*“The way we behave toward people indicates what we really believe about God!* We cannot—and dare not—separate *human* relationships from *divine* fellowship.”

-Warren Wiersbe

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*Partiality fractures our faith.*

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Partiality fractures us internally.

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James 2:1-4

*My brothers, do not hold to the faith of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ while committing acts of partiality.*

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*2 For if a man enters the synagogue with a gold ring on his finger in glistening clothing, and a poor man also enters in filthy clothing,*

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*3 and you look favorably on the man wearing glistening clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and to the poor man say, “You stand there or sit by my footstool,” 4 have you not made a division in yourself and become judges with evil motives?*

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Romans 2:11

*“For God shows no partiality.”*

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James 1:6-8

6 *“…ask in faith and not doubting, for the doubting one is like rough seas, wind-blown here and there. 7 For he should not think that he will receive anything from the Lord. 8 A double-minded man is unstable in all of his ways.”*

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Partiality fractures us vertically.

James 2: 5-7

*5 Listen, my beloved brothers, did God not choose the poor in the world’s eyes to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which is promised to those who love Him?*

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*6 But you dishonor the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you and they themselves drag you into court? 7 Is it not they themselves who blaspheme the honorable name called over you?*

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James 1:9-11

9 *“And let the lowly brother take pride in his high status, 10 but the rich in his humiliation, for like a flower of the grass he will pass away.*

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*11 For the sun rises with burning heat and dries out the grass and the flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is lost. So it is the same with the rich in his pursuits will fade away.”*

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Partiality fractures us horizontally.

James 2:8-11

*8 If, however, you fulfill the kingly law according to the Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” You do well. 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are exposed by the law as a transgressor.*

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*10 For whoever keeps the whole law, but stumbles in one point, has become guilty of all. 11 For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” But if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of law.*

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Obedience brings wholeness.

James 2:12,13

*12 Thus speak and do as by the law of liberty coming to judge. 13 For the judgment is merciless to those not practicing mercy, mercy triumphs over judgment.*

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Leviticus 19:18

*“You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”*

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Matthew 22:39b *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

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