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**“Roll-Up-Your-Shirtsleeves Faith!”**

**James 2:14-18**

## **“Roll-up-your-sleeves Faith”**

“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.”

(Hebrews 11:1-2, NLT)

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According to James, faith requires three things:

**ACTION**

**COMPASSION**

**EVIDENCE**

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### 1. ... Is Active NOT Passive. (14)

*“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it **by your ACTIONS**? Can that kind of faith save anyone?”*

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### 2. ... Is Compassionate NOT Indifferent. (15-16)

*“Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, ‘Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well’—**but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing.** What good does that do?”*

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### 3. ... Bears Fruit NOT Barren. (17-18)

1. *“So, you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is **dead and useless**. Now someone may argue, ‘Some people have faith; others have good deeds.’ But I say, ‘How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? **I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY GOOD DEEDS.**’”*

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“Roll-up-your-sleeves faith see Christianity as **faith and action**. They still make the time to talk with God through prayer, study Scripture with devotion, be super-active in their church and take their ministry to others to spread the Good Word. ...they are **anonymous people who are doing good for Christ**, may be doing even more good than all the well-known Christians in the world.”

Dave Thomas, Well Done

## “Roll-up-your-sleeves Faith”

1. What is Faith? It is something that you live out in your daily life that both DEMONSTRATES and DECLARES Christ to your world.
2. “In your lives you must THINK and ACT like Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5, NCV
3. James is calling us to a faith that is ACTIVE, not passive; a faith that is COMPASSIONATE not **Indifferent**; and that BEARS FRUIT not BARREN.