

Walking Loudly

James 2:14-26

James 2:14-26 warns of the existence of _____ faith and offers helpful guidance about how to _____ it. His assertion that “a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone” seems to _____ Paul who wrote, “For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.” But James knew that salvation was a _____ received by grace through faith and not by works. In James 1:21, he wrote “_____ the word planted in you, which can save you.” In our text, he was warning of the existence of a faith long on oration but short on _____. Rather than accepting an implanted-within faith, imposters put on a _____ of faith to fool others or even themselves.

James then shoots down the notion that saving faith is correct _____ about God. Demons have a more accurate _____ than you or I do. They tremble but _____ the implanted word. Some Christians, like them, have comprehensive knowledge of the Bible, but that knowledge doesn’t translate into anything productive in the kingdom of God. They often noticeably _____ the very Scriptures of which they claim to have superior knowledge.

James helps us think more _____ about saving faith and he promotes a healthier approach to understanding and applying the Bible which presents a _____, _____ description of faith.

God, through His word, gives instructions to people who have responded to Him in faith. He calls us to _____ each other, to _____ each other, to share our faith with others, to give generously, to _____ extravagantly, to _____ humbly, to _____ fervently, to _____ sacrificially. When you see someone living out these callings, you can be confident in the genuineness of their faith. Without these, watch out.

A college football coach was asked about a rather quiet player on the team. He responded, “We don’t need to hear him _____, because what he’s all about is very _____. I think James would like that as a description of _____ _____.