

# MATURE CHRIST

One28 Fall Retreat





# Session 2

## Practice of Truth

James 2





1. Absence of Partiality (2:1-13)

2. Abundance of Works (2:14-26)





# 1. Absence of Partiality

## 1. The Rule i.e. What is the principle?

- Don't show favoritism, don't be partial, don't hold your faith with an attitude of personal favoritism.

## 2. The Rationale i.e. What are the reasons we should not show partiality?

- A. Jesus Christ is our Lord of Glory (1)
- B. We Become Unjust Judges (4)
- C. We Undervalue Those Whom God Values (5)
- D. We Honor Those Who are Likely To Oppress us (6)
- E. We Sin and Break the Royal Law (8-10)
- F. We will be Judged by the Law of Liberty (11-13)





## 2. Abundance of Works

### 1. Dead Faith (14-18)

- A. False Confession (14)
- B. Fake Comparison (15-17)
- C. Frivolous Conviction (18)
- D. Elements of Dead Faith
  - I. Walk is Divorced from Talk
  - II. Work is Divorced from Words

### 2. Demonic Faith (19)

### 3. Living Faith (20-26)





## 2. Abundance of Works

1. Dead Faith (14-18)
2. Demonic Faith (19)
3. Living Faith (20-26)
  - A. Living Faith is a Commitment
  - B. Living Faith is an Essential Element (Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:8; 2 Cor. 5:6-7; Rom:14:23)
  - C. Living Faith is a Gift from God (Eph. 2:10)
  - D. Living Faith Hungers for God (Matt. 5:6; Psalm 37:4-5; Matt. 22:37; John 6:35)
  - E. Living Faith Works (Mic. 6:8; Gal:5:22-23; Matt. 28:19-20)





# Questions for Reflection 1/2

1. Was there a time when I honestly realized I was a sinner and admitted this to myself and to God?
2. Was there a time when my heart stirred me to flee from the wrath to come? Have I ever been seriously worked up over my sins?
3. Do I truly understand the gospel, that Christ died for MY sins and then rose again? Do I understand and confess that I cannot save myself?
4. Did I sincerely repent of my sins, making the decision to turn from them? Do I now hate sin and fear God? Or do I secretly love sin and want to enjoy it?





# Questions for Reflection 2/2

5. Have I trusted Christ and Him alone for my salvation by responding to the commands He has given?
6. Has there been a change in my life? Do I maintain good works, or are my good works occasional and weak? Do I seek to grow in the things of the Lord? Can others tell that I have been with Jesus?
7. Do I have a desire to share Christ with others? Or am I ashamed of Him?
8. Do I enjoy the fellowship of God's people? Is worship a delight to me?
9. Am I ready for the Lord's return? Or will I be ashamed when He comes for me?\*

\*Wiersbe, Warren W. *The Bible Exposition Commentary*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996





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