

FAITH TESTS

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PART 3: THE TEST OF GOOD WORKS



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? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. (Jas. 2:14-17 NLT)

Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive. (Tit. 3:14 NLT)

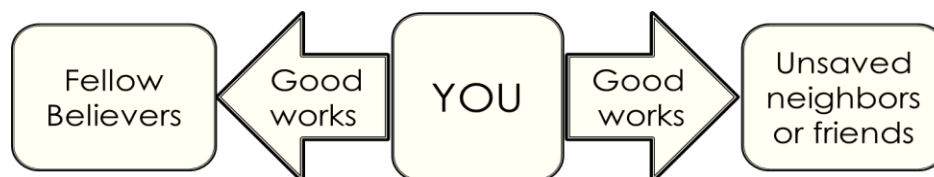
Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. (Heb. 10:24 NLT)

A. THE CENTRAL QUESTION

What are good works (deeds) and how is the Christian believer to do them?

B. DEFINITION

Good works are specific actions taken by Christian believers for the purpose of _____ and done in such a way that it _____



C. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). But James writes, "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17). So who is right?
2. What are some practical ways you might do good works toward fellow believers?
3. How can you get to know unsaved neighbors and friends for the first time?
4. What are some practical ways you can do good works to unsaved neighbors and friends?

D. HOW TO DO GOOD WORKS

1. Ask God to help you _____ the practical needs of specific neighbors and fellow believers.
2. Pray about the steps you _____ taking to meet those needs.
3. When the _____ take the necessary steps.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3.

For more about doing good deeds go to:
https://www.good-deeds-day.org/52_good_deed_ideas/

