

When Faith and Mercy Meet

James 2:1-13

MEMORIZE: James 2:1

Read James 2:1-13 before answering these questions:

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1. **What does James mention here that often goes hand in hand with showing partiality or favouritism? (Vs. 1-4)**

2. **James' example of favouritism/partiality at church was between the rich and poor. Give examples of what this might look and sound like at church today:**

3. **From James 2: 5 explain what it means to be "*poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom*" does this differ from what Jesus said in Matthew 5:3, if so how?**

4. **Seeking the approval of man often motivates us to show partiality/favouritism, in light of Galatians 1:10, what are the consequences of such actions?**

5. **Application: Motivation to treat others equally should come out of our realizing that the things of this world are insignificant and that what matters are people's souls, which are equally lost or saved. According to James 2:6-7, how does earthly wealth or power affect the way we treat others?**

6. **What is meant by the Royal Law?** (cross reference Lev. 19:17-18, Matthew 7:12, Matthew 22:37-40).

7. **What does it mean to “keep the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it?” (Verse 10)** – (cross reference Gal 3:10 – 14)

8. **What is the law that gives liberty/freedom in verse 12?** (cross ref Galatians 5:6,13-15,Rom 10:4)

9. **How does mercy triumph over judgment? Verse 13** (cross ref: Prov 21:13, Matt 5:7,18:32,Luke 6:37)

10. **From Acts 3: 3-6 how are we to respond to requests for mercy?**

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

1. Have I exposed myself to any explicit materials this week?
2. Have I fulfilled my personal goals for prayer, scripture reading and memorization this week?
3. Am I aware of any unconfessed sin(s) in my life?
4. Have I been completely above reproach in all my financial dealing this week?
5. Have I been a good steward of all the resources God has given me (Money, time, talent, etc.)?
6. Do I have anyone I need to forgive?
7. Have I been involved in sins of gossip, demonstrating a critical spirit, or jealousy?
8. Have I been with anyone this week in such a way that was inappropriate or could have looked to others that I was using poor judgment?
9. Have I stood for Christ in the marketplace in which I work this week?
10. Have I taken every opportunity to share Christ with my unsaved family, friends and co-workers?
11. In what ways have I demonstrated love and respect to my spouse this week?
12. In what ways have I sought to have spiritual input with my children this week?