

The Testing of Our Faith – Pt 5
Our Words and Works: Practical Piety

James 2:1-13

Piety- The quality of being religious or reverent

James begins by setting down a principle in verse 1, which might be paraphrased in this way:

“Favoritism is not compatible with the Christian faith.”

This principle is rooted in the character of God, who does not show partiality, and who commands His people not to do so, either: **Deuteronomy 10:17-18; 2 Chronicles 19:6-7**

First, in showing preferential treatment to the rich, ...

1. One Acts _____ to Christ James 2:5-6a

Luke 1:50-54; Luke 4:18-19, citing Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 5:29-32; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31;
Luke 6:20-23

Second, to show partiality toward the rich...

2. Flies in the Face of Our _____ and Common Sense
James 6b-7

Remember that James is writing to Jewish Christians who are dispersed among the nations.

-They have begun to experience persecution.

-Some of their poverty was the direct result of their generosity

Acts 2:44-46; Acts 4:32-37; James 2:1

Playing favorites goes contrary to our Lord’s teachings

Favoring the rich is contrary to all good reason.