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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Self-Controlled, Upright, and Godly Faith" February 2018

The study during the Winter quarter explores the twofold nature of faith as belief and action. Selections from Acts show various examples of proclaiming faith in Christ. In the Book of Daniel, we see faith in action as sincere, obedient, bold, and strong. The lessons from several epistles show how our actions both as individuals and as communities demonstrate our faith in Christ.

Unit III, "Self-controlled, Upright, and Godly Faith," has four lessons that look at passages from Acts, James, and First Timothy, providing specific examples of faith as both belief and action. James teaches that faith without works is dead. The lesson from First Timothy offers instructions about leading others in a life of faith.

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People know that talk is cheap and that actions speak louder than words. How are we to live in this regard? James says that our professions of faith must be matched by accompanying action.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To comprehend the teachings of James regarding the relationship between faith and works.
- ✓ To regret those times when deeds have not lived up to words.
- ✓ To serve God with actions that match faith expressions.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Research the meaning of "saving faith" and "works of faith."
- Research Abraham's and Rahab's acts of faith in the Old Testament. Research to find other examples of acts of faith in the Bible.
- Read Galatians 3, Romans 4 and James 2:14-26. Note the same words used in all three texts.

We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

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