

5. The discrepancy between what God does and the behavior described is summed up by "Hasn't God...but you..." (James 2:5-6). Pick a form of prejudice and describe the contrast between its exercise and what God does or has done.



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Your name _____

6. Review James 2:14, which emphasizes the uselessness of claims not backed up by actions. Pray and ask the Lord to show you some area where your walk does not match your talk. Write what comes to mind.

7. Read John 13:34-35. Prayerfully consider the question, "What does love require of me?" For the situations or actions that come to mind, write your answer here.

Growth Guide

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

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TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

CONVICT ME

DANGEROUS PRAYERS 2.2 • TODAY: INTEGRITY

JAMES 2:1-17

THE BOTTOM LINE

CONVICTION LEADS TO INTEGRITY.

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you...?

— James 2:1 NLT

"Breaking is the pattern of humbling through failure, loss, sorrow, or humiliation that is painful and unpleasant at the time but results in greater wholeness, healthier character, and greater effectiveness in the long run."

WHY CONVICTION IS NECESSARY

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?
– Jeremiah 17:9 NLT

CONVICTION SHOWS US WHERE OUR WALK & TALK ARE OUT OF SYNC

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? – James 2:1 NLT

doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? – James 2:4 NLT

Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? ...
But you dishonor the poor! – James 2:5-6a NLT

WE CAN'T EXCUSE SOME SINS BECAUSE WE DON'T COMMIT SOME OTHERS

Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
– James 2:8 NLT

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
– John 13:34-35 NIV

"What does love require of me?"

But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. – James 2:9-10 NLT

SAYING SOMETHING IS NOT THE SAME AS DOING SOMETHING

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? – James 2:14 NLT

THE CHALLENGE: PRAY, "CONVICT ME"

"I COMMIT MY LIFE TO JESUS"

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ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

- 1. Think of an example of someone demonstrating integrity even when the cost was high, and describe it. How did it impact those who witnessed or heard about it?**
- 2. Review Jeremiah 17:9. How does this verse account for "blind spots" in our actions or character?**
3. How is discrimination described in James 2:1. List some types of discrimination other than racism and that based on economic standing. Give an example of something you've witnessed that fits that definition.
4. Write James 2:4 here.

What "evil motives" (NLT) might be behind favoring the rich as described in this passage.