

## JAMES 2:12-13

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#### Verses 1-11

Favoritism – making decisions about people on the basis of the **world's** standards instead of **God's**. Authentic faith and favoritism don't **mix**.

One reason many in the Church don't take sin seriously is because they don't **evaluate** their lives in light of God's law (v.8)

He who stumbles in just **one** point of the law is guilty of breaking **all** of it.

The Christian is not into **grading** sin because he understands it's not about what sin or how many sins; it's about **who** you sinned against.

#### Verses 12-13

Believers understand that God is a **judge** and that there is a judgment coming in which He is going to evaluate our lives.

*1 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 2:5-8*

#### Law of freedom

*Galatians 5:13 (v. 8)*

**Love** is the law that governs us when we are freed from condemnation by the blood and righteousness of Christ.

How we treat others is the **evidence** of our relationship to Christ.

*Verse 13; Matthew 5:7*

If we have **tasted** His mercy and treasure it, then we will **show** mercy and that mercy will be the evidence of our faith which carries us through the judgment.

What we must do is judge rightly, according to God's **truth**.  
*Leviticus 19:15*

Don't make decisions about people based on the standards of this world **instead** of God's.

*1 Samuel 16:7*

#### Lost

Judge their lostness so that you seek to share the **gospel** in word and in deed.

#### Saved

*Luke 16:45*

We must look at their hearts by way of their **deeds** and embrace them with the full acceptance of Jesus Christ.

#### Claiming/Denying

By their deeds, we have a biblical case to judge them and in compassion and concern call for **repentance**.

If you truly care about a friend, you will risk the **friendship** to help the **friend**. That is how mercy triumphs over judgment.

Does your judgment of the people in your world push them to **Jesus** or pollute your life with **worldliness**?