

The Bible says that faith without works is dead. Many have learned that faith with works (action) is alive. Faith without works (action) can become an unfulfilled fantasy. For if I have faith that God is leading me, but I do not follow or act on it, then faith turns to doubt and my inaction leads to death; the death of my faith and the death of my dream.

Unfulfilled faith creeps into one's life like oil into water. Just as oil pollutes, leaving a nasty film which ruins the purity of the water - so doubt, solidified by inaction, covers the purity of faith; rendering it polluted, unfit, and unusable. Faith activated by works (action) removes the doubts and impurities from our faith rendering it powerful and useful.

We must be doers of the word and not just hearers. It is so human to hear the word, rejoice in what we hear, and then... ponder. Pondering plants seeds of doubt.

We should jump to attention, springing into action at the when the Lord commands us or challenges us to take on a task or to help someone in need. Take the leap of faith.

It is better to leap/jump and fall, than be stuck squatting down to jump. Squatting is a tough place to stay. You can't sit down. You can't rise up. You can neither rest in your success nor stand in the knowledge of a job well done. Go ahead and jump! You can ask how high on the way up! It is better to just jump than to stay stuck in the ready and not act upon your faith. Make that leap of faith and see what God has for you. Be active in your faith. Look for ways to help others in need. The Lord gives us many instructions on things believers should be doing. Many of these are works based (not to get God's approval) and will require us to take the leap of faith.

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*Is My Faith Doing Something?*  
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**James 2:13 - 26**

### **Do-nothing Faith**

A - **Dead Faith**  
Mat 25:37-40

B - **Deceived Faith**  
Mr 7:6          Luke 3:7-14

### **Do-something Faith**

A - **Dynamic Faith**

1 - compassionate **generosity**  
1 John 3:17-18

2 - **sacrificial** obedience  
Luke 18:22

3 - **uncalculated** risk