



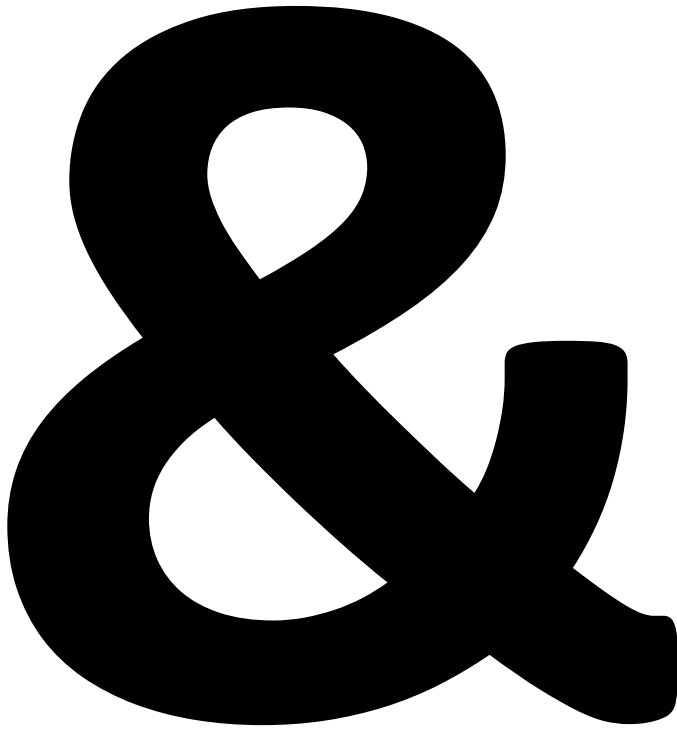
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**1** My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favouritism. **2** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. **3** If you show special attention 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,"



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**4** have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? **6** But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?



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**7** Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? **8** If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. **9** But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.



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**11** For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a law-breaker. **12** Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, **13** because judgement without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgement!





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1 My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favour some people over others? (New Living Translation)



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the fault of one who when called on to give judgement has respect of the outward circumstances of man and not to their intrinsic merits, and so prefers, as the more worthy, one who is rich, high born, or powerful, to another who does not have these qualities.



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**LUKE 18 - v10** "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'



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**13** "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

**14** "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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## **Favouritism forbidden Deuteronomy 10 v17, 19**

17 the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes

19 You are to love those who are aliens for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.



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"The church should be a competition-free zone" where  
"instead of courting one another's favour we rejoice in  
God's favour. Instead of manoeuvring for the best  
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for the sake of Christ"

(Douglas Webster 1991:75).



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