

Today's devotional will take to the book of James. James 2: 1-13 is a section of Scripture that talks about favoritism and how it's an easy trap to fall into...for all of us. We measure things so differently than the Lord does. Right? If we are not careful, we can treat people different just by how they look, or many other reasons. Scripture is clear that this shouldn't happen. God measures people on a far different scale than we do. As Christians we believe that God looks at our hearts. He sees the faith and trust that we possess. He sees the love that we show to others. He sees our actions day in and day out. If we're the kind of people who show no mercy to others...could it be that we'll then receive none? Could it be that whatever we measure others with will also be measured to us? If so, it's pretty dangerous to put ourselves in the position of judge isn't it?

Favoritism causes much pain, a pain that Christ does not want his children to go through... this includes every human being.

In the upcoming week, let's pay close attention to how we treat others. Are we judging them in any capacity? Are we treating some people different than others due to things that should not contribute to how we treat people?

Let's ask God to help us to follow His model for treating people equal.

Let's look for opportunities to lift those who feel like a lesser person to the status that Jesus gives them.

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The Problem of Favoritism
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Sermon Notes