

# sermonnotes

## Putting Your Faith to Work – Part 3



One of the tests of our faith is how we treat people. We cannot separate human relationship from divine fellowship.

“In God’s presence all earthly distinctions are less than the dust and all earthly righteousness is as filthy rags. In the presence of God all men are one.” William Barclay

Romans 2:11—“For God does not show favoritism.”

Galatians 3:28 —“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

### James 2:1–13

#### Faith in the Church

Favoritism is partiality or bias. To show favoritism is to give preference to one person over another. It is similar to discrimination and may be based on conditions such as social class, wealth, clothing, ethnicity, etc.

#### The violation of favoritism

1. Favoritism is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word and God’s way. Leviticus 19:15
2. Favoritism \_\_\_\_\_ others. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

3. Favoritism \_\_\_\_\_ others. Philippians 2:3-4
4. Favoritism \_\_\_\_\_ God. James 4:12

#### Faith at work in the church

1. Confront the \_\_\_\_\_ of favoritism. James 2:9
2. Make it a \_\_\_\_\_ to authentically love everyone. James 2:9
3. Choose to give to others what you have \_\_\_\_\_ from God—mercy not judgement. James 2:13

**The way we behave toward people reflects what we really believe about God.**

Answers: opposite; discourages; devalues; dethrones; sin; priority; received



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