



VALUING EVERY PERSON

James 2:1-13

"My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism." (James 2:1)

Favoritism is also known as

_____ or _____.

It's when we value certain people over others based on things like . . .

- their social _____
- their intelligence
- their _____
- their _____
- their appearance
- their _____
- their ethnicity or _____
- their heritage
- their age
- their _____

Favoritism (Prejudice) . . .

1) is not _____ with _____.

"...do not hold your faith...with an attitude of personal favoritism." (v. 1)

2) has no place in the life of a _____.

"...your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ..." (v. 1)

Favoritism (Prejudice) . . . - cont.

3) is revealed in how we _____.

"For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing fine clothes, and say, 'You sit here in a good place,' and you say to the poor man, 'You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?" (vv. 2-4)

4) _____ people whom _____.

"Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man." (vv. 5-6a)

5) is _____ and _____ - _____.

"Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?" (vv. 6b-7)

6) violates the _____ -

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"If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors." (vv. 8-9)

7) is as _____ as _____.

"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. For He who said, 'Do not commit adultery,' also said, 'Do not commit murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law." (vv. 10-11)

8) _____ the _____ of God.

"So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment." (vv. 12-13)