**Title:  Pure and Undefiled Faith Loves**

**Three Attributes of Pure Christian Faith:**

1) **Controlled Speech**
2) **Selfless and Sacrificial Care For The Needy**
3) **Definite Distinction From Worldly Methods**

## Scripture:

**26** If anyone [a]among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. **27** Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

## Beware of Personal Favoritism

**2** My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. **2** For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in [b]fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in [c]filthy clothes, **3** and you [d]pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," **4** have you not [e]shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

**5** Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? **6** But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? **7** Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

**8** If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; **9** but if you [f]show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point,* he is guilty of all. **11** For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. **12** So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. **13** For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.