

Practical Instructions for Real Life When I Am Judgmental

James 2:12-13

¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Every day we make quick judgments about people. James helps us understand that partiality is not a character trait of God and should not be ours either. When I am encountering other people here are a few things for a Christian to remember.

Remember

1. I am not perfect.

Romans 3:9-10, 23

2. Every person is valuable in God's eyes.

Genesis 1:27, Romans 10:12, Galatians 3:28, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

3. Jesus has given me mercy and I live in the power of the Gospel.

1 Peter 3:18, Romans 1:16, 5:6-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18

4. God considers how I respond to others.

Proverbs 21:13, Matthew 6:15, 7:1-2, Romans 11:30-31

5. I need to respond to others with mercy.

Matthew 18:33, Galatians 5:22-23, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 18, James 1:25