

James 2:1-9

Life in Wisdom's House 11: Impartial

A perennial problem ...

I. Who is Wise

A. Evil Judges

B. Or Christians

II. Like God

A. Unbigoted

B. Benevolent

III. Among You?

A. Actions

B. Words

C. Thoughts

... put to death in the Kingdom.

Children, Listen ...

1. Did Jesus treat rich people better than poor people?

2. Does God have a favorite color of people?

3. What does James say is the Royal Law? You shall _____
your neighbor as _____.

Foolish Distinctions

The bottom line is this. God did not choose you based on your financial status, your skin color, your skills or anything of the sort. It was merely out of unmerited favor and sovereign grace that you are a recipient of His love. No one in God's Kingdom is more precious than another. The problem is that we have a tendency toward prejudices against some and a propensity to show favoritism and give preference to others ... even in the household of God. Churches and individuals who practice such bigotry are not reflecting the mind of God, are violating the "Royal Law," and acting like evil judges rather than true believers. On the other hand, impartiality reflects wisdom from above and therefore a Christlike perspective. Churches and individuals who are humble are fair minded, reflect the mind of God and bring glory to Him. If we have been discriminatory based on worldly standards or if we have preferentially pandered to those with earthly status repentance is clearly in order.