

Real Faith Works:
**Poisonous
Partiality**

James 2:1-13(NIV)



- the partiality pie

1. Partiality is incompatible with faith in Christ (v.1)

- What is partiality?¹



Two Sides of the Same Coin

**PARTIALITY &
DISCRIMINATION**

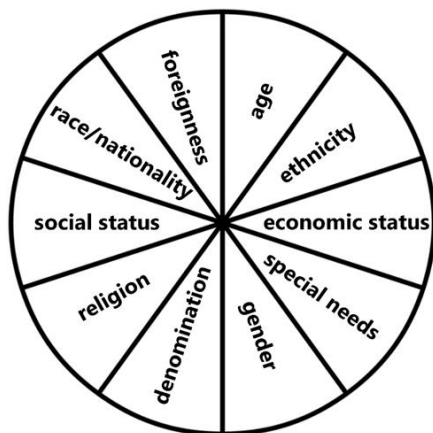
- What isn't partiality?²

2. Partiality makes you a corrupt judge (vv. 2-4)

- an example of partiality
- God's verdict on partiality

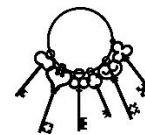
A Partiality Pie

**"Do not judge by appearances,
but judge with right judgment" (John 7:24).**



3. Partiality dishonours those God has chosen (vv. 5-7)

- God and the poor³
- God and the rich



4. Partiality breaks God's law of love (vv. 8-11)

- the law of love⁴
- the whole law

5. Partiality leads to judgement without mercy (vv. 12-13)

- blessed are the merciful⁵

³ 1 Corinthians 1:26-28; Acts 4:13

⁴ Galatians 5:6b

⁵ Matthew 5:7



☩ Starter Questions:

1. Anything you want to talk about from what you've heard today?
2. What additional slices might you add to the Partiality Pie?
3. Think it over. What are some of your snap (surface) judgments about people?
4. In what ways are you inclined to show favoritism?
5. How can we positively guard against negative stereotyping?
6. How is your mercy-doing impacted when you reflect further on God's future evaluative judgment of believers (v.12; Ro. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10; esp. Matt. 25:31-46)?
7. How will this passage help you change?
8. What action will you take?

¹ 1 Samuel 16:4-13; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; 1 Peter 1:17

² See Leviticus 19:15 and John 7:24.