

**James 2:1-7**  
Unbiased

**Where Money Ain't Power**

*No partiality ...*

- I. Bias in the Church
  - A. Logical Absurdity
  - B. Spiritual Crime
- II. Sinful Folly
  - A. Favor
  - B. Degradation
- III. Verses the Mind of God
  - A. Royal Guide
  - B. Golden Rule

*... and the way of God.*

***Children, Listen ...***

1. Is it okay to play favorites in the church?
2. Should people with more money than others be treated extra special?
3. Money may be one thing, but what other kinds of things make us treat some people better than others?
4. Does God like us more or less because of how much money we have, the color we are or anything like that?
5. Why should Christian always be amazed by how much God loves us?

We are prone by our sinful nature to bias. We tend to judge people's worth by their income, talents, looks, gender, occupations and any number of externals. That is worldly thinking and it has no place in the church. Even some of the worldliest people realize the wrongness of prejudice and set out to fight it, albeit very often in a wrongheaded, ineffective way – but they try. But Christians of all people should know better than to measure other's value by worldly status and the like, not only because the Bible tells us so, but because God in His mercy has shown the likes of us grace and mercy despite our sinful selves. We can all be thankful that "God shows no partiality" (Rom 2:11) otherwise we would all surely be doomed. And now, if we have the mind of God, we will seek to be like Him in the way we view others, repenting of bias and learning more and more to properly esteem others and concerning ourselves with the condition of their hearts in relation to the Lord above all else.