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## For Your Consideration

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### 'Sound'

The words in the New Testament translated from the Greek into the English word "sound" are:

**hugiaino** – to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); fig. to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine);--be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some).

**sophroneo** – to be of sound mind, i.e. sane, be in right mind, be sober (minded), soberly.

**hugies** – healthy, i.e. well (in body); fig. true (in doctrine);--sound, whole.

–Vines Expository Dictionary



From the following verses we conclude that being "sound" means more than just being correct in what is taught and believed. It is:

#### **Being Humble in Spirit, Sober, Having Good Judgment**

Romans 12:3

*For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have **sound judgment**, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.*

#### **Being Moral and Truthful**

1 Timothy 1:9-10

*That law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to **sound teaching**.*

#### **Holding to Faithful Words in Faith and Love**

2 Timothy 1:13

*Retain the standard of **sound words** which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.*

#### **Living Godly**

1 Timothy 6:3

*If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with **sound words**, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness.*

#### **Speech Befitting a Christian**

Titus 2:8

*... **sound in speech** which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.*

# Saved by Faith

We are saved by faith. Period. But that faith must be made evident by works, not a mere profession. Faith and works are often misunderstood as being two separate acts that are antagonistic. That's not the case. They form a harmonious union. It's faith"working with (our) works" to perfect our faith (cf. vs.21-24).

## WORKING FAITH

### James Chapter 2

#### QUESTION

2:14-17

What use is it, my brethren, **if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?**

#### ANSWER

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so **faith, if it has no works, is dead**, being by itself.

#### REBUTTAL

2:18-20

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 believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that **faith without works is useless?**

#### EXAMPLE #1

2:21-24

Was not **Abraham our father justified by works** when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that **faith was working with his works**, and as a result of the works, **faith was perfected**; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. **You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.**

#### EXAMPLE #2

2:25-26

In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also **justified by works** when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also **faith without works is dead.**

### A WORKING FAITH SAVES

Not a dead faith – not a shipwrecked faith – not a feigned faith – not faith in God.

***Let us show (make evident) our faith by our works.***

# Mission Statement

Some time ago I heard a speaker say “all organizations (business, non-profit, church or whatever) need to have a clear view of who they are and what they are trying to accomplish.” Quite often you will see a Mission Statement posted on a wall of a business establishment. (Even if it isn't posted, there usually is one.)

That fact made me stop and think. The church has a mission, a mission that must be clear in the minds of the members and the overseers. Without such a statement, the church can become busy with everything but the true mission of the church.

## CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

### **Spread the good news (gospel) of salvation by any and all Scriptural means.**

*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18-20

### **Provide spiritual education and training for members.**

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.* Ephesians 4:11-16

### **Protect, encourage, exhort, reprove and rebuke members.**

*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.* 2 Timothy 4:2

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.* Hebrews 10:23-24

*Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.* Hebrews 13:17

### **Members are to love one another.**

*“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”* John 15:12

*So that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.* 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

*We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.* 1 John 3:16-18

**There it is. Simple. Sublime. Sufficient.**



## Ponder This

## Bearing Fruit

To come to a satisfactory or desired conclusion.

**Fruition:** the realization or fulfillment of a plan or purpose.

### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

*But the fruit of the Spirit is*

**love,**

**joy,**

**peace,**

**patience,**

**kindness,**

**goodness,**

**faithfulness,**

**gentleness,**

**self-control;**

*against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22-23

The realization or fulfillment of the Spirit is to produce these qualities in those who are followers of Christ. May each of us as His disciples strive to develop these qualities in ourselves. Be aware, no one said it would be easy!

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.* Philippians 1:9-11

*“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”*

John 15:8

## ‘I Have Learned’

*Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.*

Philippians 4:11

**Where did he receive his learning?**

**Life 101**

**LESSON TOPICS**

**LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS FAIR**

(Beaten and imprisoned unlawfully)

**YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET TO DO  
WHAT YOU WANT**

(Wanted to visit Rome)

**IT TAKES SELF-SACRIFICE TO ATTAIN  
YOUR GOALS**

(Buffeted his body daily)

**NOT EVERYONE WILL  
APPRECIATE YOU**

(Silversmiths in Ephesus)

**OBSTACLES WILL BE ENCOUNTERED**

(His thorn in the flesh)

**FRIENDS MAY FORSAKE YOU**

(Demas)

**BRETHREN MAY BELITTLE YOU**

(Corinthians: “his speech is contemptible”)

**YOU WILL BE OPPOSED FOR  
TAKING A STAND**

(Jews and Rulers)

**HARDSHIPS HELP DEVELOP  
CHARACTER**

(Too many to list here. cf. 2 Corinthians 11)

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We learn while taking the same course:

**Life 101!**

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