



Playing Favorites Is Evil, part 1

James 2:1-7

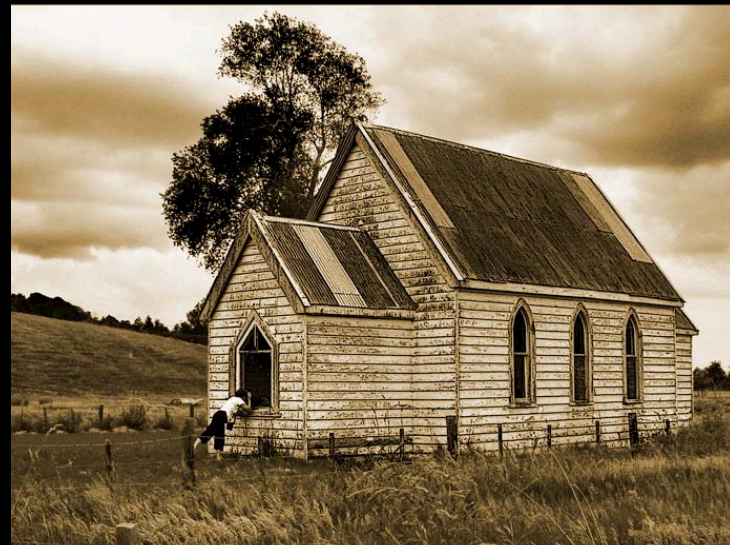
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Politicians Play Favorites

Favoritism Exists In

- Homes &
- Churches





Justice That Is Not Blind

Glorious Lord Jesus Christ

James 2:1

Glorious → ***deserving honor***

Lord → ***Master***

Jesus → ***Savior***

Christ → ***Messiah***

The Divine Principle

James 2:1

***Do not
play
favorites***

The Word “Favoritism”

James 2:1

... favoritism ...



προσωπολημφια = “to lift up another’s head, to prefer one over another”

Divine Principle In Scripture

James 2:1

Prov. 18:5; 24:23

Mal. 2:9

Acts 10:34

Rom. 2:11

Eph. 6:9

Matt. 18:15-17

1 Tim. 5:19

Guidelines For Respect Honor

James 2:1

Rom. 13:1-5

1 Thess. 5:12-13

1 Tim. 5:17

Heb. 13:7, 17

Acts 23:1-5

Lev. 19:32

Eph. 6:2



Rich Man v.s. Poor Man

Guidelines For Respect Honor

James 2:1



***Roman Gold Ring Weighs 15 grams
A.D. 50 – A.D. 250***

The Poor Man

James 2:2

... a poor man ...

πτωχος = "poor and completely destitute"

Dirty Clothes. . .

James 2:2

*. . . in **dirty clothes** . . .*

ρυπαρος = “dirty, filthy”

Luke 16:19-31

Evil Motives

James 2:4

... Become judges with evil motives ...

πονηρος = "morally corrupt"

Summary

***We are to treat everyone
equally – as God directs***