

Bible Study Discussion

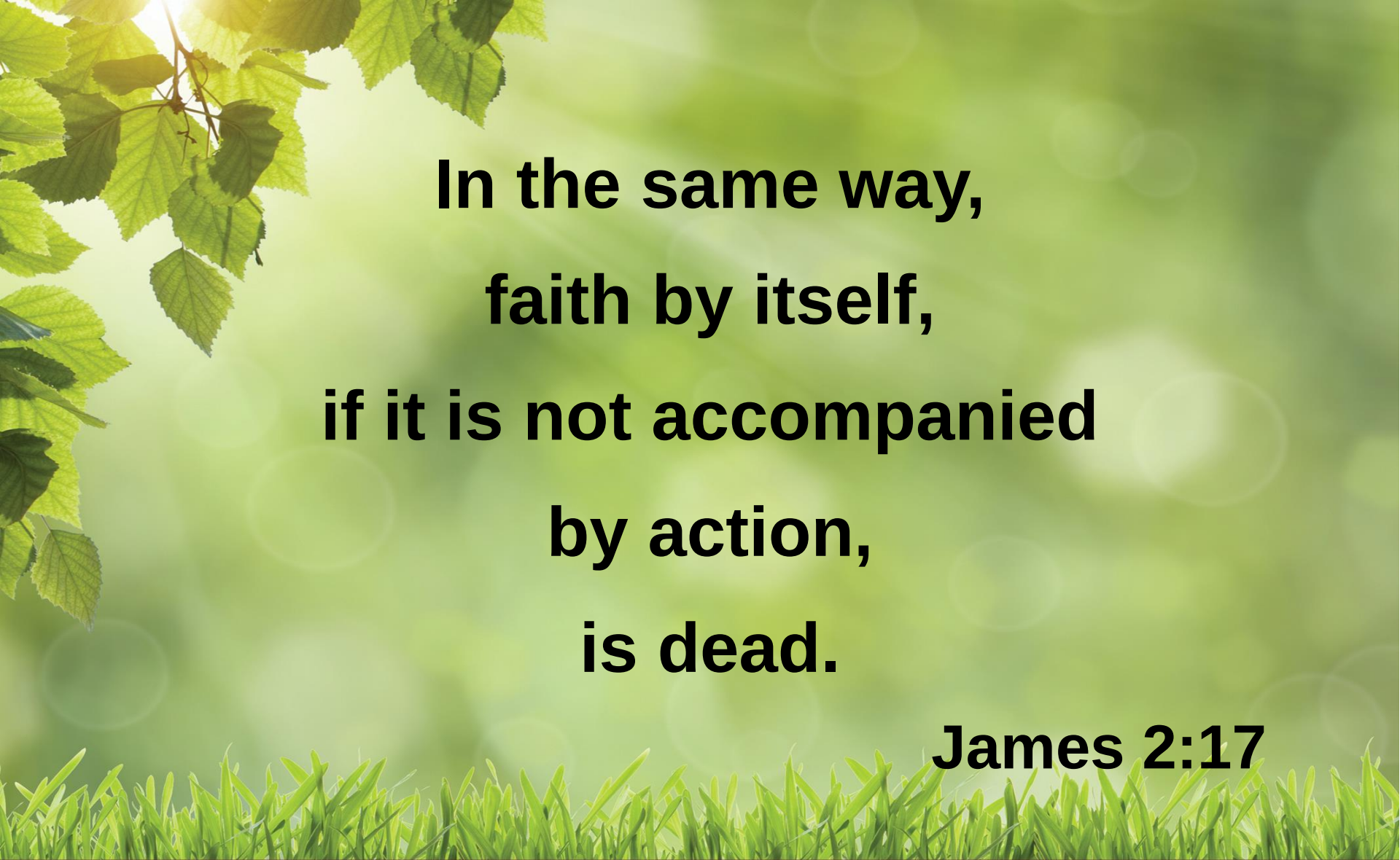
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James 1:18 – 2:13

Lesson 12



Gift of Reflection



**In the same way,
faith by itself,
if it is not accompanied
by action,
is dead.**

James 2:17

Memory Verse

The Gift of Reflection

**Contemplation or Thoughtful Review
and Meditation**

Christ projected on us.

