



Theme of James: Spiritual Maturity

James 1: Patience in Testing James 2: Practicing the Truth

➤ The _____ Is Level At The _____!

“¹My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, ‘Here’s a good seat for you,’ but say to the poor man, ‘You stand there’ or ‘Sit on the floor by my feet,’ ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

James 2:1-4

“Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which He could be arrested. They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with Him. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘we know how honest You are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don’t play favorites.”

Matthew 22:15-16 (NLT)

All Scripture is from the NIV (2011) unless otherwise noted.

“It has been said that the ground is level at the foot of the cross. We all come as needy sinners; we all come with the same need for the pardon that God alone can give.”

Erwin Lutzer

➤ Your _____ Is Clearly Seen By How
You _____ Others!

“⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For He who said, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘You shall not murder.’ If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.”

James 2:8-11

- _____ Standing
- _____ (Abilities)
- _____

“But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7

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“¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

James 2:12-13