

The Real Deal a study of the book of James *chapter 2
ADMONISH: (verb) to remind, counsel, warn or inspire



**“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters,
if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions?” James 1: 22**

In some of the letters in the New Testament, the authors make it very clear that we become Christians through faith. As Paul says in Ephesians 2: 8 - 9, “ For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Paul continued in Ephesians 2: 10 to write “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” In his book, James clearly and consistently helped these believers to grasp the idea that genuine faith will always be visible in the way we live our lives.

*As you come to your study time, take a few minutes to think about Jesus' invitation to “let not your heart be troubled” (John 14:1).
What does this mean to you? What would it mean for you to sit with Him, to look into His eyes as He talks and to trust Him?
What are the desires and concerns of your heart at this time? You can tell Him honestly and openly. He will meet you right where you are.*

READ - James chapter 2. Read the 26 verses. Try reading them out loud with expression.

This chapter has 2 themes. Give a title to each of them and summarize them.

Section 1 - James 2: 1 - 13

Section 2 - James 2: 14 - 26

REFLECT

1. Why do you think that showing partiality or favoritism is sinful, as described in this text?
2. How does James explain mercy?
3. James used Abraham and Rahab as examples of people whose faith motivated them to action. Who has demonstrated for you a “visible faith” recently?

RESPOND - As you review this chapter one more time, ask God to direct you to the paragraph that He wants you to consider at this time in your life. **FIND AND MARK IT.**

What is the admonition that you need today? Or is it a promise or an answer that He would like you to receive as His gift to you? You are His prized possession (vs. 18), so receive His Word with gratefulness!