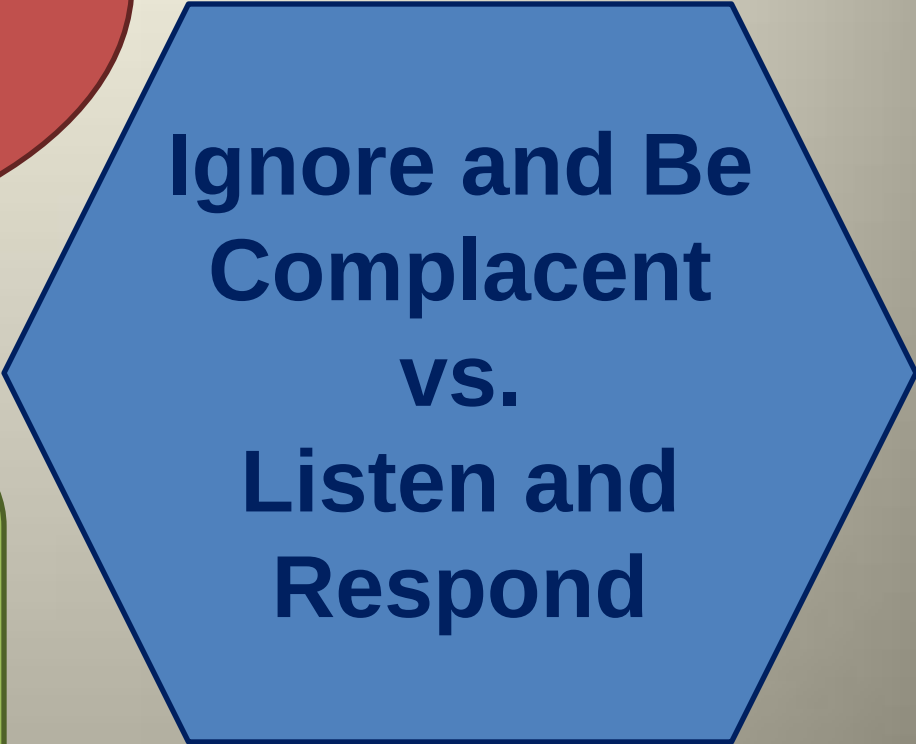


We mirror Christ for others to see.





**Anger
vs.
Self-Control**



**Ignore and Be
Complacent
vs.
Listen and
Respond**



**Discrimination
vs.
Impartiality**



Anger vs. Self-Control



Two Types of Anger

Emotion evoked by a clash of wills or power struggle. Based on ***selfish*** interests and is unjustifiable.

Emotion evoked because of an injustice needs to be made right. Based on ***serving*** others and is justifiable.

Unjustified Anger is the fruit of self-centeredness and egocentricity. The anger of a man does not produce God's righteousness.

The Fruit of the Spirit includes Self-Control, Gentleness, and Love.

I Corinthians 13:5

Mark 3:5

Matthew 21:12-14

Ignore and Be Complacent vs. Listen and Respond



1. God's Word is active and transformational. Love and serve are action verbs and imperatives not suggestions.
2. We need to avoid temptations. We need to show mercy and forgiveness. We should live sacrificially.

Discrimination vs. Impartiality

**Nelson
Mandela**
1918 - 2013



God shows no partiality nor should we.
If Christians are to be Christians, then we must stand
with the oppressed and not the oppressor.
Justice, mercy, and forgiveness must characterize
those who profess to serve Jesus.

