

**“Is Your Faith Useless?”**  
**James 2:18-20**

**“Show Me Your Faith”**

- + Verse 18
  - “But someone may well say, ‘You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.’”
- + You can have Works without Faith but you cannot have Faith without Works.
- + The word for “Show” means a definite Act, to Demonstrate or Exhibit ones faith.
- + James also says he is willing and able to meet his own Challenge.

**One God**

- + Verse 19
  - “You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder,”
- + One God is the Jewish confession of faith as well as some other Religions.
- + The Demons Jesus is talking about are the Unseen Evil spirits that are often mentioned in the N.T.
- + The difference is that the Demons “faith” did not transform their Character and Conduct or change their prospects for the Future.”

**“Foolish Fellow”**

- + Verse 20
  - ”But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow that faith without works is useless?”
- + The phrase “are you willing to recognize” implies Unwillingness by the Objector to face the Issue.
- + The word for “Foolish” here means one who is Void, Empty or Hollow.
- + A faith without Works, without evidence of the life of Christ is “Useless”, Barren or Unproductive.