

# **#10: “Playing Favorites” (Part 2)**

## **James 2:1-13**

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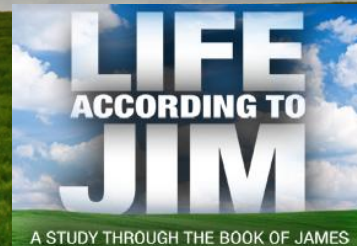
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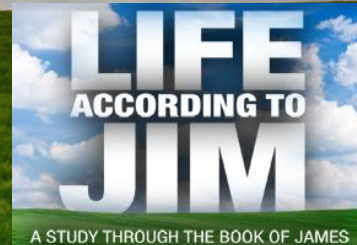
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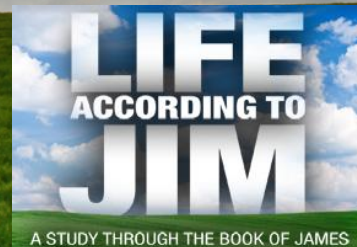


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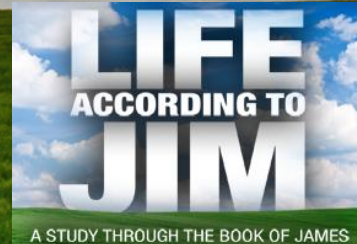


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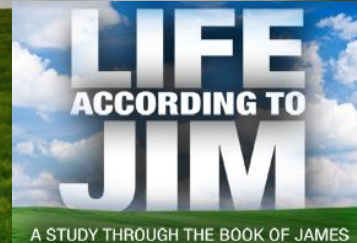


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# 1. A Principle to Remember

- Avoid Favoritism
- The basis of our attitude and action is our faith in Jesus Christ

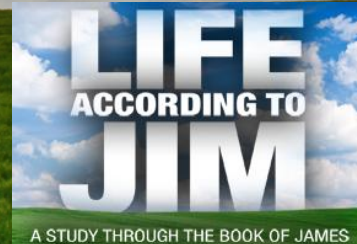




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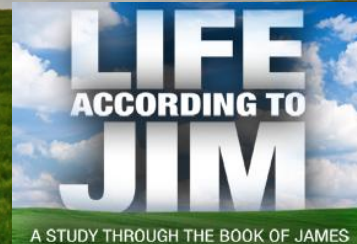
2. A Problem to Remedy

- The problem is in our  
mind



# Romans 12:1-2

**“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”**





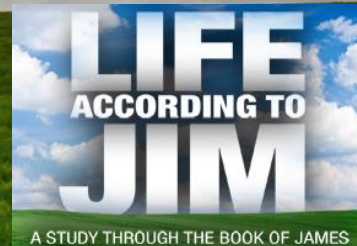
# A Recipe for Victory

Time

Prayer

Discipline

Dependence



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3. A Perspective to Adopt





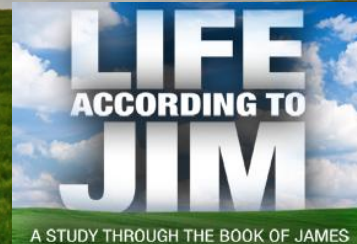
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## Ephesians 2:8-9

**“For it is by grace you have been saved,  
through faith—and this is not from  
yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by  
works, so that no one can boast.”**





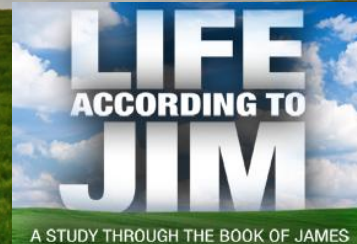
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# Matthew 22:34-40

**“Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

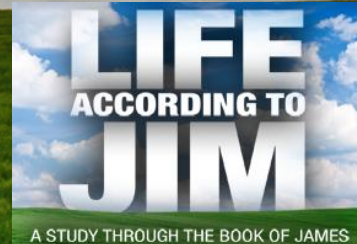


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2. A Problem to Remedy
3. A Perspective to Adopt
4. A Practice to Implement



# Romans 14:12

**“So then, each of us will give  
an account of ourselves to God.”**



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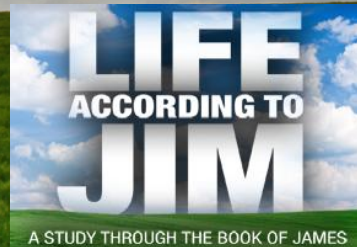


**Words  
Deeds  
Attitudes**



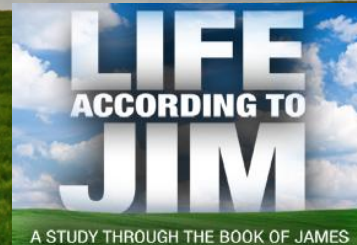
"...In obedience to the truth...  
fervently love one another  
from the heart."

- 1 Peter 1:22



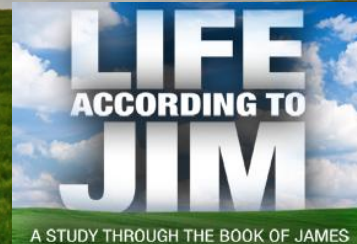


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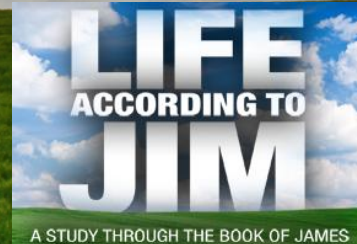




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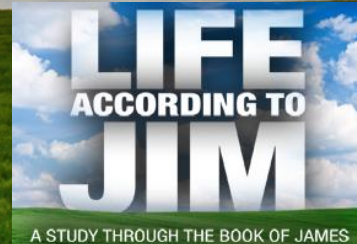


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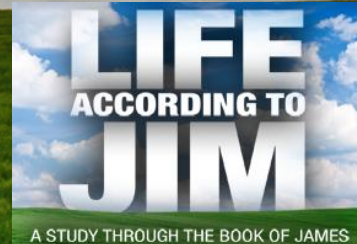
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