

HOW TO DEVELOP FAITH

Treat People Right

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James 2:1-13

James 2:8 NIV *If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.*

I. THE PRINCIPLE: _____ (vs. 1)

Rom 2:11 NIV *For God does not show favoritism.*

_____ - to receive somebody's face

Areas of Discrimination

- Appearance
- Ancestry
- Age
- Achievement
- Affluence

Illustration (vs. 2-4)

II. THE PROBLEM

1. FAVORITISM IS _____ (vs. 1)

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Col 3:25 NIV *Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.*

Act 10:34 NIV *Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism.*

1 Sam 16:7 NIV *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 man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

2. FAVORITISM IS _____ (vs. 5-7)

"... Has not God chosen those who are poor ... to be rich in faith ... and inherit the kingdom ...?"

"Is it not the rich who are exploiting you ...?"

(net worth vs. self-worth)

3. FAVORITISM IS _____ (vs. 8-9)

1Jn 4:20 NIV *If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.*

The seriousness of it (vs. 10-13)

III. THE PRESCRIPTION: HOW TO TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT (And How To Have A Loving Church)

1. _____

Rom 15:7 NIV *Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

2. _____

Php 2:3-5 NIV *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*

3. _____

1Th 5:11 NIV *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

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Favoritism - to receive somebody's face

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2. FAVORITISM IS UNREASONABLE (vs. 5-7)

"... Has not God chosen those who are poor ... to be rich in faith ... and inherit the kingdom ...?"

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3. FAVORITISM IS UNLOVING (vs. 8-9)

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1. ACCEPT EVERYBODY

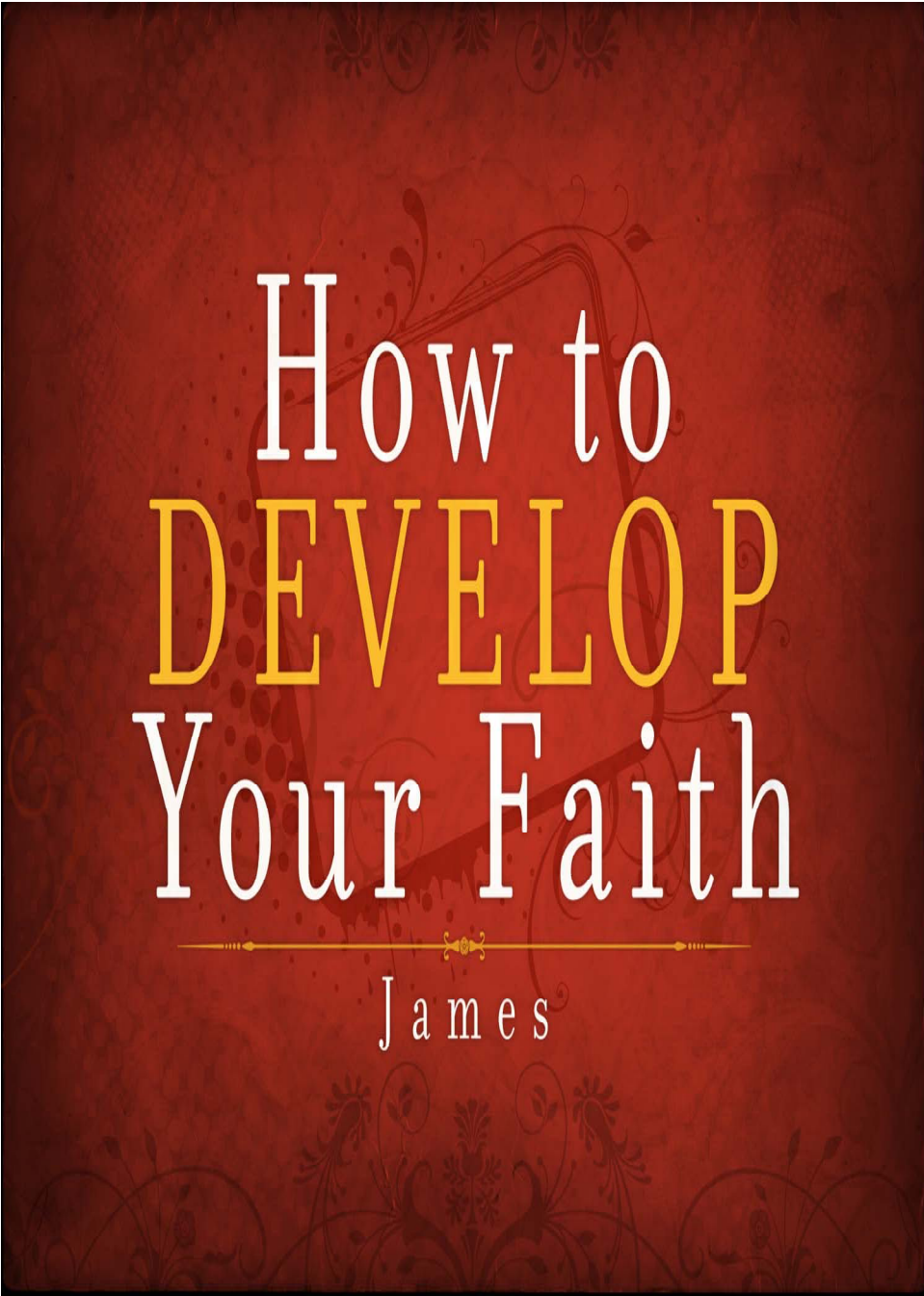
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3. AFFIRM EVERYBODY

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