



# JUDGMENT IN REAL LIFE

## James 2:1-13

[www.muncherian.com/ss-RealFaith.html](http://www.muncherian.com/ss-RealFaith.html)



### **James' Principle - verse 1**

1. How would you define the difference between discernment and partiality?
2. How does one gain discernment?
3. In verse 1, who is James writing to? How do you respond to that? Does it trouble you? Concern you? Make perfect sense?

### **James' Illustration - verses 2-4**

4. Have you witnessed a situation where partiality was clearly demonstrated? How did that affect you? How did that situation turn out?
5. What would motivate someone to show partiality? What could we expect to gain?
6. Have you ever fallen into the trap of partiality?

### **James' Reasons - verse 5-11**

7. What are James' three reasons for not showing partiality? Would you add or subtract from these?
8. On a scale of 0 (meaning we're Christian clones) to 10 (meaning we're really different from each other), how would you rate the diversity (not just racial) of Creekside?
9. How would you rate the diversity of your personal relationships?
10. Thinking about God choosing you (and others) to be a recipient of His love, grace, and mercy—how could that truth (i.e. God choosing) change your attitude towards God, yourself, and others?

### **James' Application - verses 12,13**

11. Are there some sins that are less deserving of mercy than others? Are there some people that are less deserving of mercy than others? Are there some sins and/or behaviors and/or attitudes in others that you find hardest to offer mercy to?
12. How does faith in God set us free to demonstrate mercy to others?
13. Looking back at James 1:1-13, is there anything that strikes you as a new insight or an important principle?
14. How can you apply this study to your life this week?