

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works (James 2:18).

And so the challenge James issues to his readers is very clear...

Those claims you make about your service to the Lord—SHOW ME you're telling the truth!

If you claim to be religious, show me...

- James 1:26
- Show me by controlling your tongue (1:19, 26).
- Show me by doing the word of God (1:21–25).
- Show me by practicing pure religion (1:27).

If you claim to have faith, show me...

- Unlike...
 - The person who says, "Be warmed and filled" (2:14-17).
 - The demons (2:19).
- But like...
 - Abraham (2:21–24).
 - Rahab (2:25-26).

If you claim to have wisdom and understanding, show me...

- Show me the meekness of wisdom (3:13).
 - By not being overly ambitious to be teachers (3:1-12).
 - By not using knowledge for self promotion, or boasting (3:14).
- Show me the wisdom from above, not from below (3:14–18).

Conclusion

- Do I claim to be religious? Do I claim to be a man of faith? Do I claim to have heavenly wisdom?
- The Lord's message to me: ????