

PRESSURE POINTS THE SIN OF PARTIALITY



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SERMON SUMMARY

The sin of partiality is showing favoritism and bias towards some people and showing prejudice and bias against other people.

We tend to treat people differently based on their race, gender, age, political preference, gender, etc. It is all wrong. We are all apart of one race – the human race

“My brothers and sisters, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, never show partiality. Suppose someone comes to your church meeting wearing expensive clothes and jewelry, and a poor person also comes in wearing shabby, worn out clothes. If you show special attention to the person wearing fine clothes and say, ‘Let me give you the best seat,’ but say to the poor person, ‘You stand at the back or sit on the floor,’ then you have shown discrimination and segregated God’s children by your evil judgment. Listen to me brothers and sisters: God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he’s promised those who love him. Yet you disrespect low-income people! Why? Don’t you realize that people richer than you take advantage of you? They have the money to sue you in court! And they often misuse the noble name of Jesus to whom you belong! Remember and always keep the royal law of Scripture, which is ‘Love your neighbor as yourself!’ If you do that, you’ll always do the right thing. But anytime you show partiality or prejudice you sin and break God’s law.” James 2:1-9

We need to learn to see people the way God sees them.

“In this new life one’s nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all.” Colossians 3:11 (LB)

MESSAGE NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Do not feel like you must cover every question below. Decide which one or ones really apply to your group or stir up an interest in your group. Do not rush to “get through them all.” It is more important that you discuss openly and honestly than that you go over every question.)

1. How do you react to people who are different than you are... Racial, gender, age, nationality, politically?
2. Name friends you have who are of a different nationality, political party, age group.
3. In all honesty do you think to make up your mind about a person at what point, (when you first see them, when you hear them talk, see what they drive, where they live, etc.)
4. What group of people do you have the most trouble relating to?
5. How can you grow in seeing people like Jesus does?