



Today's Study Focus - Actions Speak Louder People act in line with what they believe. For instance, if we believe a stove top is hot, we will not place our hand on it. If we believe vitamins are essential for good health, we will take them. Good marketers persuade people to believe they need a certain product in order to induce people to buy it. The actions that result from our faith are no different from those that result from other of our beliefs. If we truly believe God is who He says He is and that the Bible means what it says, we will act accordingly. It is important to note that works follow faith. Works are a good diagnostic barometer of where our truth faith lies. That being said, once we are saved, we are expected to do good works. We are a reflection of Christ. compellingtruth.org



Faith With Deeds James says, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26). Faith without works is a dead faith because the lack of works reveals an unchanged life or a spiritually dead heart.

- ❑ **When You "Do" - Matthew 25:31-40 NIV** 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Attentive listening to others let's them know that you love them, and builds trust, the foundation of loving friendships and relationships. Brian Tracy

- ❑ **And When You "Don't" - Matthew 25:41-46 NIV** 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Scriptures for Further Personal Study: **Romans 5:1-11** (*We were powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*) **1 Peter 3:8-22** (*Repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called.*)

Set Your Mind Set your mind on things above: The best Christian living comes from minds that are fixed on heaven. They realize that their lives are now hidden with Christ, and since Jesus is enthroned in heaven, their thoughts and hearts are connected to heaven also.

- ❑ **Your Acceptance Required - Romans 15:1-7 NIV** 1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." 4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Scriptures for Further Personal Study: **Romans 14:1-10** (*Why do you treat them with contempt?)* **Colossians 3:1-17** (*And over all these virtues put on love.*)



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