

FAITH THAT WORKS – JAMES 1:22-27

1. Faith that acts upon **hearing**. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

James 1:22-25 (NLT) - ²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

2. Faith that talks without **hurting**. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

James 1:26 (NLT) - If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

3. Faith that loves the **vulnerable**. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

James 1:27 (NLT) - Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

- God loves the **orphans**. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

- **Psalm 10:14 (NLT)** – But you see the trouble and grief they cause. You take note of it and punish them. The helpless put their trust in you. You defend the orphans.

- **Psalm 27:10 (NLT)** – Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.

- **Psalm 82:3 (NLT)** – “Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute.

- **God loves the poor.** *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*
 - **Proverbs 14:31 (NLT)** – Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but helping the poor honors him.

 - **Deuteronomy 15:7, 10 (NLT)** – ⁷“But if there are any poor Israelites in your towns when you arrive in the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward them.

¹⁰Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do.

 - **Psalm 113:5-7 (NLT)** – ⁵Who can be compared with the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high? ⁶He stoops to look down on heaven and on earth. ⁷He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump.

- **God loves the world.** *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*
 - **Acts 1:8 (NLT)** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people

about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”