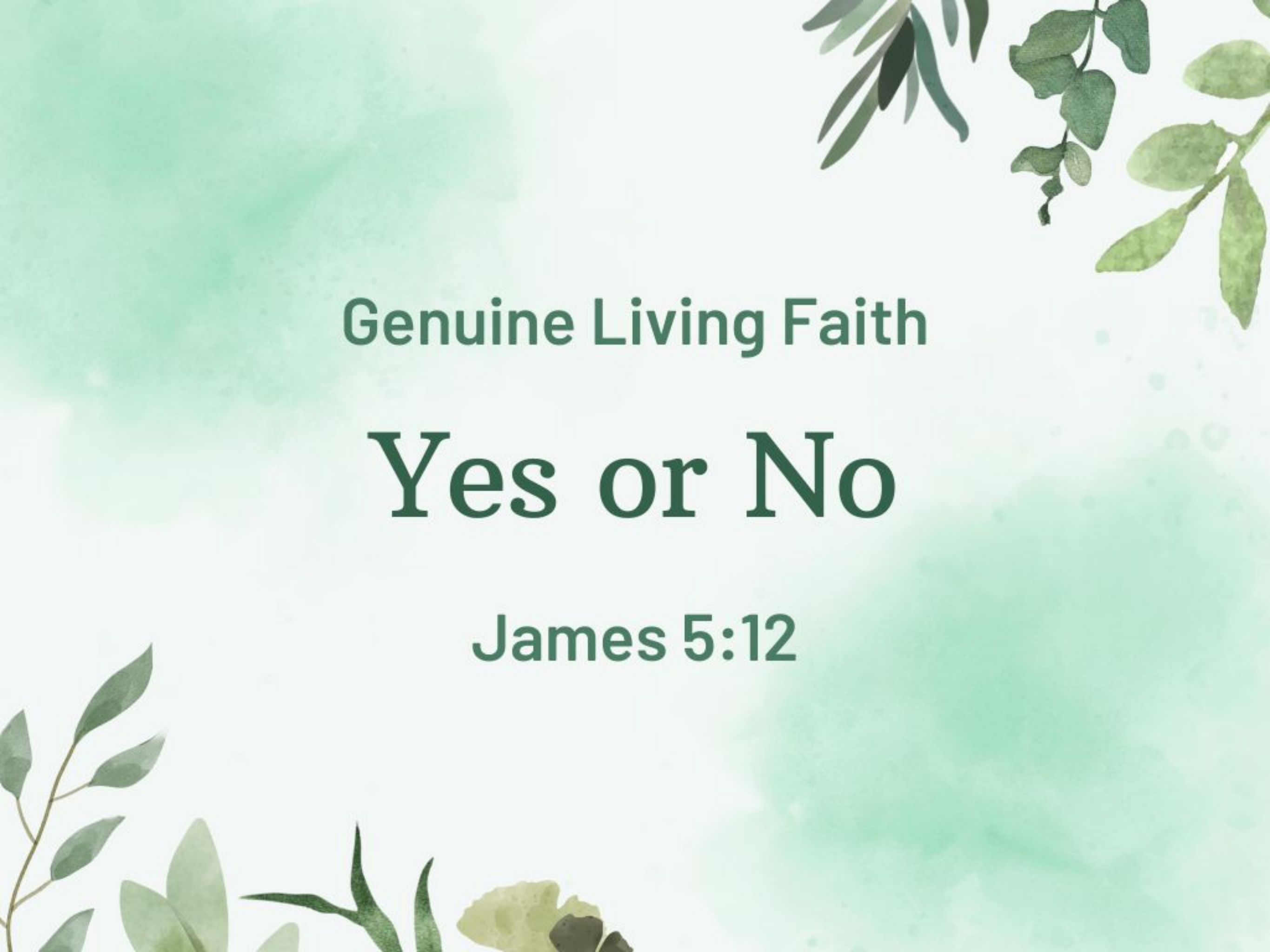




Genuine Living Faith

Yes or No

James 5:12

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Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear - not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple “Yes” or “No”, otherwise you will be condemned.

**We should always
speak honestly.
Be a person of your
word.**

1 Peter 3:15-16

Instead, you must worship
Christ as Lord of your life.
And if someone asks about
your hope as a believer,
always be ready to explain
it. But do this in a gentle
and respectful way.

Keep your conscience
clear. Then if people
speak against you, they
will be ashamed when
they see what a good
life you live because
you belong to Christ.

Matthew 5:34-37

But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all; either by heaven, for it is God's throne, or by earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

And do not swear by
your head, for you
cannot make even one
hair white or black. All
you need to say is
simply “Yes” or “No”,
anything beyond this
comes from the evil one.

Luke 8:44

When he lies, he
speaks his native
language, for he is a
liar and the father of
lies.

Psalm 34:13

Keep your tongue
from evil and your lips
from speaking deceit.

Let your yes be yes.
Let your no be no.
Anything else comes
from the enemy.

- How often are we tempted to make excuses to get out of doing something we don't want to do?
- How often do we get wishy washy with what we say, so we start giving mixed messages?
- How often do we try to talk people around to seeing something our way or doing something we want instead of just telling them what it is that we want?

- How often is that we don't want to get into drama so we answer passively to stay out of it?
- How often do we dance around saying no because we don't want to hurt people or because we are afraid of what they might think about us or if they will reject us?

If it has any chance of
impacting the way
that people view your
integrity, your sincerity
or your truthfulness -
it's from the enemy.

**1. We are called to be
people of integrity.**

1 John 3:18

**Little children, let us not
love in word or talk, but
in deed and in truth.**

**2. Be discerning
about what we say
yes or no to.**

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways
acknowledge Him
and He will make your
paths straight.

**3. Where am I weak in
this and why?**

Jeremiah 6:14

**You can't heal a
wound by saying it's
not there.**

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