

# JAMES

## How to Treat People

8-7-22

I. Do life from the \_\_\_\_\_ out – vs – \_\_\_\_\_ in.

*James 2:1* - My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show **favoritism**.

Definition: "favoritism" - to receive somebody's face

### Areas of Discrimination:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Samuel 16:7* - But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

*James 2:2-4* - Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. <sup>3</sup> If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

II. Do life \_\_\_\_\_ down – vs – \_\_\_\_\_ up.

### Three problems with favoritism:

A. Favoritism is \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 2:1* - My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.

### Faith and favoritism are incompatible -- we're a family.

*Romans 2:11* - For God does not show favoritism.

B. Favoritism is \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 2:5-7* - Listen, my dear brothers: **Has not God chosen those who are poor** in the eyes of the world **to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom** he promised those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have insulted the poor. **Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?** Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

C. Favoritism is \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 2:8* - If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "**Love your neighbor as yourself**," you are doing right.

*Galatians 5:14* - The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

*1 John 4:20* - If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

### How I relate to you proves how much I love God.

### The seriousness of it:

*James 2:9-13* - But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. <sup>12</sup> Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup> because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

III. The right way to \_\_\_\_\_.

(How To Have A Loving Church)

STEP 1: \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*Romans 15:7*- Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

STEP 2: \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*Philippians 2:3*- Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

STEP 3: \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*- Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.