

11. What two Proverbs tell us that it is not good to show partiality?
12. What is an example of how churches can be guilty of showing partiality (or being a respecter of persons)?
13. James opened his letter by giving us instruction on what?
14. In James 1:19-27, James transitioned to the importance of being a what?
15. Who is the audience to whom James is writing?
16. It was possible, even very likely, that the believers to whom James wrote were experiencing mistreatment from whom?
17. Most of the communities within the Roman empire didn't have a positive view of whom?
18. Why does James refer to "...our glorious Lord Jesus Christ" instead of just referring to "Jesus"?
19. What did the enemies of Jesus admit about Him?
20. The fact that you and I are Christians in the family of God is proof that the Lord doesn't do what?
21. Not only are we nobodies. We are also what?
22. Why is it easy to kowtow to the rich, the powerful, or influential people of society?
23. James was using a hypothetical story to make his point but he was presenting it because of what?
24. James does not do what in relation to the person who visit's the assembly?
25. In the synagogues of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, what were limited?
26. What were the two serious wrongs connected to the personal favoritism James addresses?
27. A common mind-set of that time was the poor man was someone who was NOT what?
28. What were the "evil thoughts" or "motives" that James addresses?
29. We need to let go of what mentality?
30. We have to be careful to not take verse 5 the wrong way and develop a bad attitude towards whom?
31. Status is a hindrance from coming to Christ for many people because most people who have a lot going for them don't see what?
32. Status is also a hindrance because to come into the family of God one must humble himself and do what?
33. In verse 6 James is pointing out the foolishness of what?
34. Verse 8 is telling believers to love all people the same, whether rich or poor, because of what?

35. We all naturally love whom?

36. Respector of persons makes one a what?

37. Do we/you play favorites?

38. Do we/you show favoritism?

39. Do we/you show partiality to some people over others?

***God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!***

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**For Next Time:**

**1) Read James 1:1-2:13 one time**

**2) Read James 2:1-13 each day this week.**

**3) What was the purpose of God's law?**

**4) How many of the 10 commandments are reiterated in the**

**New Testament?**

**5) Are they are little sins? If so, which ones?**

***If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?***

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## **DON'T PLAY FAVORITES**

**James 2:1-9**

**(Series #10)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Don't Play Favorites.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. It would be nice if Christians never played what?

2. When describing the playing of favorites, some Bible translations use what phrase?

3. Does the Bible speak **unfavorably** of being **respectful** toward people?

4. Where do we find the commands, "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king"?

5. What are two ways we can be a respector of persons?

6. God's word teaches that being a respector of persons in the sense of showing partiality or favoritism is a what?

7. Literally, James 2:9 says that you commit sin if you treat people differently because of what?

8. Partiality in James 2 is linked with what other sins?

9. God judged the spiritual leaders of Israel for what?

10. What passages tell us that God is no respector of persons?

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