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“The Evil Judge”

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?” (Psalm 82:2)

Deadly Distinctions

James 2:1-4 – (1) “My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. (2) For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, (3) and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ while you say to the poor man, ‘You stand over there,’ or, ‘Sit down at my feet,’ (4) have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

Key Point: Categorizing or Prizing All God’s People?

The Royal Family Mandate

James 2:8-13 – (8) “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well. (9) But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. (10) For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. (11) For he who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not murder.’ If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. (12) So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. (13) For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

Wellness Plan

Jeremiah 22:11, 13-17 – (11) “For thus says the LORD concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father... (13) ‘Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbor serve him for nothing and does not give him his wages, (14) who says, ‘I will build myself a great house with spacious upper rooms,’ who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermilion. (15) Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. (16) He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the LORD. (17) But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence.”

The Father's Heart

Luke 15:28-32 – (28) “But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, (29) but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. (30) But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ (31) And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. (32) It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I a chronic categorizer, frequent towards favoritism?

Do I need to repent to God for secretly or openly despising one of His precious ones?

Do I need to pray to have My Father's view of His children?