

EVERYDAY SACRED

EVERYDAY GLORY

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My brothers and sisters, believers in our **glorious Lord Jesus Christ** must not show favoritism. James 2:1

WHY WE FAVOR SOME PEOPLE OVER OTHERS...

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The root cause: _____

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. 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," have you not **discriminated** among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:2-4

WHAT REALLY MATTERS

1. _____

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?** 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? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? James 2:5-7

2. _____

If you really keep the **royal law** found in Scripture, "**Love your neighbor as yourself,**" you are doing right. 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. 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.

James 2:8-11

3. _____

Speak and **act** as those who are going to be judged by **the law that gives freedom**, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.** James 2:12-13

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Titus 3:4-5