

# The Folly of Favoritism

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<sup>1</sup>*My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.*

<sup>5</sup>*Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?*

## 1. Favoritism misses God's heart.

<sup>6b</sup>*Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?* <sup>7</sup>*Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?*

## 2. Favoritism is a flawed strategy.

<sup>8</sup>*If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.* <sup>9</sup>*But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.*

## 3. Favoritism exposes our sinfulness.