

Pressure Points Bible Study III: The Pressure of Partiality – James 2:1-13

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Things to Ponder

- 1) What are some of your biases?

- 2) What are some of your preferences?

Going Deeper

- 1) Today's lesson begins with an example of how showing partiality prevents a community of believers from fully living out their commission as the church of the living God. According to today's lesson, what's wrong with automatically having someone who looks nice sit in a nice spot and having someone who doesn't look nice sit in a bad spot within the fellowship?

- 2) How might refusing to be open to new people, places and things make it easier for a person to give in to a bias he or she has and neglect to honor everyone's potential to be used by God?

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- 3) Is there a difference between showing partiality and making accommodations so that people who have physical or mental challenges can fully participate in the life and ministry of the church? If so, give an example of each.

- 4) After reading today's lesson, who within the lesson did you identify with the most? Why did you identify with this person?

- 5) Some people only find themselves showing partiality because they don't know how intervene and point out that those around them are giving in to biases that have not been proven to be true. What are some things that you've heard folk say are do that you wished you had pointed out as an example of partiality but didn't? What could you have done differently?
