

James 2:12-26  
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<sup>12</sup>Seak thus and do (poieo) as being about to be being judged by the law of liberty, <sup>13</sup>for the judgment (is) merciless to the ones not having done (poieo) mercy. Mercy (is) boasting over judgment! <sup>14</sup>What (is) the profit, my brothers, if someone may say to be having faith, but he may not be having works? The faith is not having power to deliver him. <sup>15</sup>Now if a brother or sister may exist completely naked and may be being destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup>and any one of you may say to them, “Go away in peace, be warmed, and be filled,” but you may not give to them the essentials of the body, what (is) the profit? <sup>17</sup>Thus also the faith, if it may not be having works, is dead...in a place (all by) itself.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You are having faith, and I am having works; show to me the faith of yours out of your works, and I will show to you, out of my works, the faith of mine. <sup>19</sup>You are believing that God is one, you are doing (poieo) good; and the demons are believing, and they are trembling.

**You**

Are having faith  
 State a belief, demonstrate  
 with a work

**Objector**

I am having works  
 Do a work that demonstrates  
 my belief

Point: cannot demonstrate a connection between faith and works.

**You**

Believe God is one  
 You are doing good

**Demons**

Believe God is one  
 Are trembling in judgment

Point: same beliefs produce different works.

Conclusion: There is no observable, predictable relationship between faith and works.

<sup>20</sup>But you are having in your mind, already knowing, O fallacious man, that the faith without works is dead. <sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham, our father, justified out of works, having offered up Isaac, his son, upon the altar? <sup>22</sup>You are seeing that the faith was working together with his works and out of the works the faith was made mature. <sup>23</sup>And the Scripture was fulfilled which says “Abraham believed in God, and it was reckoned to him unto righteousness,” and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup>See then, truly, that out of works a person is being justified, and not out of faith only. <sup>25</sup>Now likewise has not Rahab the prostitute been justified out of works, having received the messengers and another way having sent out? <sup>26</sup>For exactly like the body without a spirit is dead, thus also the faith without works is dead.