

James 2:1-7
"Unholy Partiality"

Intro: Satan's love of division

What lies behind every false teacher: A demonic influence.

Many churches today: Divided over unbiblical philosophies.

One of the leading unbiblical philosophies today: Radical social Marxism.

The first century church at Jerusalem: Plagued by class conflicts over economic status.

***We must be on guard against the _____ tendencies towards _____ and _____.**

The word translated as 'partiality' or 'favoritism': Literally translated as 'receive the face.'

An example of God's people 'receiving the outward appearance' of other people: Found in the Prophet Samuel.

The grand example of one who was 'lowly' from a worldly perspective: Found in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The 'equestrian class' in Roman society: Recognized by their wearing of gold jewelry and the finest clothing.

Many churches then and now: Swayed by the financial prosperity of certain members.

The sinful practice of showing partiality: Traced back to the sinful fear of man.

This very practical letter of James: Makes several contrasts between poor believers and rich unbelievers.

The only election found in Scripture: God's unconditional election of His people before the foundations of the world.

Personal Application: