

## HOW TO AVOID FAVORITISM

Reference: **James 2:1-11**

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The beginning part of **James chapter two** focuses on a serious societal problem called partiality. The actual problem is stated in **verse one**, and then a hypothetical example of this problem is mentioned in **verses two** through **four**.

This term “partiality” comes from two Greek words: one word means “*face*”, and the second word means “*receive*.” Putting these two words together, “partiality” meant to \_\_\_\_\_ someone’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Listed are some of the more common areas of partiality and favoritism:

- A \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_

Essentially, James said that Christians are called on to be impartial, because God Himself is not a respecter of persons.

Reference: **Deuteronomy 10:17**; **II Chronicles 19:7**; **Acts 10:34**; and **Romans 2:11** (see screen)

God is impartial and as God is, as His children, so are we to be.

Next in **verses two** through **four** James gives us an example of how some people violate these instructions and do in fact show partiality and favoritism in the church.

James said favoritism has three basic problems:

Favoritism is \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **James 2:1** (see screen)

Read **I Timothy 5:21** (see screen)

Favoritism is \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **James 2:5-7** (see screen)

Read **Proverbs 14:31** (see screen)

Favoritism is \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **James 2:8-11** (see screen)

How do we solve this problem of showing favoritism?

- \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
Reference: **Romans 15:7** (see screen)
- \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
Reference: **Romans 16:1-16**
- \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
Reference: **I Thessalonians 5:11** (see screen)