



AUTHENTIC FAITH

THE PROBLEM OF PARTIALITY

James 2:1-13

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1. Beware _____ (vv.1-4, 9-11)

2. Look _____ (vv.5-7)

3. Imitate _____ (vv.8, 12-13)

James 2:1-13 (ESV)

1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's teaching. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. What is one observation or application you found helpful from the sermon?
2. Read James 2:1-13. List out some of the dangers of showing favoritism in the church, and why partiality is sinful?
 - a. What are some categories people often place others in?
 - b. How have you been guilty of showing partiality?
3. Read Colossians 3:11-17. Why does seeing that the gospel removes any distinctions that we as humans might use to play favorites remove any excuses for showing partiality in the church?
 - a. How can you intentionally broaden your circle of relationships to reflect God's impartial love and mercy within the church?
4. Read Galatians 5:13-14 and 1 John 3:16-18. What do these verses say about the command to love others? Find and write down another scripture that teaches you to love the way God loves.
 - a. With these verses in mind, how will you imitate God's love and mercy to your church family? Be specific.

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