

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, toward the end of the message ... we began to consider ultimate expression of truly comprehending that God - the Father of Lights - is the giver of every good gift and every perfect bestowment. If we truly believe this, we will want to be DOERS OF THE WORD and not hearers-only. We will want to Receive, Apply, Study and Continue in - the Perfect Law of Liberty.
- * That Perfect Law of Liberty is our call to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is the Freedom that we have to serve others without the fear of making ourselves unclean in the process.
- * As troublesome situations come into our lives, causing us to either to grow in our faith or exposing our need to repent of sin, we are provided opportunities to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow Christ! (Luke 9:23ff)
- * James now begins to build upon this theme by applying this Pearl of Wisdom to three different areas.
- * We will consider the first of those today - Loving without Partiality.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE C_____ (v. 1; cf. Galatians 1:23; 3:22-24)

II. THE C_____ (v. 2-7)

A. The S_____ :: The Pattern of M_____ (v. 2-4)

B. The S_____ : The Pattern of G_____ (v. 5-6)

1. REGARDING _____

- * cf. Romans 2:11-13; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:23-25; 1 Peter 1:17; Proverbs 22:2; 29:13
- * cf. 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 John 2:1; Galatians 3:28-29; Colossians 3:11; Romans 1:16; 3:29-30

2. REGARDING T_____

- * cf. Psalm 140:12; Proverbs 14:31
- * cf. Psalm 41:1; Proverbs 19:17; Matthew 25:34-40

III. THE C_____ (v. 8-9; cf. Matt 3:1; 9:37; 10:13)

A. If You Love Your Neighbor You Fulfill the Royal Law

B. If You Show Partiality You are Rebuked by the Law

IV. THE C_____ (v. 10-11; cf. Matt 5:21-22; Matt 26:66; Mark 14:64)

V. THE C_____ (v. 12)

A. The Precept:

B. The Principle (cf. Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:1-2):

INTROSPECTION

- * Is there any form of prejudice with which you struggle? Are you willing to confess it and forsake it?
- * Do you display partiality in your treatment of others?
- * Do you tend to "excuse" certain of your personal behaviors while condemning others for theirs?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How are we doing, as an assembly, in meeting this standard? Are there areas in which we could improve? If so, how can we improve?
- * Going deeper, are my initial thoughts to the previous question based upon my own prejudicial views? How can we help each other with the speck in their eye ... while seeking to have the beam in our own eye taken care of?