

“Our Propensity For Partiality”
(#6 in the “Where The Rubber Meets The Road” series)

James 2:1-7

- I. We need to avoid _____. (James 2:1-4)
- a. A holy _____ (vs. 1)
- i. As professed believers, we are not to be characterized by inequity in how we treat people. It would be _____ to God.
- ii. The truth is that *the way we behave toward people indicates what we really believe about* _____!
- b. A hypothetical _____
- i. The _____ (vs. 2-3)
- i. James says that, if we treat these men differently based on how they look, then we have taken upon ourselves a responsibility that belongs only to God:
_____ people. (Matthew 7:1 – “**Judge not, that ye be not judged.**”)
- a. The reason that God doesn’t give us that responsibility is because we judge people _____.
- b. God judges people by their _____, not by their _____. (Romans 2:11 – “**For there is no respect of persons with God.**”)
- II. We need to admit _____. (James 2:5-7)
- a. The _____
- i. Partiality is inconsistent with the heart of _____ (vs. 5)
- i. As we said earlier, He is “*no respecter of persons*”- especially in regards to _____ He will save _____ and _____ who comes to Him

in repentance and faith! (I Timothy 2:4 – “**Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**”) (Matthew 5:3a – “**Blessed are the poor in spirit...**”)

- ii. Partiality is inconsistent with the heart of _____ (vs. 6-7)
- i. It goes against our sense of _____.
- a. We’re quick to complain when we- or someone/something we care about- are treated _____.
- ii. It also goes against our sense of _____ (i.e. loyalty)
- a. The ones that we are often guilty of showing favoritism to are often those who are _____ toward God, our faith, etc.
- b. The _____
- i. James is not suggesting a _____ of discrimination by treating the poor well and the rich poorly- he is teaching a _____ of discrimination in *any form!*