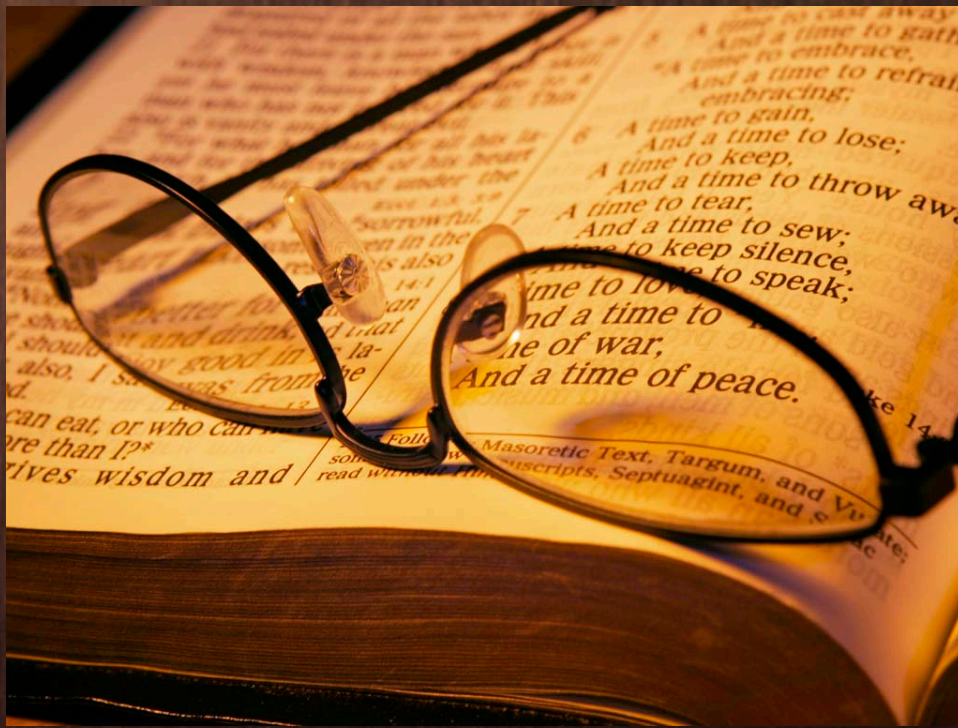


# *Be Ye Doers of the Word*



*Thoughts  
on the  
Book  
of  
JAMES*

**Radical & Different**  
**Faith & Works**  
**Rules & Regulations**  
**Effectual & Fervent**  
**Bitter & Sweet**

**Worship & Ministry**





# Favoritism & Discrimination



## James 2:1-4 NIV

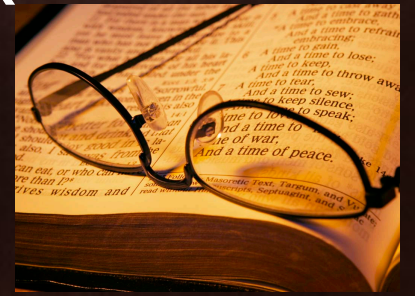
- 1) My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, **don't show favoritism.**
- 2) Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in.
- 3) If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet,"
- 4) have you not **discriminated** among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?





# 4 Kinds of Favoritism

1. Appearance - God doesn't look at the features on the face
2. Ancestry - God doesn't look at the color of the skin
3. Age - God doesn't look at the age of the person
4. Affluence - God doesn't look at the balance in the account



# Rich & Poor





## James 2:5-9 KJV

- 5) Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
- 6) But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
- 7) Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?
- 8) If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
- 9) But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.



# Rich

- Wealth **CAN** be an impediment to faith
- Wealth **INSULATES** us from some pains
- Wealth can **DELUDE** us into thinking that we are **SELF-SUFFICIENT**
- God **PREFERS** the **POOR**





# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:27 KJV

27) God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the **weak things** of the world to confound the things which are mighty



# Poor

- Those **WITHOUT** status and wealth respond readily to the Gospel
- The purpose of working is **NOT** to obtain wealth for your own personal gratification
- The purpose of working is to obtain wealth in order to **HELP** those less fortunate





## James 5:1-6 NIV

- 1) Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you.
- 2) Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.
- 3) Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.



## James 5:1-6 NIV

- 4) Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord.
- 5) You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.
- 6) You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.





# We are NOT Limited in Giving

- You are NOT limited to a TITHE!
- You are NOT limited to a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!
- You are NOT limited to BROTHERS AND SISTERS!



# Worldliness & Godliness





## James 4:4 NIV

- 4) You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.



## James 4:6 NIV

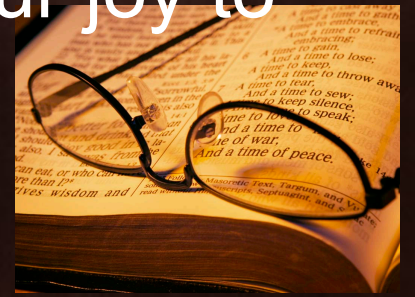
- 6) But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”





## James 4:7-10 NIV

- 7) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 8) Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 9) Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- 10) Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.



# Today & Tomorrow





## James 4:13-15 KJV

13) Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14) Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15) For that ye *ought* to say, **If the Lord will**, we shall live, and do this or that



# Planning

Planning a **Time**

*Today or to morrow*

Planning a **Location**

*such a city*

Planning the **Duration**

*continue there a year*

Planning a **Course of  
Action**

*buy and sell*

Planning an **Outcome**

*get gain*





## James 4:14 KJV

- 14) Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a **vapour**, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.



# Planning

- Your Life is a VAPOR
- *He that fails to plan,  
plans to fail*
- A TRUE VIEW OF LIFE must shape the way you think about your plans





# TRUE VIEW OF LIFE

If the Lord wills,  
we live

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Our lives are in the  
hands of God

Stress about death  
should decrease  
as faith increases

God is GOOD

God governs how long you live  
and what you accomplish

If the Lord wills,  
we will do this or that

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Our accomplishments  
are in God's hands

Stress about success  
should decrease

God is GOOD



## James 4:16 KJV

16) But now ye rejoice in your **boastings**:  
all such rejoicing is evil.





# Boasting

- **ARROGANCE** is the root problem of why we don't want to look at our life with a **TRUE VIEW**
- If you don't look at life with a **TRUE VIEW** then you think that **YOU** are in control
- We then get **ARROGANT**



# Fatherless & Widows





## James 1:27 KJV

27) Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.



## James 1:26 KJV

26) If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.





## James 2:1 KJV

- 1) My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons.



# Pure Religion

Practical Compassion AND Personal Purity

Proactive acts of **KINDNESS**

AND

Protective vigilance against **SIN**





## Exodus 22:22-24 KJV

- 22) Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.
- 23) If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, **I will surely hear their cry;**
- 24) And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.



## Luke 14:12-14 NIV

- 12) Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.
- 13) But when you give a banquet, **invite the poor**, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
- 14) and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”





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