

A FAITH THAT SHOWS RESPECT TO EVERYONE

Principles For Living Through A Pandemic
A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 10
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SIN OF PARTIALITY = Showing FAVORITISM & bias toward some people,
and showing PREJUDICE & bias against other people.

"God never shows partiality and he cannot be corrupted." - Deuteronomy 10:17

"The Lord our God does not tolerate injustice, partiality or corruption."
- 2 Chronicles 19:7

"My brothers and sisters, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, never show partiality. Suppose someone comes to your church meeting wearing expensive clothes and jewelry, and a poor person also comes in wearing shabby, worn out clothes. If you show special attention to the person wearing fine clothes and say, 'Let me give you the best seat,' but say to the poor person, 'You stand at the back or sit on the floor,' then you have shown discrimination and segregated God's children by your evil judgment. Listen to me brothers and sisters: God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he's promised those who love him. Yet you disrespect low-income people! Why? Don't you realize that people richer than you take advantage of you? They have the money to sue you in court! And they often misuse the noble name of Jesus to whom you belong! Remember and always keep the royal law of Scripture, which is 'Love your neighbor as yourself!' If you do that, you'll always do the right thing. But anytime you show partiality or prejudice you sin and break God's law." - James 2:1-9

WHY DOES GOD HATES PREJUDICE?

o PREJUDICE _____ GOD'S CREATION

"From one man (Adam) God made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." - Acts 17:26 (NIV)

"Who says you are better than others? And what do you have that was not given to you by God? And if it was given to you, why do you brag as if you did not receive it as a gift?" - 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NCV)

o PREJUDICE IS A SIGN OF _____

"Whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him." - 1 John 2:11 (NIV)

"True wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle, friendly, full of compassion and is free from prejudice and hypocrisy." - James 3:17 (TEV)

o PREJUDICE _____ THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

"The entire law is summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself!' But if, instead of showing love, you attack and tear each other apart, watch out! You will destroy yourselves!" - Galatians 5:14-15 (NLT)

"You will be doing the right thing if you obey the law of the Kingdom, which is 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" - James 2:8 (TEV)

o PREJUDICE IS A SERIOUS SIN

"If you treat people according to their outward appearance, you are guilty of sin, and God's Law condemns you as a lawbreaker." - James 2:9 (TEV)

Racism is a problem of _____ not SKIN

"So why do you judge your brother? And why do you think that you are better than he is? We will all stand before God one day, and he will judge us all."
- Romans 14:10 (ICB)

HOW DO WE ROOT OUT PREJUDICE FROM OUR LIVES?

THE FIRST STEP: LEARN TO _____ PEOPLE AS GOD DOES

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

Jesus: "Stop judging by mere appearances and make a right judgment."
- John 7:24 (NIV)

"Then Peter said to Cornelius' household, 'You know, Jewish law forbids us from associating with people of another race. But God has shown me that no race is inferior or unclean.'" - Acts 10:28

"I now realize that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right." - Acts 10:34-35

GOD'S PLAN TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IS THE _____ !

"Some of us are Jews, and some of us are Gentiles. Some of us have been slaves, and some are free. But we have all been BAPTIZED into ONE BODY through one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit! . . . Now all of you TOGETHER are Christ's Body, and each of you is a necessary part of it."
- 1 Corinthians 12:13, 27

"So now you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in BAPTISM have been made like him. So there is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all Christians - one in Christ Jesus!" - Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT)

"In this new life one's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all." - Colossians 3:11 (LB)

1. questions 2. ignorance 3. disobeys 4. sin 5. see 6. church

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「偏袒的罪」＝對某些人顯示偏愛和偏心，而對其他人顯示歧視和偏見。

“（上帝）不偏待人，也不受人賄賂。” - 申命記 10:17 (新普及譯本)

“上帝不容違背公正、偏待人或受賄的事。” - 歷代志下 19:7 (新普及譯本)

“我的弟兄姊妹，作為我們榮耀的主耶穌基督的信徒，千萬不要偏待人。比如說，有個穿著華麗、佩戴名貴珠寶的人來參加你們教會的聚會，而另一個穿著殘破衣服的窮人也進來了。

如果你們看重那個穿著得體的人，說：「我來為你安排最好的座位。」卻對那窮人說：「不，你可以站到後邊，不然就坐在地上。」你這樣就是歧視，就是表明你們懷着惡意判斷上帝的兒女。

