

## Questions to Consider — Lesson 9 — “Test of Brotherly Love” — James 2:1-5

1. Read James Chapter 2. What are the “tests of faith” that James mentions in this chapter? In other words, what things does James say that prove the reality of one’s faith?
2. Memorize James 2:1.
3. Read Deuteronomy 10:17-19; 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34-35; Romans 2:9-11; and Colossians 3:25. What do these verses teach you about God’s impartiality?
4. (a) According to 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, whom has God chosen? (b) How would you say that compares with the current “health, wealth, and prosperity” gospel?
5. After carefully looking over James 2:1-5 answer the following questions. (a) If you were a visitor in the church James was writing to, what would you have heard and seen? (b) In what ways has each person involved (rich, poor, church member, and the Lord) been dishonored? (c) How does the title that James assigns our Lord in verse 1 help put this behavior in perspective?
6. (a) What characteristics about certain people make it difficult for you to associate with them? (b) Are those personal characteristics sin, or are they just preference issues? Ask God to help you love them and determine not to be a “respector of persons” or show partiality.
7. (a) In what ways are you showing partiality in your church to the people who attend there? (b) What changes do you need to make? (c) Is there someone whom you intentionally ignore? Why? Determine to get out of your circle of friends, your comfort zone, and reach out to all (especially visitors), as God would have you do.
8. After looking over question number 7, especially part b, what is your prayer request?