

IMPARTIAL LOVE

Lesson 13, James 2:1-13, KJV

HE'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING

Sometimes people are judged unfairly. Match the famous person with his less-than-stellar beginnings.

- _____ 1. Flunked out of Yale University—twice!
- _____ 2. Didn't speak fluently until age 9.
- _____ 3. Screen-test evaluation read "Can't act. Can't sing. Balding. Can dance a little."
- _____ 4. After an audition, he was told to go back to driving a truck.
- _____ 5. Threw his first book in the trash after it was rejected 30 times.
- _____ 6. Dropped out of Harvard to start a computer processing business that failed.
- _____ 7. Fired from a newspaper for his lack of creativity and any good ideas.
- _____ 8. Told by an editor that he did not know how to use the English language.

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| a. Stephen King | d. Albert Einstein | g. Elvis Presley |
| b. Fred Astaire | e. Dick Cheney | h. Bill Gates |
| c. Rudyard Kipling | f. Walt Disney | |

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE?

Part 1. Church signs proclaim that everyone is welcome to attend. But consider the following list of visitors who may show up on Sunday morning. Put a check mark beside the one most likely to make it difficult for the church to project the impartial love commanded in Scripture.

- ___ A person obviously lacking in personal hygiene
- ___ A person wearing clothing identifying him or her as a member of a gang
- ___ A person with extensive tattoos and/or other body modifications
- ___ A person wearing revealing clothing
- ___ A person using profanity
- ___ A person reeking of alcohol
- ___ A person who seems to be dressed in contrast to his/her biological sex
- ___ A person with a story of needing help, but who seems to be a con artist

Part 2. Describe an approach that a congregation can take that demonstrates that "mercy rejoiceth against judgment" (James 2:13) without compromising basic Christian values. How do "be wise" passages such as Matthew 10:16; Ephesians 5:15; and Colossians 4:5 contribute to the plan?
