

*One Step to Freedom Chapter 4: Lesson 4 - Obedience to God's Word*

*YOUR FAITH IS REVEALED IN WORKS*

**James 2:14-16 (NKJV) <sup>14a</sup> What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? <sup>b</sup> Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?**

*1.) In vs.14a.; What can we conclude about faith that produces no works?*

*2.) In vs.14b; What is the real question being asked in this verse?*

*3.) Looking to verses 15-16; Do you think throwing some spiritual Scripture verses at a person in their time of physical need is helpful or profitable?*

*\*References; Proverb 3:27-28, Titus 3:8, Titus 3:14, Hebrews 13:16*

*4.) Whose works are our faith found in or based on?*

*5.) What are the works Jesus Christ performed on our behalf on the cross?*

*\*Food for thought.....*

*- What need did Jesus Christ first address and fulfill in his miracles performed on people?*

*-What was the second need Jesus Christ addressed in his miracles performed on people?*

*\*God created us in Jesus Christ; Jesus is The Template/pattern for good works we are to follow:*

**Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

*\*An example of a pattern of good works;*

**Titus 2:7-8 (NKJV)** <sup>7a</sup> in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; <sup>b</sup> in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, <sup>8c</sup> sound speech that cannot be condemned, <sup>d</sup> that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

*1.) In vs.7b-8c; What are the pattern of good works listed we should be “showing”?*

*2.) In vs.8d; What is the reason given that we are to be doing this pattern of good works?*

**James 2:17-18 (NKJV)** <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> 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.

*1.) In vs.17; What is faith without works considered?*

*2.) What examples of the practical application of faith and works come to mind in God`s Word?*

**James 2:19-20 (NKJV)** <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God, You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! <sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

*1.) In vs.19; With whom does are faith without works compare us to?*

*2.) In vs.20; What are we considered if we don`t want to know faith without works is dead?*

**James 2:21-24 (NKJV)** <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? <sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

1.) *in vs.21; What did Abrahams work prove or justify?*

2.) *In vs.22; What was the result or effect of faith and works together?*

3.) *In vs.23; What further benefit or blessing did Abraham receive in doing the works of faith?*

4.) *In vs.24; What is the principle or lesson to be understood?*

**James 2:26 (KJV)** <sup>26</sup> For as the body without the \*spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. *References: 1 Corinthians 15:45, John 6:63*

Strong's concordance \*spirit; pneuma

(human) the rational soul, (by implication)

(divine) the Holy Spirit (by implication)

1.) *What is the “spirit” that animates the human body called?*

2.) *What is the Spirit that animates the born again believer?*

3.) *Are the two “spirits” the same?*

4.) *What provokes us in our faith to do good works?*

*\*The correct perspective of obedience according to God`s command:*

**Jeremiah 7:22-23 (NKJV)** <sup>22</sup> For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. <sup>23</sup> But this is what I commanded them, saying, **‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’**

**1 Samuel 15:22 (NKJV)** <sup>22</sup> So Samuel said: “Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, **As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.**

*1.) What do you these scriptures are addressing in reference to the heart?*

*\*Following Jesus Christ example of obedience:*

**Hebrews 5:8-9 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> though Jesus Christ was a Son, yet **He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.** <sup>9</sup> **And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,**

*1.) How did Jesus Christ learn obedience?*

*2.) How was Jesus Christ perfected? Reference; James 1:2-4*

*3.) To whom is Jesus Christ the Author of eternal salvation?*

*\*Following Jesus Christ example of obedience:*

**Philippians 2:8 (NKJV)**<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, **Jesus Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**

*1.) Looking to Jesus Christ`s example as a man, how are we to be obedient?*

*2.) What other scriptures comes to mind speaking to this example of obedience?*

**2Corinthians 10:4-6 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, <sup>5a</sup> **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,** <sup>6a</sup> **and being ready to punish all disobedience** <sup>b</sup>**when your obedience is fulfilled.**

