

Title: V.I.P.

Text: James 2:1-13

Target: You can't look up to Jesus and look down on people.

I. Jesus Challenges the Way You Value People: (Vs. 1-7)

- A. Don't Judge the Cover (Vs. 2-3):** *"fine clothing... shabby clothing"*
- B. Quit Playing Favorites (Vs. 3):** *"You sit here... You stand over there..."*
- C. Don't Overlook the Overlooked (Vs. 4):** *"have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?"*
- D. Honor Everybody (Vs. 6):** *"But you have dishonored the poor man..."*

II. Jesus Corrects the Way You Treat People: (Vs. 8-11)

- A. You Don't get to Pick Your Neighbor:** *"If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor..."*
- B. Love Others as You Love Yourself (Vs. 8):** *"as yourself, you are doing well"*
- C. Don't Minimize Sin (Vs. 9):** *"But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors."*

III. Jesus Confronts the Way You Judge People: (Vs. 10-13)

- A. You're not as Good as You Think (Vs. 10):** *"Whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it."*
- B. Get off the Moral High Ground (Vs. 12):** *"So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty."*
- C. Remember the Mercy You Needed (Vs. 13):** *"For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."*

Takeaway: I'm just a nobody telling everybody about somebody who can save anybody.