

JAMES AT A GLANCE

James 2:1-13

Prejudice- Our English word stems from a Latin noun that emphasizes a prejudgment of someone, causing us to form an opinion without knowing the facts. Once we've raced to our conclusions, ignoring the facts, we're well on our way to irrational thinking – thinking that results in a dangerous attitude that says, "Don't bother me with the truth, my mind is made up." The whole point of 2:1-13 is to diffuse this kind of faulty thinking!

1. Where do you see prejudice being practiced today?
2. How have you been a victim of favoritism or prejudice?
3. How have you shown favoritism or prejudice to other people?
4. How do we use physical appearance, job status, wealth, and athletic ability to show favoritism toward some people and not others?
5. Why is favoritism or prejudice often overlooked as a sin?

James 2:14-26

Someone once said that faith is like calories: you can't see them, but you can always see their results. This is a major theme running throughout James' letter – **results**. **Genuine faith produces genuine works** and nowhere is this theme more passionately argued than in **verses 14-26**.

Marks of Genuine Faith:

- ***Is not indifferent . . . but involved***
- ***Is not independent . . . but in partnership***
- ***Is not invisible . . . but on display***
- ***Is not intellectual . . . but from the heart***

Examples of Genuine Faith