1.) *In vs.5a; What is our first line of defense in our spiritual warfare?*

2.) *In vs.6a; What is the high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God?*

3.) *In vs.6b; How is the high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God defeated?*

*\*Our call to Obedience as children to Our heavenly Father:*

**1 Peter 1:13-16 (NKJV)** <sup>13a</sup>Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, <sup>b</sup> be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> **as obedient children,** not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as in your ignorance;* <sup>15</sup> but as God who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

1.) *In vs.13a and 13b; What are the initial instructions given in preparation for obedience?*

2.) *If we are in addiction to anything, can we rest our hope fully upon the grace we have through Jesus Christ?*

3.) *In vs.14; What is the instruction given to be obedient children of God?*

4.) *If we are in addiction to anything, can we consider ourselves as obedient children?*

5.) *In vs.15; Why are we to be obedient children of God?*

*\*God`s plan of salvation through obedient faith in Jesus Christ:*

**Romans 16:25-27(NKJV)** <sup>25</sup> Now to God who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began <sup>26a</sup>but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, <sup>b</sup> **according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith,** <sup>27</sup> **to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.**

1.) *In vs.26a; How does it say God revealed, manifested and made known the mystery kept since the world began?*

2.) *In vs.26b; What is the commandment given by God referring to this mystery?*

3.) *What is that mystery?*

4.) *Are we obedient to the faith if we are in addiction to anything?*

*\*What are the saints to do with the revealed mystery:*

**Colossians 1:26-27 (NKJV)** <sup>26</sup> the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. <sup>27a</sup> **To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the** **Gentiles:** <sup>b</sup> **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** *Reference; Ephesians 3:4-6*

1.) *In vs.26; To whom has God now revealed the hidden mystery?*

2.) *In vs.27a; What is God`s purpose and will for revealing this mystery?*

3.) *Who are gentiles?*

4.) *In vs.27b; What are the riches of the glory of this mystery?*

*\*As the Apostles were called to be a good example among all nations in obedience to the gospel and to glorify God's name, so are we commissioned with the same orders:*

**Romans 1:5 (AMP)** <sup>5</sup> **It is through Jesus Christ that we have received grace and apostleship to promote obedience to the faith and make disciples for His name's sake among all the nations,**

*1.) Can we promote obedience to the faith if we are in addiction to anything?*

*\*Our commission- teaching others obedience to the faith:*

**Matthew 28:18-20 (AMP)** <sup>18</sup> **Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. <sup>19a</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations <sup>b</sup> baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20a</sup> teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you; <sup>b</sup>and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age."**

*1.) In vs.18; On Whose authority were the apostles commissioned?*

*2.) In vs.19a; What is the commission?*

*3.) Do we have the same commission given us by the same authority?*

*3.) In vs.19b-20a; How were they instructed to make disciples of all nations?*

*4.) In vs.20b; What is the promise Jesus Christ gives in this commission that should encourage us?*

*\*The profound effect of one man's disobedience or obedience:*

**Romans 5:19 (NKJV)** **For as by one man's disobedience (adam) many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience (Jesus Christ) many will be made righteous.**

*1.) Are you effecting people in your scope of influence in a way to promote sin or righteousness?*

*\* Is there anyone or anything in your life you have habitually surrendered your will over to that would lead to unrighteousness and death?*

**Romans 6:16(AMP) <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you continually/habitually surrender yourselves to anyone/anything to do their will, you are the slaves of them/anything whom you obey, whether that be to sin/unrighteousness, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness?**

*1.) To Whom or what influence are you continually/habitually obedient to?*

*2.) Is that person or thing that you are continually/habitually obedient to producing fruits of righteousness?*

*\*The choice God gives us to make every moment of every day:*

**Deuteronomy 11:26-28 (NKJV) <sup>26</sup>“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; <sup>28</sup> and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.**

*1.) What is the promised result of obeying God`s commandments?*

*2.) What is the promised result of not obeying God commandments?*