



The FAITH message - the Bad and the Good

Faith promoted by flesh - What has turned many off to the message of Faith:

- It has created a spirit of independence in many
- It has been mis-used as a way of control
- It has been mis-used as a way to get what we want
- It opens an area promoting my spirituality over others
- It permits a building of pride
- It has been used as promotion for personal favor with God over the needs of others
- It activates judgement over others
- It can promote an escape of personal responsibility for growing
- It can remove divine love for the brethren
- It demands works as a means of pleasing God for results
- It can promote little to no regard for what others think

Faith concepts as taught in the book of James:

- Faith endures trials, it faces them head on and develops endurance (James 1:2-4)
- Faith understands temptation (James 1:12)
- Faith overtly responds to the promises of God (James 1:12)
- Faith will not allow us to consent to outward lust and slide into sin (James 1:13-15)
- Faith is quick to hear, slow to wrath, careful when it speaks (James 1:19-20)
- Faith harbors no prejudice, faith and favoritism cannot coexist (James 2:1-4)
- Faith keeps us from love of money, even the influence of it (James 2:1-5)
- God has not chosen riches to build faith rather faith to possess riches (James 2:5)
- Faith works through love, it is not self-centered (James 2:8)
- Faith must be visible because verbal faith is not enough and mental faith is not sufficient, it must inspire action (James 2:14-22)
- Faith is obedient, it obeys the Word (James 2:21-24)
- Faith produces doers (James 2:25)
- Faith without works, is not Faith, it is dead (James 2:26)
- Faith controls the tongue, it holds it in check (James 3:1-12)
- Faith acts wisely, shuns earthly wisdom & chooses heavenly wisdom (James 3:13-17)
- Faith produces separation from the world and submits to God (James 4:1-4)
- Faith provides us the strength to resist the devil (James 4:7)
- Faith humbly draws near to God (James 4:8)
- Faith knows how to meet the needs of others (James 4:15-16)
- Faith through troubles and trials will stifle complaining (James 5:9)
- Faith produces proper conduct in the Body of Christ (James 5:13-18)