

**A #Hack4Faith Discussion-based Study for Groups and/or Individual Enrichment**  
**The Letter of James**

*“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete lacking nothing.” James 1:4*

**Discussion Three: *Genuine in Impartiality*, James 2:1-13.**

**Key Phrase:** *"My brothers and sisters, do not show favoritism as you hold on to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ."* James 2:1

**1. Discussion Scenario:**

- a. We live in a day of tremendous polarization, whether political, racial, or socio-economic. There is a swirl of toxicity around us, but we of faith in the “glorious Lord Jesus Christ” are called to be and remain genuine and impartial in all our interactions. How do we rise to this level of genuineness and integrity?

**2. The Problem and the Remedy for Impartiality:**

- a. The *problem* of impartiality in believers.
  - i. Read James 2:1-7, [James 2:1-7 CSB - The Sin of Favoritism - My brothers and - Bible Gateway](#).
  - ii. How do you frame the problem? Is favoritism shown in other ways than just financial status?
- b. The *remedy* for impartiality in believers.
  - i. Read James 2:8-13, [James 2:8-13 CSB - Indeed, if you fulfill the royal law - Bible Gateway](#).
  - ii. What do you see as the remedy for showing favoritism?

**3. Digging in - Building a Scriptural Perspective on Showing Genuine Impartiality:**

- a. The following scriptures are not exhaustive examples but help establish our foundation. You’ll look these up in your Bible (or online) so you can see the context.
- b. The Old Testament:
  - i. God’s promise to Abraham for all nations – Genesis 22:15-18
  - ii. The Hebrew law – Leviticus 19:15
  - iii. King Solomon’s writing – Proverbs 22:2
  - iv. A prophet’s writing – Malachi 2:8-10
- c. Jesus’ Life & Teaching
  - i. Matthew 5:1-10
  - ii. Matthew 11:4-6

- iii. Matthew 22:15-17
  - iv. Luke 4:16-19
- d. Peter, Paul, and John
  - i. Acts 10:9-15
  - ii. Galatians 3:27-29
  - iii. 1 John 3:13-18
- e. From the above scriptures, what inferences can you make about the Biblical/scriptural perspective on impartiality?
- f. What practical ways can we align our mind and heart with these examples and principles?

#### 4. Bringing it home:

- a. What are your key takeaways from this study/discussion? List up to 3 and be prepared to share at least one.
  - i.
  - ii.
  - iii.
- b. Being “genuine in impartiality” -- what two actions can you take this week?
  - i.
  - ii.
- c. Write a short prayer to your Lord Jesus Christ regarding being impartial in your life.

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