

Live the Life You've Always Hoped

Keep Free of Prejudice (James 2.1-13)

Instruction from the Word

1. A direct command (v 1)

- 1) Don't accept others on _____ alone

- 2) Beware the snobbery that dotes on the _____ as well as the snobbery that glorifies the _____

2. A prime example (vs 2-4)

- 1) In church, where do we _____ the rich people compared to the poor?

- 2) The temptation is to cater to the influential for what they might _____ in return

3. An explanation of sinfulness (vs 5-9)

- 1) It's inconsistent with _____ method of dealing with people (v 5)

- 2) It's an _____ to poor Christians who've been _____ by the rich (vs 6-7)

- 3) It ignores the most important _____ in Scripture (vs 8-9)

Application for Today

1. Keep free of financial or _____ prejudice
 - 1) The world evaluates your _____ by how much money you have or earn

 - 2) The church should be the one place where _____ distinctions, in either direction, are forgotten

2. Keep free of _____ prejudice
 - 1) The New Testament church displayed an incredible _____ of peoples (Acts 13.1)

 - 2) Our Lord Jesus _____ all the people of the world, even those who are different from "us"

 - 3) Be careful, for understandable _____ can easily become irrational _____

 - 4) The Lord calls us to demonstrate that the ground is _____ and wide _____ at the foot of the cross, regardless of race

Additional Scriptures cited: John 13.25; Proverbs 22.2; Acts 10.34; Leviticus 19.15; Galatians 5.14; Luke 12.15; Ephesians 2.14; 1 Samuel 16.7