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Galatians 3:28-29 (MSG)

BIG IDEA: A _____ is at the center of a world under pressure.

Five ways we entertain prejudice:

1. A _____
2. A _____
3. A _____
4. A _____
5. A _____

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right."

Acts 10:34-35 (NIV)

THE PROBLEM

1. Favoritism impresses the _____.

If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

1 John 4:20-21 (MSG)

2. Favoritism _____ me.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

3. Favoritism and faith are _____.

For God does not show favoritism.

Romans 2:11 (NIV)

"...Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

THE PRESCRIPTION

1. _____ extravagantly.

Accept one another... just as Christ accepted you....

Romans 15:7 (NIV)

2. _____ selflessly.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus....

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

3. _____ liberally.

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)



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Five ways we entertain prejudice:

1. **APPEARANCE**
2. **ANCESTRY**
3. **AGE**
4. **ABILITY AND ACHIEVEMENT**
5. **AFFLUENCE**

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right."

Acts 10:34-35 (NIV)

THE PROBLEM

1. Favoritism impresses the **WRONG PEOPLE**.

If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

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2. Favoritism **DEPRESSES** me.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

3. Favoritism and faith are **INCOMPATIBLE**.

For God does not show favoritism.

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THE PRESCRIPTION

1. **LOVE** extravagantly.

Accept one another... just as Christ accepted you....

Romans 15:7 (NIV)

2. **SERVE** selflessly.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus....

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

3. **INVITE** liberally.

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