

Will The Real Phony Please Stand Out!

The Test Of True Faith: A Faith That Works Overview of the Book of James Chris Mueller 5-15-2022

Introduction:

#1 The test of _____

James 1:2 *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials.*

#2 The test of _____

James 1:13 *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt any one. 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust*

#3 The test of _____ love

James 2:13 *For judgment will be merciless to the one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.*

#4 The test of _____

James 2:15 *If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.*

*Believing the Bible _____ salvation, but obeying the Bible _____ salvation

#5 The test of _____

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

Matthew 12:34b For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

Psalm 39:1 I will guard my ways That I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle

#6 The test of _____

James 4:4 Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself the enemy of God

#7 The test of _____

James 4:13 Come now, you who say, "today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit" **14** Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. **15** Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

The Conclusion:

James 5:19-20 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his ways will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 Turn to God from idols

One of these must be true:

- 1 - You are d _____, awaiting God's loving d _____
- 2 - You are d _____, awaiting God's d _____

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. Describe the faulty view of assurance that poorly taught Christians understand and live by.
2. What is God's view of assurance of salvation?
3. Why does James give these tests to determine salvation and not others?
4. Which of the tests James gives is a real challenge for you?
5. How will understanding the tests James gives change the way you parent your children or talk to other believers?
6. Who concerns you that they are a phony Christian, and how will you share the gospel with them?
7. What steps do you need to take this week in order to live the truths of James?

