

John 1:14 (NIV)

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James 2:1 (NLT)

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you
claim to have faith in our glorious Lord
Jesus Christ if you favor some people over
others?

James 2:6-7 (NLT)

But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court?
[7] Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?

Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV)

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[10] And they cried out in a loud voice:
"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

The SIN of PARTIALITY

James 2:1-7

The Problem with Partiality, Prejudice, Favoritism, or Discrimination is that...

- we assign **MORE Value** to one person and **LESS Value** to someone else
- if we **DO** then we rob them of their **DIGNITY** as a person made in **GOD'S IMAGE**

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When we **sin by showing favoritism**
we imply that God did not make
all men and women equal.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)

For you know **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that though **He was RICH**, yet for your sakes **He became POOR**, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

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Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

Blessed are the **POOR** in spirit,
for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.**

→ **EXPLOITING** them- taking advantage
of them economically

→ **THREATENING** their **SECURITY-**
taking away their Freedom

→ **ATTACKING their IDENTITY-**

Christ is the Center of their
Faith and life

1 Peter 4:14 (NIV)

If you are insulted because of
the **NAME** of **Christ**, you are **blessed..**

Everyone should be treated equally -
as beings created in the IMAGE of God.
The rich and the poor should be accorded
equal honor and kindness.
Discrimination or favoritism is SIN.

1- DANGER - to say that the **WEALTHY** should **Not** be welcomed

James does not say that **ALL poor people** are "**rich in faith**," nor does he **exclude the rich** from the **ranks of the saved**. Expositor's

Acts 10:28 (NLT)

Peter told them, “You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean.

Acts 10:34-36 (NLT)

Then Peter replied, “**I see very clearly that God shows NO favoritism.** [35] In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. [36] This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel - that **there is peace WITH God THROUGH Jesus Christ,** who is Lord of all.

Acts 10:42-44 (NLT)

And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all - the living and the dead. [43] **He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who BELIEVES in Him will have their sins forgiven through HIS NAME.**" [44] Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message.

→ **Danger** for us becomes
anything **External** we use to
VALUE one person **ABOVE** another

2- DANGER- wealth and prosperity may keep a person from seeing their **NEED** for God

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)

Yet true **godliness** with **CONTENTMENT** is
itself great wealth. [7] After all, we brought
nothing with us when we came into the world,
and we can't take anything with us when we
leave it. [8] So if we have enough food and
clothing, let us be **CONTENT**.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT)

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. [10] For **the love of money** is the **root of all kinds of evil**. And some people, **craving money**, have **wandered from the true faith** and **pierced themselves with many sorrows**.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV)

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. **Not many of you were wise** by human standards; not many were **influential**; not many were of **noble birth**. [27] But **God chose** the **foolish** things of the world to shame the **wise**; God chose the **weak** things of the world to shame the **strong**. [28] He chose the **lowly** things of this world and the **despised** things - and the things that **are not** - to **nullify** the things that are, [29] so that **no one may boast before HIM**.

I will be delighted by those I find that are
actually there.

I will be shocked to see who is not there
whom I assumed would be.

And then **I will be speechless with
wonder** as I realize that
by God's grace - I am there.