

Show No Partiality

JAMES 2:1-7

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- **One Main Point:** Because of the promises and plan of God, Christians should love impartially.

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- A Stylized Example
 - o Bling and rags in the “assembly” (Gr. *synagōgēn*)
 - Two positions
 - Conclusion: you have become discriminating, evil judges
- Partiality vs. Identical treatment
 - o ‘Partiality’ in context: Favoritism on the basis of appearances or status
 - ‘Partiality’ more generally: *unjustified* favoritism

Two Reasons

- The promises and plan of God for those who love him
- The folly of favoring the oppressor and blasphemer

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Practical Faith

- Where are our blind spots?
- How do we do identify them?
 - o Pray
 - o Ask people you trust
 - o Read, listen and watch widely
 - o Analyze your knee-jerk reactions and evaluative thought-tendencies
 - o **Based on appearances**, what kind of person do you hope doesn't sit down next to you on an airplane?
 - o **Based on appearances**, what kind of person do you secretly hope doesn't date your daughter?

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