

FAVORITISM IN THE WORK PLACE

FOCAL PASSAGE: James 2:1-5

BIBLICAL TRUTH: God does not show favoritism.

LIFE IMPACT: To help us realize that we should not show favoritism to our employees or our customers we should treat everybody equally and with the highest respect.

James 2:1-5, *My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. 2. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. 3. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4. Have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?*

It is so easy to show favoritism and done so often in business that it's almost a common practice and more cases than a few, management doesn't realize that it is being done.

What am I talking about? That one employee that seems to get the best jobs or favored over other employees for whatever the reason, or the customer that is always put first over someone else. It just comes so natural to treat the ones you like the most a little better than the others.

At first you would think what is wrong with favoritism but let me remind you of a certain Joseph whose father was Israel and he loved Joseph more than all his brothers and gave him a special coat of many colors. GEN- 37:3-4

His brothers ended up hating him and did things to bring him down and ended up selling him into Slavery.

This treatment and animosity could end up at your business and that would be unproductive. That's why God does not like favoritism it ends up helping a few and hurting many.

We should treat and care for all employees and customers like they are the very best not favoring one over another. This way everyone will think they are favored.

PRAY— that God will give us the wisdom and the strength to treat everybody with the highest regard and equal at all times and to open our eyes when we are not doing so.