Therefore

**Accept the Gift of Reflection
by striving for:**

Sustaining Self-Control

Listening and Responding

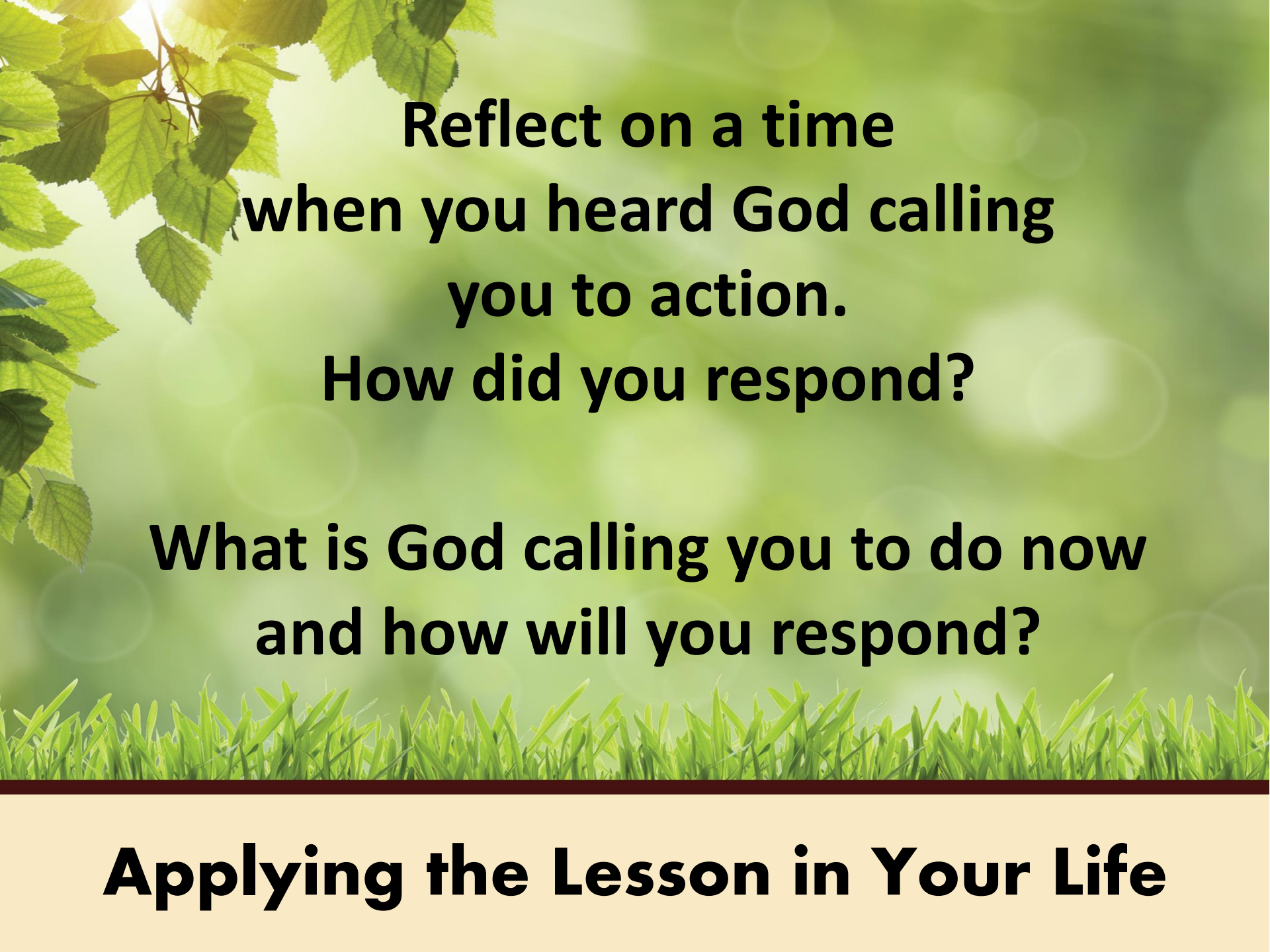
Practicing and Insuring Impartiality



May Your Christmas be joyous!



Soli deo gloria!



**Reflect on a time
when you heard God calling
you to action.**

How did you respond?

**What is God calling you to do now
and how will you respond?**

Applying the Lesson in Your Life

Closing Prayer

