

The Blessed Life

James 2:1-13

- How we see other people will help determine how blessed we are.
- I. V 1
God views all people as equals. To experience the blessed life, we must view all people as equals. Romans 2:11
 - A. People are God's creation. Psalm 139:14
 - B. People are brothers and sisters in Christ. Colossians 1:2
 - C. People are a mission field for you to harvest. Matthew 9:37
- II. Vs. 2-4
To treat people differently because of race, appearance, rank, or social status is morally wrong and harmful. 1 John 4:20-21
- III. V 5
The *things* of this world deaden our faith and our desire for God. Proverbs 11:28; I Timothy 6:10
- IV. Vs. 6-7
Who do you trust? Who do you believe?
 - The love of money corrupts. The absolute love of money corrupts absolutely.
- V. V 8
How should we treat people? 1 Corinthians 13:2
- VI. Vs. 9-11
We are sinners ONLY saved by grace. Do not deceive yourself. Romans 3:9-18; Romans 3:23-24
- VII. V 12
Our conduct is going to be judged. But not based on how we keep the law, but how we love God. 2 Corinthians 5:10; I John 1:7; Romans 8:3-4; Matthew 22:37
- VIII. V 13
When we withhold forgiveness from others after receiving it ourselves, we show that we do not understand or appreciate God's mercy towards us. Matthew 19:21-35
- IX. V 13b
The person whose life is characterized by mercy is ready for the day of judgment. Jeremiah 9:24