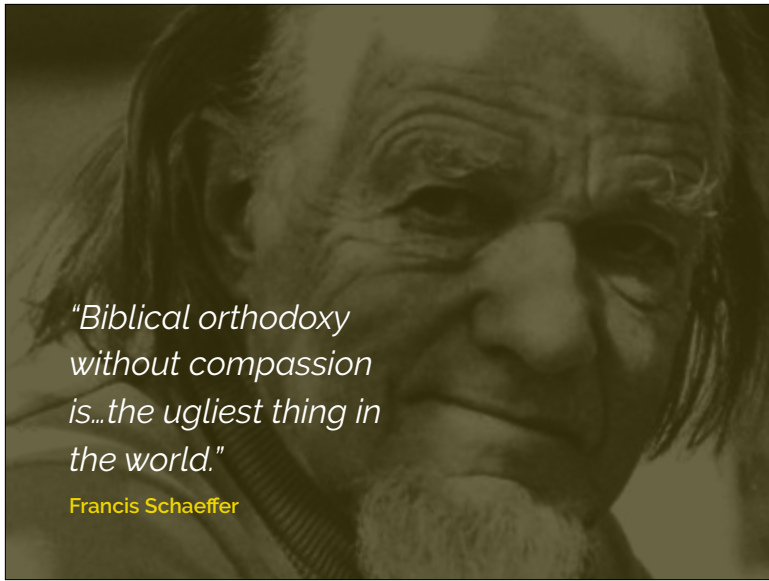
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*"Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is...the ugliest thing in the world."*

**Francis Schaeffer**

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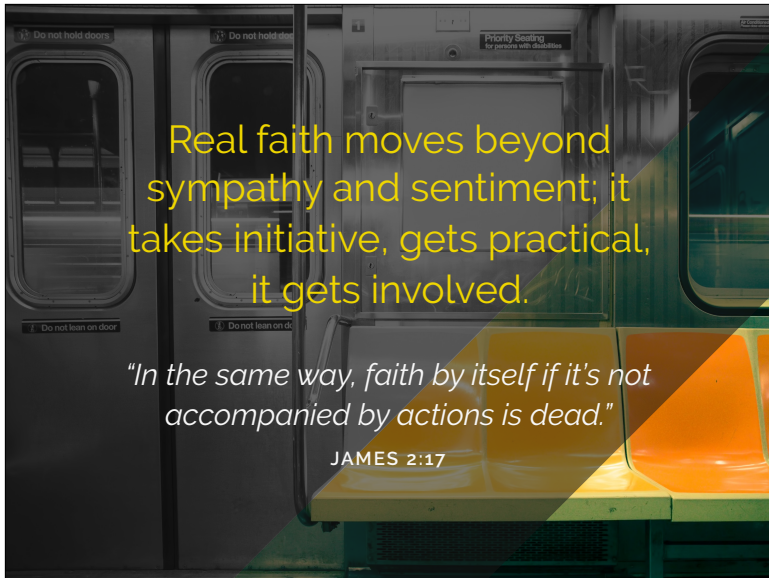
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**Real faith moves beyond sympathy and sentiment; it takes initiative, gets practical, it gets involved.**

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

**JAMES 2:17**

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**Faith:** True or False

**#3**

**Authentic faith is not just something I believe.**

*"You believe there's one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder!"* **JAMES 2:19**

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Even the demons believe—  
and shudder!

## SHUDDER

*friso*: to bristle; their hair stands on end at the awesomeness of God.

Just knowing about God isn't the same as knowing God.

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**Faith:** True or False

## #4

Authentic faith is something I do.

*"Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds!"* JAMES 2:18

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## FAITH IN ACTION

ABRAHAM

Man

Hebrew

Patriarch

Somebody

Major Actor

RAHAB

Woman

Gentile

Prostitute

Nobody

Minor Player

It doesn't matter who I am as long as I have what they had: faith expressed in action.

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# FAITH IN ACTION

## ABRAHAM

*"Abraham was considered righteous for what he did...his faith and action were working together, his faith was made complete by what he did."*

JAMES 2:18

## RAHAB

*"Rahab the prostitute was considered righteous by what she did when she protected the Hebrew spies...so faith without deeds is dead."*

JAMES 2:25-26

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## A CRUCIAL CLARIFICATION

My faith is not **determined** by what I do, it is **demonstrated** by what I do.

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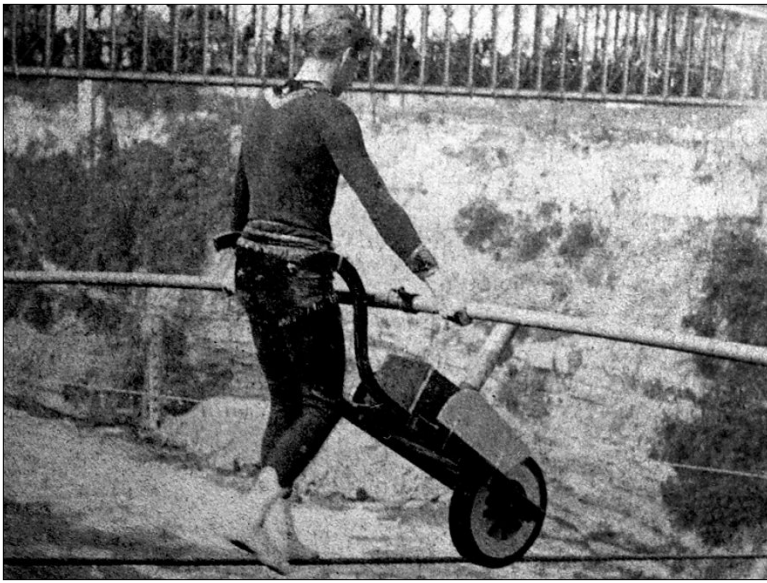
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"And you will be blessed  
in what you do!"

JAMES 1:25

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**JAMES**  
FAITH IN MOTION  
PART 3  
LIVE AUTHENTICALLY!

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