

• James subverts the expectations of his readers.

- Joy in ______. (vs. 2-8, 12-18)
- Rich and _____ . (vs. 9-11)
- Swift to hear, slow to ______, and slow to anger. (vs. 19-20)

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- Pure, undefiled . (vs. 26-27)

Faith and partiality don't _____.

 Partiality is favoritism, and it's always wrong because it does not correspond with the heart of God.

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

"Then He said also to the one who invited Him, "When you prepare a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or your rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return...

"and you be repaid. But when you prepare a banquet, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, for they cannot repay you. You shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 14:12-14

- The footstool mentioned in verse 3 was a place of dishonor, and in this story, the poor are asked to sit **under** the footstool.
- We tend to judge based on outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.
- Breaking the law of partiality convicts me as a _____
- Instead of judging people by their outward appearance, judge them based on the law of liberty. We're all free people in a relationship with Jesus. He has leveled the playing field. There are no differences among us.
- Do you understand the gospel? The good news of the gospel is that anyone can become sons and daughters of the most high God. So why are you showing favoritism?

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