



James 1:26-2:13



Living Faith Welcomes



If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this:

James 1:26-27



to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly,

James 2:1-3



and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to

James 2:1-3



the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet...”

James 2:1-3



Dead Faith Shows Partiality



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Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

James 2:5-7



But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

James 2:5-7



Why Partiality is Wrong:



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For consider your calling, brothers:
not many of you were wise
according to worldly standards, not
many were powerful, not many were
of noble birth. But God chose what
is foolish in the world to shame the

1 Corinthians 1:26-29



wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

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so that no human being might boast
in the presence of God.

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If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are

James 2:8-13



committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do

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not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of

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liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.

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1. Partiality is against God's heart
2. Partiality is against God's law



For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:14-15



Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:13



“A merely religious person, who believes God will favor him because of his morality and respectability, will ordinarily have contempt for the outcast. 'I worked hard to get where I am, and so can anyone else!' That



is the language of the moralist's heart. 'I am only where I am by the sheer and unmerited mercy of God. I am completely equal with all other people.' That is the language of the Christian's heart. A sensitive social conscience and a life poured out in



deeds of mercy to the needy is the inevitable sign of a person who has grasped the doctrine of God's grace."

Tim Keller



We welcome because Christ
welcomed us

