



The Partiality-Free Zone

Text: James 2:1-13 (# 4 in Series)

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Theme: **A living faith replaces partiality with love.**

The total rejection of partiality.

1. The clear statement. (1; see also Deuteronomy 1:16-17; 10:17; Romans 2:11)
2. The clear example. (2-4; see also Ephesians 4:1-3)

The tragic results of partiality.

1. Become evil-motivated judges of others.
(4; see also Romans 14:1-23; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Galatians 5:14-15)
2. Become inconsistent. (5-7)
3. Become sinful lawbreakers. (9-11)

The only replacement for partiality.

1. Fulfill the royal law. (8; see also Matthew 10:16; Luke 10:25-27)
2. Live by the law of liberty.
(12-13; Romans 6:22; 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 13:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Galatians 5:1)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. God's principle is clear: He totally rejects partiality—it has no place in the life of the faith (2:1). Take time now to examine your attitudes, preferences and actions to identify any kind of partiality you have. Ask God to keep you sensitive to partiality and give you the conviction to deal with it.

Tuesday. Partiality often makes us feel better about ourselves, more secure. In reality, its effects devastate us as much or more than those on the receiving end. Review the three tragic results of partiality (see the outline on the inside of this booklet).

Wednesday. Partiality is not limited to overt discrimination toward people. Apathy toward those in need and a focus on your own preferences are just two other examples. Partiality in every form snuffs out your witness. Determine not to allow that in your own life, family life, church life.

Thursday. God loves you. In grace and mercy He forgives, accepts and blesses you. What you have received, pass on to others. Only by living this way will you receive God's approval on your service (2:12-13).

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to continue this series with *Saving Faith Works* from 2:14-26. Read through this section in preparation for our time of worship together.