

## FAITH AND FAVORITISM DON'T MIX

*James 2:1-13*

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**Introduction:** We all know that oil and water don't mix. Oil is hydrophobic, meaning it repels water. Bleach and ammonia don't mix well either; when you try, you create a dangerous gas. Nor can an acid and a base effectively blend. Nitrating glycerol and nitric acid are positively explosive. Some things simply don't mix and attempts to do so damage and destroy. The same principle holds true with 1) our active faith in Jesus and 2) playing favorites with people. This situation doesn't mix, but when people try, it creates a bitter, hypocritical condition that hurts us, hurts others, and damages the culture that God has designed to be present in the body of Christ. In this passage, James emphasizes the importance of showing impartiality in the body of Christ and treating everyone equally, regardless of their social status, race or wealth.

### 1. **Command**

*James 2:1-2a*

### 2. **Illustration**

*James 2:2-4*

**3. Confrontation**

*James 2:5-11*

**4. Solution**

*James 2:12-13*

**5. Main Idea**

**6. Takeaways**