親愛的弟兄姊妹，請聽我說，上帝揀選了世上的窮人，使他們在信心上富足，並承受他應許賜給那愛他之人的國。可是你們卻不尊重那收入低微的人！

為甚麼？難道你們不知道，那些利用你們，花錢去控告你們的，不正是有錢人嗎？他們也經常妄稱你主耶穌的尊貴聖名！

要緊記並遵守聖經中這條至高的律法「要愛鄰舍如同自己」。如果你這樣做，你就凡事都做得合宜。但如果你有甚麼時候心存偏袒或成見，那就是犯罪，違反了上帝的律法。” - 雅各書 2:1-9 (意譯)

上帝為何憎惡偏見？

○ 偏見就是上帝的創造

“他從一人造出人類各個民族，使他們住在地面各處，並預定他們的興衰，也為他們設定疆界。” - 使徒行傳 17:26 (新漢語譯本 / 新普及譯本)

“誰使你勝過別人呢？難道你所有的不都是上帝所賜的嗎？那麼，為甚麼自誇，好像你所有的並不是上帝的恩賜呢？” - 哥林多前書 4:7 (現中修訂本)

○ 偏見是的表現

“凡是恨弟兄姊妹的，就仍然活在黑暗中，走在黑暗裏。這樣的人不知道該怎樣前行，因為他被黑暗弄瞎了眼。” - 約翰一書 2:11 (新普及譯本)

“至於從上面來的智慧，以純潔為首，其次是和平、謙和、溫順，滿有憐憫和美好的果子，沒有偏見，沒有虛偽。” - 雅各書 3:17 (新漢語譯本)

○ 偏見了「大誠命」

“因為全部律法都可以用這條誠命來概括：「要愛你的鄰居，像愛自己一樣。」然而，如果你們相咬相吞，就要小心了！當心不要同歸於盡。” - 加拉太書 5:14-15 (新普及譯本)

“你們若真的按着聖經完全實行國度的律法，就是「要愛鄰如己」，你們就做得很好了。” - 雅各書 2:8 (新漢語譯本 / 新普及譯本)

○ 偏見是嚴重的罪

“但你們若偏心待人，就是犯罪，被律法裁定為違反律法的人。” - 雅各書 2:9 (新漢語譯本 / 新普及譯本)

種族主義是的問題，而不是膚色的問題

“可是你，為甚麼評斷你的弟兄呢？你又為甚麼輕看你的弟兄呢？其實，我們全都都要站在神的審判席前。” - 羅馬書 14:10 (新漢語譯本 / 新普及譯本)

我們如何從生命中根除偏見？

第一步：學會以上帝的方式別人

“上主看待事物的方式跟你們不一樣，人是憑外貌作判斷，但上主卻看人的心。” - 撒母耳記上 16:7 (新普及譯本)

耶穌：“不要再憑表面來判斷，判斷就要作出公義的判決。” - 約翰福音 7:24 (新漢語譯本)

“（彼得）就對（哥尼流的一家）說：「你們都知道，猶太人是不容許與外族人結交來往的，但神指示我，不應該把任何人看作凡俗或不潔的。” - 使徒行傳 10:28 (新漢語譯本)

“彼得開口說：「我現在真的明白了，神是不偏待人的；無論在哪國，那敬畏神又行義的人，都蒙他接納。” - 使徒行傳 10:34-35 (新漢語譯本)

上帝將人聚在一起，就是！

“我們有些是猶太人，有些是外族人，有些是奴隸，有些是自由人，但我們全都藉着一位聖靈受浸，成為一個身體，分享同一位聖靈。你們所有人在一起就成為基督的身體，每個人都是這身體上的一部分。” - 哥林多前書 12:13, 27 (新普及譯本)

“現在…藉着相信基督耶穌，你們都成為上帝的兒女。所有在浸禮中跟基督聯合的人，都穿上了基督，就像穿上新衣服一樣。從此不再分猶太人或外族人，奴隸或自由人，男人或女人，因為你們都已經在基督耶穌裏合而為一了。” - 加拉太書 3:26-28 (新普及譯本)

“在這個新生命中，一個人的國籍或種族，學歷或社會地位都無關緊要，這些都毫無意義。他有沒有基督才是最重要的，他就住在我們眾人裏面。” - 歌羅西書 3:11 (LB 意譯)

1. 質疑 2. 無知 3. 違背 4. 罪 5. 看待 6. 教會