

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

*This is not about seating arrangements or poverty
and wealth...It is about hearts changed by the
gospel.*

~~The poor are more godly~~



~~The rich are more godly~~

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show favoritism."*

Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor.

Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

*Why are you impressed with people who are far
from God and true spiritual riches?*

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

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"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matt 22:37-40

"You have heard it was said to those of old, 'you shall not murder, and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment."

Matt. 5:21

For **he** who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

No one is good enough to survive a judgment that
measures both heart and actions!

We must do his will

We are able to do his will

We get to do his will

James and Paul...
Friends with a different focus

“Trying to work for their salvation.”

“Failing to work out their salvation.”

- 1 My brothers(sisters), as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.
- 4 (when you do) Have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?
- 12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom

I run in the path of your commands, for you have
set my heart free.

Psalms 119:32