



God's Love Does Not Discriminate

James 2:1-13

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God is no respecter of persons (see Eph. 6:9 and Col. 3:25)

Romans 2:11 (NKJV) For there is no partiality with God.

Romans 2:11 (AMP) For God shows no partiality [undue favor or unfairness; with Him one man is not different from another].

Proverbs 14:31, "He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has mercy on the needy."

Proverbs 19:17, "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given."

Proverbs 21:13, "Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard."

Proverbs 28:6, "Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich."

We struggle with this kind of love (see Galatians 2:11-14)

Acts 10:34 (NKJV) Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

Acts 10:34 (Wuest) ... Of a truth I am in the process of comprehending the fact that God does not show partiality to anyone because of his looks or circumstances...

Rick Warren suggests at least 5 areas where we as believers are tempted to discriminate:

- 1) Appearance
- 2) Ancestry
- 3) Age
- 4) Achievement
- 5) Affluence

LIVE IT OUT:

- 1) We must not practice selective evangelism.
- 2) In order to reflect the love of Jesus to a watching world, we must recognize and remove all prejudice from our lives.
- 3) Pay special attention to the poor and needy, with the discernment only God can give.