



**JAMES 2:
BIBLE STUDY GUIDED
QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL
GROWTH AND PRACTICAL
APPLICATION**

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Hi there!

Thank you for downloading this Bible study guide! My faith journey started early in life, and I've always felt God's blessings, but something was missing. It took me over 30 years to discover that the depth and excitement I craved—but didn't know I craved—came from truly knowing God through studying His Word.

As a former English high school teacher, I saw it all the time with my students—how easy it is to read something without fully grasping its meaning. Just because you may not be in high school (or maybe you are) doesn't mean your study shouldn't command the same time and preparation as a high school student's. I wanted to create a well-thought-out guide for people studying James to feel like they have additional tools and resources, just as I would when I was teaching.

James 2 may be short and simple, but its teachings are powerful and foundational for a life with God. I hope this guide helps you connect with what God is saying and leads you to surrender your heart to Him.

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Believers Should Not Show Favoritism: Understanding the Root Problem

Judgment Gone Wrong

Judgment, by its true definition, calls us to be objective and discerning in distinguishing right from wrong. However, because we live in a fallen world, our moral understanding has become distorted. What is right and godly has been confused with what is wrong and evil, leading to a skewed ability to judge fairly and justly.

Favoritism is one such distortion of judgment. It occurs when we make biased decisions based on superficial criteria like wealth, status, or appearance. This type of judgment is not aligned with God's call for impartiality and love, as it elevates certain individuals while unjustly diminishing others. Favoritism directly conflicts with God's nature of fairness, justice, and unconditional love for all His people.

Jesus warns us in Matthew 7:1 (NIV), "***Do not judge, or you too will be judged.***" This reminder calls us to examine our own hearts and ensure that our judgments are not only fair and just but also rooted in the love and mercy that God shows us.

Reflection: In what ways have I witnessed or participated in forms of judgment such as bias, prejudice, or classism, perhaps without realizing their impact? How do these subtle forms of judgment reflect the favoritism warned about in James 2? What steps can I take to recognize and uproot these seeds of sin in my attitudes and actions, aligning them with God's call for impartiality and love?

Believers Should Not Show Favoritism

In James 2:4, what does it mean when James says, '***Have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?***'

What is the royal law?

“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom,” James 2:12 NIV

What is the difference between the law that convicts and the law that gives freedom?

God’s Perspective on the Poor and Faith: Why do you think that God has chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith?

Understanding Faith & Deeds

James 2:18 says, 'I will show you my faith by my deeds.' What does this verse suggest about the relationship between faith and actions? How does this challenge the idea that belief alone is sufficient for living a life of faith?

In Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25, Rahab is specifically mentioned as a prostitute, yet she is also commended as righteous for her actions. How does this example challenge our human tendency to judge others based on their status or past sins? Reflecting on what we've learned about favoritism, how does God's view of righteousness differ from the world's, and what does this teach you about how you should act in faith and live as a person of faith, regardless of your own background or past?