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# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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## WEEK 1

STRONG FAITH IS ABOUT DOING, NOT JUST KNOWING.

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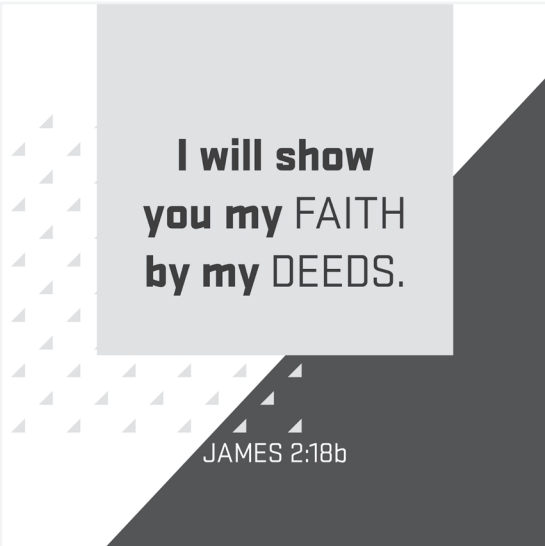


For we are God's  
handiwork, created  
in Christ Jesus to do  
good works, which God  
prepared in advance  
for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10

### DAY 1

PRAY // Doesn't doing good for someone else just feel like the right thing to do? There's just something deep inside of us that feels fulfilled when we do good. According to the apostle Paul's words, God actually made us to do good in the world around us. That's why doing good feels so right—it's actually the way we were created to live. Today, ask God to help you identify and act on the opportunities He gives you to do good works. If you're open to Him, He will show you how to do the good He created you to do.



I will show  
you my FAITH  
by my DEEDS.

JAMES 2:18b

### DAY 2

TALK // Faith is what Jesus asks of us in order to receive His free gift of eternity and forgiveness, but according to James (Jesus' brother), our actions should line up with our faith. You see, WHAT we believe is expressed by HOW we live. What we do on a daily basis shows the world around us our faith in Jesus. Today, ask a friend or mentor how your actions have been aligning with your faith. Listen to their honest answers and ask them for help improving in the areas where there might be gaps between your faith and deeds.



**Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!**

1 PETER 3:17

### DAY 3

HEAR // Many of Jesus' first followers were imprisoned or even killed for doing the right things. Even though many of them suffered, they never gave up on doing what was right. So what does this have to do with us? Well, many of us won't ever face those types of consequences for doing good, but we might get made fun of or even rejected by people we thought were our friends. Today, be encouraged that even if doing good brings some suffering, in the long run, it's better than what life would be like if we chose to do what God considers wrong.



**So let's NOT GET TIRED of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of BLESSING if we DON'T GIVE UP.**

GALATIANS 6:9

### DAY 4

PRAY // Doing what is good can be exhausting. It often requires us to go against the status quo or even look funny to many of the people around us. Over time, we might just want to give up and live like everyone else. Thankfully though, we're promised God's blessing if we choose not to give up. Yes, it requires faith and it's not easy, but in the end it's worth it. Today, ask God to give you the strength to keep doing good—even when it's hard. Ask Him to remind you of His blessings in moments where you need encouragement to keep going.



**But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.**

JAMES 1:22a

### DAY 5

LIVE // Have you even heard a dentist talk about flossing? We might listen to the facts about how flossing is good for us, but the reality is that less than half of Americans floss daily. So many of us know what's good for us but we often don't do it. The same thing can be true when it comes to Jesus' teachings. We might hear what He says is best for our lives, but we only get the full experience if we live it out. What's one thing you've learned recently from Scripture? Today, choose to live that out, trusting that God's Word leads you to what's best.

