

DEAD OR ALIVE

JAMES 2



WORKLESS FAITH

Workless faith is worthless faith; it is unproductive, sterile, barren, dead! Great claims may be made about a corpse that is supposed to have come to life, but if it does not move, if there are no vital signs, no heartbeat, no perceptible pulse, it is still dead. The false claims are silenced by the evidence.

-The Bible Knowledge Commentary

1 JOHN 3:16-18

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

PEOPLE PLEASER OR PEOPLE SERVER?

JAMES 2:1-13

1 JOHN 4:20-21

If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

CHRISTIAN LOVE

“Christian love does not mean that I must like a person and agree with him on everything. I may not like his vocabulary or his habits, and I may not want him for an intimate friend. Christian love means treating others the way God has treated me.”

-Warren Wiersbe

1 SAMUEL 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

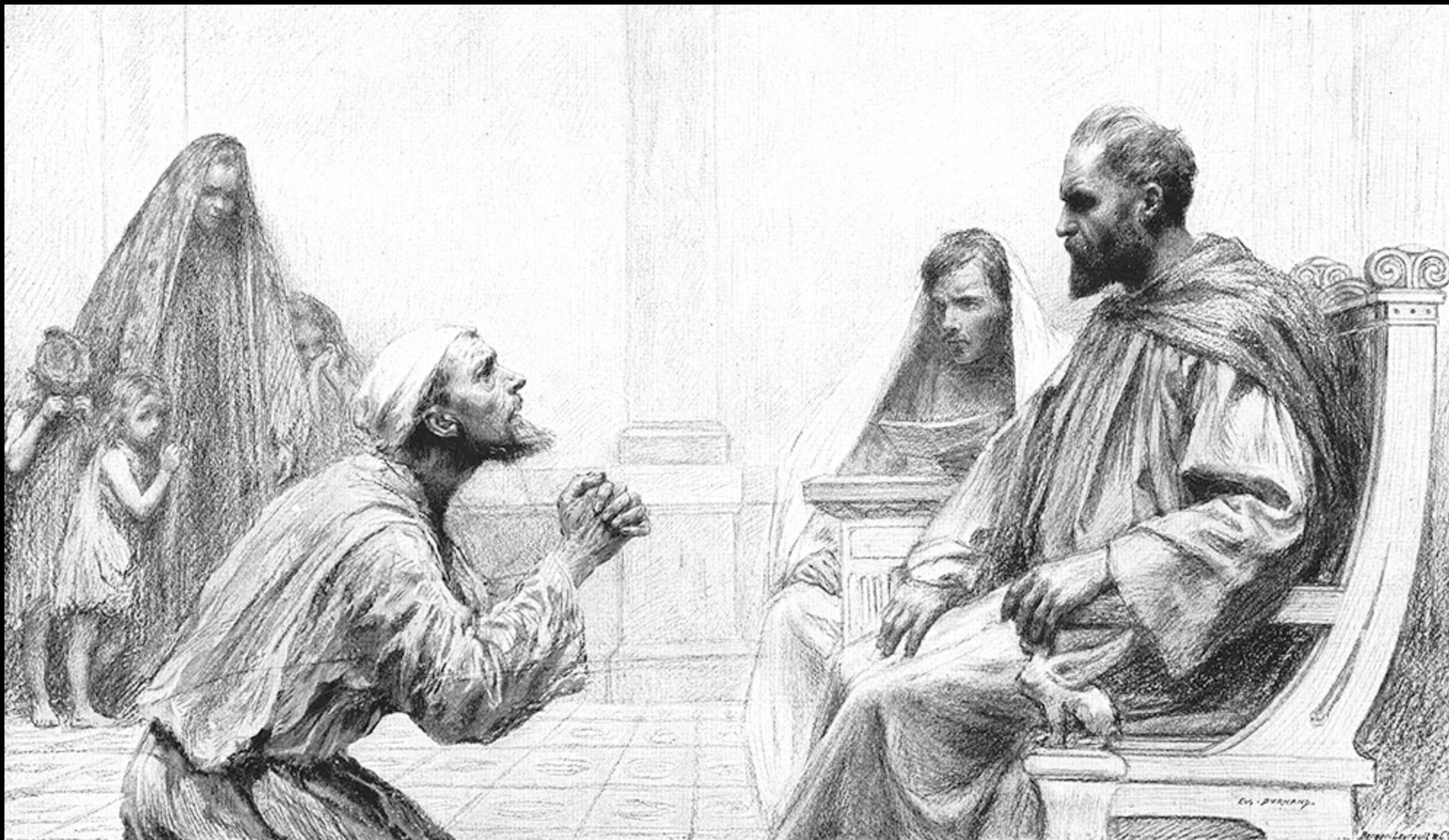
1 CORINTHIANS 1:27

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

And whatever you do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord and not to men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you
will receive the reward of the
inheritance; for you serve the Lord
Christ.

MATTHEW 18:21-35



LUKE 7:36-50



MATTHEW 11:25-26

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

**FAITH THAT WORKS >
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JAMES 2:14-26

TESTIMONY

“In recent years, believers have waged battles over the inspiration and authority of the Word of God. Certainly, it is a good thing to defend the truth of God’s Word, but we must never forget that our lives and ministries are the best defense. D.L. Moody often said, “Every Bible should be bound in shoe leather!”

-Warren Wiersbe

JOHN 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him,
“Most assuredly, I say to you,
unless one is born again, he
cannot see the kingdom of God.”

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

ROMANS 10:9

that if you confess with your mouth
the Lord Jesus and believe in your
heart that God has raised Him from
the dead, you will be saved.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand that we should walk in
them.

EPHESIANS 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

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