

NO SMALL PEOPLE (JAMES 2:1-7)

Discernment - What are the ways we are called to this? (Walk in Wisdom)

- *John 7:24 - Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.*
- *Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*
- *Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*
- *1 Corinthians 5:12 - For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?*

Discrimination - What are the ways we do this? (World's eyes / God's eyes) (Evil Judge)

- Wealth - How does someone look?
- Relationships - How is someone formed?
- Convictions - What does someone believe?
- Politics - What does someone value?

What do we do? - Show grace / look for fruit / lean in

Galatians 5:16-23 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

These sides act very differently; both are in us, which one is leading?

NO SMALL SINS (JAMES 2:8-11)

Partiality towards people / Partiality towards sin

NO SMALL CHOICES (JAMES 2:12-13)

This is very near to the heart of Jesus.

- *Matthew 5:7 - Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*
- *Matthew 6:14-15 - For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

If we are to accept the freedom of God's way, it must be applied to all the same.

Matthew 11:28-30 - Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We will let him suffer for us, but we won't let him lead us.