

February 14, 2016 SERMON NOTES
A Doer of the Word Never Shows Favoritism
James 1:22-2:13

A. Be a doer of the Word: not merely a listener (1:22).

²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

1. Real religion is played out in _____ (1:27).

2. Living according to God's way _____.

B. The Sin of partiality.

1. James tells us not to show _____.

² My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.

2. Favoritism is not _____.

Romans 2:11: "For there is no partiality with God."

3. Showing partiality:

a. puts us in the _____ (2:4).

b. reveals _____ (2:4).

c. _____ against people (both rich and poor).

d. shows a _____ (2:6).

e. is simply _____ (2:8-10).

4. My motivation for not showing partiality is that I want _____ for my life.

¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.