

#692 Faith’s Impact Upon Love (James 2:1-13)

Favoritism is regarding or treating someone _____ or _____ than others.

Jesus never looked at the _____ appearance; He looked at the heart.

We are prone to judge people by their _____, not their _____.

The mature Christian is not overly _____ or easily _____ by wealth or markers of social standing such as attire, profession, or possessions.

The _____ of _____ makes the rich man poor, and it makes the poor man rich.

Speak: Your _____ will be judged. What you say to people, and how you say it, will come up before God.

Act: Your _____ will be judged. James contrasted showing mercy to others and refusing to show mercy.

As you mature in the faith your beliefs should _____ your behavior.

Discussion Questions

1. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
2. Comment on the statement, “You only believe as much of the Bible as you practice?” How accurate is this?
3. Are you more prone to favor wealthy people, or more inclined to dismiss poor people? What does love demand?
4. Share an experience where someone saw your potential, not your failures, and helped you to become a better person.
5. Pray for one another that your faith may produce Christ-like love.

Supporting Scriptures

Matthew 22:15-17 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him (Jesus) in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

John 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.

Matthew 12:36-37 “Let me tell you something: Every one of these careless words is going to come back to haunt you. There will be a time of Reckoning. Words are powerful; take them seriously. Words can be your salvation. Words can also be your damnation.” MESSAGE

Psalms 119:45 I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.