



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
IMITATING THE IMPARTIALITY OF GOD
JAMES 2:1-13

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1. Remember _____

(v. 1)

James 2:1-13 (ESV)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill 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. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

2. Treat _____

(vv. 2-7)

3. See _____

(vv. 8-13)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read James 2:1-7.** Write down some of the obvious ways that God overlooked your shortcomings when He saved you. How can reviewing this list prepare you to treat others impartially?

2. Review your notes to see how we defined the “rich” and the “poor”. Who is in the category of “poor” that you could proactively love in this next week?

3. **Read Psalm 139:23-24.** Since partiality is a serious sin, spend some time asking God to reveal if there’s any partiality you need to confess. Write down what God reveals and add it to your prayer list.

4. **Read Romans 8:1-17.** Spend some time praising God that He does not show partiality and that He saved you and me while we were still sinners! In light of being a child of God due to His impartial salvation, how can you be bolder for the gospel in 2021?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Tozer, A.W.. *The Knowledge of the Holy*. HarperCollins, 1961.

Swindoll, Charles R. *Improving Your Serve*. Thomas Nelson, 2004.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would help us all to see others as He sees them.
 Pray for God to increase the prayer life of this church in 2021.
 Pray that this church will baptize more people in 2021 than ever before!
 Pray that God would provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.
 Praise God for a great year of ministry filled with provision and blessings of all kinds!

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

| Date | O.T. | Psalms | N.T. | Gospels |
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| 12/28/2020 | Zechariah 6-9 | Psalms 148:7-14 | John 20:19-31 | Revelation 21:15-27 |
| 12/29/2020 | Zechariah 10-14 | Psalms 149 | John 21:1-14 | Revelation 22:1-11 |
| 12/30/2020 | Malachi 1-4 | Psalms 150 | John 21:15-25 | Revelation 22:12-21 |
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