

# The Sin of Inaction!

The Admonition of James

JAMES 4:17



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JAMES 4:17

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” — yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes...

JAMES 4:13-17

...Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

JAMES 4:13-17

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JAMES 1:22

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JAMES 4:17

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



If any of you lacks wisdom, let  
him ask God, who gives  
generously to all without  
reproach, and it will be given him.

JAMES 1:5



Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.



But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of  
the word and not a doer, he is like a man who  
looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For  
he looks at himself and goes away and at once  
forgets what he was like...

JAMES 1:22-25

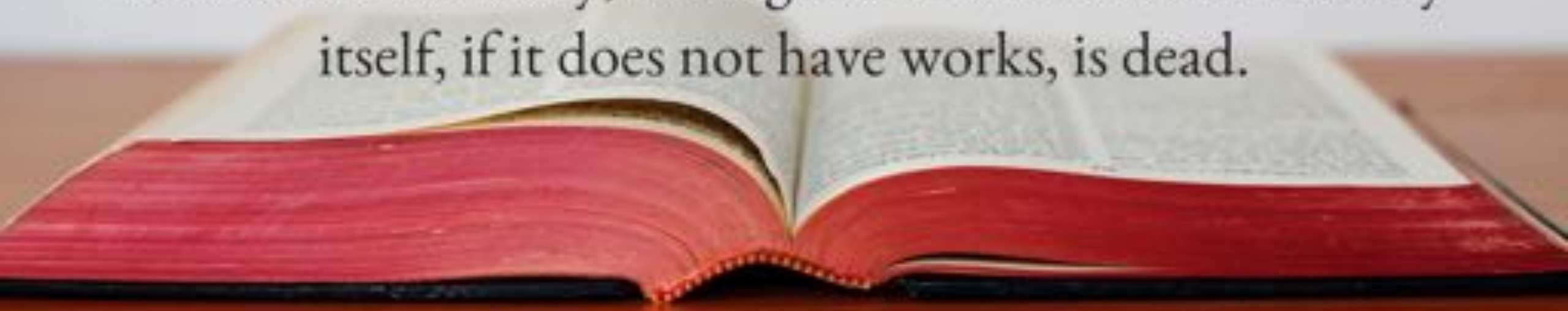
...But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

JAMES 1:22-25

Now when they heard this they  
were cut to the heart, and said to  
Peter and the rest of the apostles,  
“Brothers, what shall we do?”

ACTS 2:37

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh.



So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian



When I was a child, I spoke like a  
child, I thought like a child, I  
reasoned like a child. When I became  
a man, I gave up childish ways.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:11



You see that faith was active  
along with his works, and faith  
was completed by his works;

JAMES 2:22

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Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

JAMES 1:2-3

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

JAMES 3:1

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JAMES 4:17

About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

