



MZBMP

**Title:** Have Not the Faith with Respect of Persons (part 2) – Evil-Affected Judgment.

**Text:** James 2:2-4

“For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?”

**Pagsasalin:** Maaaring may pumasok sa inyong kapulungan na isang taong may gintong singsing at marangyang kasuotan. Maaari ding may pumasok na isang taong dukha na napakarumi ng damit. 3 At higit ninyong binigyan ng pansin ang may marangyang kasuotan at sinasabi mo sa kaniya: Maupo po kayo rito sa magandang dako. Sa taong dukha ay sinasabi mo: Tumayo ka na lang dito o di kaya ay maupo ka sa tabi ng patungan ng aking paa. 4 Hindi ba kayo rin ay may mga pagtatangi-tangi sa inyong mga sarili? Hindi ba kayo ay naging mga tagahatol na may masasamang isipan?

**Pangunahing aralin:** Mahalaga sa Salita ng Dios na pantay o patas tayo sa pag-trato natin sa kapwa tao. Ang panlabas na kagandahan ay yaman ng tao ay hindi dapat ipag-malaki o pahalagahan at ang dukha at mga walang magandang kasuotan ay hindi dapat tratuhin ng masama.

**I. “Your assembly”**

- A. In Apostolic times the place of Christian assembly was the Jewish Synagogue (Mk. 6:2; Acts 14:1).
- B. The church services are patterned after the Synagogue (Lk. 4:16-21; 13:10-15; 1 Tim. 4:13).
- C. This suggests that the Epistle of James is early since the church is nearly synonymous with the Synagogue (5:14).

**II. Two Examples:** (the assembly meeting was open to the public – 1 Cor. 14:23-25).

- A. A Wealthy Man
- B. A Poor Man
- C. The importance here is how does the church receive their guests, despite their social-economic conditions?
- D. Should “externalism” affect the Biblical church? NO. But it does affect the double-minded church member.

**III. Mga Pagtatasa ni Pastor James:**

- A. Ye are Partial in Yourselves. Partial (*διακρίνω* – *diakrinō*) meaning to separate one’s self from something or someone else or to cause to differ. The carnal behaving Christian is “wavering” (1:6) or to stagger. Evil discrimination based on faulty standards.
- B. Ye are Become Judges of Evil Thoughts (or motives, reasoning, or opinion).

**Conclusion** (Katapusan):

1. To show “respect of persons” violates God’s words and is a poor reflection on God – who exercises no respect of persons (Rom. 2:11; Eph. 6:9; 1 Pet. 1:17).
2. There are to be no class-distinctions within the assembly (or church).
3. How does God judge? By mere outward appearance? Or by righteous judgment? (Isa. 11:3-4; Jn. 7:24).
4. Evil motives, thoughts, are destructive and never constructive.
5. Christians should never engage in Evil-affected Judgments (respect of persons).