

Good Works Vs. Dead Works **James 2:14-26**

Why is faith without works dead?

True saving faith will result in a transformed life.

How we live reveals if the faith we profess to have is in fact a living faith.

Matthew 25:31-36

How Do We Tell the Difference Between Dead Works and Good Works?

I. DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF POWER

Dead Works draw their power from human effort!

Good Works draw their power from the Holy Spirit!

II. DETERMINE WHO IS IN CHARGE

Dead Works are impressed with position and rank!

Good Works are impressed with accomplishing God's mission!

It has been said that Most people wish to serve God,

BUT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ONLY!

God is looking for people who long to be used no matter the position.

III. DETERMINE THE MOTIVE

Dead Works require external rewards.

Some honor bestowed! - Some reward given!

Matthew 6:1-4; Matthew 6:19-21

Good Works are often done in secret!

Godly Service is confident that God has a more suitable reward.

IV. DETERMINE THE GOAL

Dead Works are highly concerned about results.

Good Works are free of the need to calculate results.

A Godly Servant knows the reality of **Romans 8:28**

V. DETERMINE WHO WILL BE SERVED

Dead Works pick and choose who to serve.

Good Works are indiscriminate in their ministry.

JESUS SET THE GREATEST EXAMPLE!

1. When He washed the disciples feet (usually done by slaves)

2. When he died on the cross for us.

In both cases the people he was serving could give him nothing in return.

Yet with humility and grace, he chose to serve.

Can you imagine what kind of world this would be if we all followed His example.