Being versus doing

Which one is more important? Being who you are or the things you do?

James 2;14-18

VS 14. The best way to spread the gospel is by being the gospel. Christianity is not supposed to be a secret. The god we serve should show in our lives by the way we act or talk. A confession of faith is just **WORDS** God deserves more from us than lip service

VS 15-16. Opportunities to **grow the kingdom** and work out our faith are everywhere. We have all seen that person holding a sign along the road. Hoping and praying for the good will of others.

VS 17-18. Ever study cause and effect? The other day I Fell and sprained my ankle. My ankle swelled up and turned colors and was pretty hard to walk on. Cause and Effect. The cause was a sprained ankle the effect was swelling and pain. How about I follow Jesus as the cause what effect should that have? Showing love for others? Tithing? Praying? Fasting

Matthew 7:15-20. The tree is what you <u>are.</u> The fruit is what you <u>do</u>. If you are a good tree it is not possible to produce a bad fruit. Be the good tree.

So what is more important being or doing? Satan can do good things to deceive people. But Satan can't be a good person. We are human "beings" not human "doings". We need to stop asking what does God want me to do and start asking who does God want me to be.

"A man can be as much of a saint in a factory as in a church. And there is great need for him in both" Robert McCracken.

Who does God want you to be?