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Title: Faith and Works

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. James 2:14-19

¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. Matthew 7:16

Faith is transformative.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. John 14:12

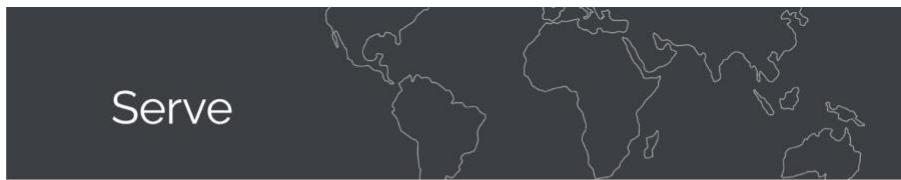
God equipped you to do God's work right here right now.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6



The image shows the 'ONLINE YOUR GIFTS' logo with a QR code on the left. In the center is a smartphone displaying the 'Spiritual Gifts Survey' app. The app screen shows 'Step 1 of 7 - (Questions 1-27)' and two questions. Question 1 asks: '1. I have a consuming passion (strong desire, great concern) to reach people who don't know Christ. *'. The options are 'Almost Always', 'Occasionally', and 'Not Very Often'. Question 2 asks: '2. I put great importance (high priority) on repentance (sorrow, regret, resulting in turnine from sin)'. Below the phone is the ACF logo.

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