

C. Favoritism is _____

What is the Royal Law? _____

The Bible says that how we relate to other people shows how much we really love God.

1 John 4:20 "If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen."

Verses 9-10 "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."

How many laws do you have to break to be a lawbreaker?


3. THE SOLUTION: _____

Why do we love others? (1 John 4:19) _____

WEEK FOUR ICONNECT GROUPS: This week you will delve deeper into how to treat people right and not sin by showing favoritism. You will study 3 ways to practically love people.



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REAL FAITH

WEEK FIVE

“HOW TO TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT”

THEME SCRIPTURE: JAMES 2:1-13

"¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ 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,' ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: 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? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it...

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James 2:1-13 (Continued)

11 For he who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. 12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment."

Your biggest problems in life are _____

DEFINITION OF FAVORITISM: _____

HOW TO TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT:

1. THE PRINCIPLE: _____

Verse 8 says *"IF you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing right."*

COMMON AREAS OF DISCRIMINATION:

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

D) _____

E) _____

2. THE PROBLEM: _____

3 MAIN PROBLEMS WITH FAVORITISM:

A) Favoritism is _____

"Favoritism" is used four times in the New Testament and in every other instance it is referring to God not playing favorites.

- 1) **Peter says in Acts 10:34:** "...I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, but accepts people from every nation who fear him and do what is right."
- 2) **Paul writes in Romans 2:11:** "For God does not show favoritism."
- 3) **Paul writes in Ephesians 6:9 and Colossians 3:24** for masters of slaves to treat the slaves right knowing that God is their Master.

1 Samuel 16:7 "...the Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

B) Favoritism is _____

Verses 5-7 says: *"Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith... Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?"*