

Lived Out Grace (A Warning)

Everyone wants the blessing of God. However, there is a right way and a wrong way to seek that blessing. James identifies a common shortcut that we can be tempted by. He then challenges us to a better way.

Scripture(s): James 2:1-7

I. The first reason that we must always bless others God's way is to crush our _____ motives. Favoritism always creates compromise of _____.

Luke 4:18-19 18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." (Isaiah 61:1, Isaiah 49:9, Isaiah 58:6)

✓ Act toward others in the same way that _____ has acted toward you.

II. The second reason that we must always bless others God's way is God chooses to honor the _____. God honors the poor, the broken, and the flawed by calling them His _____ children.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no man may boast before God.

✓ Make it your ambition to see the strugglers around you as _____ needing the encouragement to truly seek the hope found in Jesus.

III. The third reason that we must always bless others God's way is so that we can _____ see who loves God. Our spiritual sight is _____ when we compromise.

✓ Clear your spiritual eyes by committing to love people _____ way.

Remember this - Who we bless cannot be based on who can _____ us _____.

Our challenge: Make how you treat others an act of _____ obedience instead of a self-serving act.

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"O Worship the King" 16

"How Great Thou Art" 10

"He Is Exalted"

* Pastoral Prayer &

Children's Sermon *

"More Precious than Silver"