

Josh Surratt

*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?*

*For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor"—well, doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? **James 2:1-4 (NLT)***

*Do not twist justice in legal matters by favoring the poor or being partial to the rich and powerful. Always judge people fairly. **Leviticus 19:15 (NLT)***

## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH FAVORITISM?

### 1. IT'S AN INDICATOR OF THE CURRENT \_\_\_\_\_

*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? ...doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? **James 2:1; 4 (NLT)***

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"*  
*The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." **Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV)***

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ NEVER TELL THE \_\_\_\_\_

**When I judge on external appearances I usually get it wrong.**

*Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?*

**James 2:5-7 (NLT)**

### 3. I WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE SAME STANDARD I USE ON OTHERS

*For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," also said, "You must not murder." So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law.*

*So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you*

**James 2:10-13 (NLT)**

**VISIT LETSGOIRMO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN IRMO.**

## ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

**From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?**