

What are the consequences of showing favoritism, according to verses 9-11?

Is there a difference between showing honor and showing favoritism? How would you describe any differences?



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Scripture References

James 2:1-13 • Matthew 18:15-17, 20 • Luke 14:7-11

Luke 18:24-25 • Matthew 5:3 • John 10:10

Prayer Requests

- 1) When the books of the Bible were first written, they were not divided up into chapters and verses. Chapter divisions were developed in _____, with verse divisions added in _____.
- 2) A verse pulled out of _____ can appear to say something it was never intended to say.
- 3) Someone who consistently defies the counsel and warnings of a brother, and two or three witnesses, and the church, is essentially _____ Jesus and the Father.

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- 4) Whether you have a lot of financial resources or very little, God is watching to see if you use what you have in a _____ manner.
- 5) People seek power, fame, money, influence, and respect because we think our _____ is based on things like that.
- 6) James tells us that God gives the poor a greater gift of _____. But rich people often have less faith, because they tend to build their _____ on their financial resources.
- 7) When Christians or churches show favoritism toward the rich, it implies that honor and high position come by wealth instead of _____. Such partiality is _____.
- 8) Some sins are more serious than others, but all sin is equal in that every sin _____ us from God.
- 9) We should treat people equally according to the intrinsic _____ that each person has because we are all created in the _____ of God.

Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Have you ever experienced favoritism or discrimination in your own life? How did it make you feel?

How does favoritism contradict the royal law of loving our neighbor as ourselves, mentioned in verse 8?

Read Matthew 6:1-5. How do you think the hypocrites expected to be treated, based on these verses? Read Matthew 23:1-12. What can we learn from this passage?

Continued on reverse.