

# Authentic

## A STUDY OF JAMES

### An Important Message

Authentic followers of Jesus love people, so they don't play \_\_\_\_\_ and they do play fair.

### An Important Verse

*If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are \_\_\_\_\_. James 2.8*

### James 2.1-13: Playing Favorites Is Not Okay

- Showing partiality is not consistent with \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
  - Treating rich people better than poor people is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Keeping God's law can't be separated from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ trumps judgement, and mercy should define our personal relationships.

### 18 Different Ways We Can Start Treating Those Around Us Better

1. Admit that you don't \_\_\_\_\_ as well as you should and could.
2. Affirm the \_\_\_\_\_. This person in front of me is made in the *image of God*.
3. Stop to study. \_\_\_\_\_ before you even engage.
4. Ask more questions. Talk less about yourself. \_\_\_\_\_ about people and their stories.
5. Know that everyone wants to be \_\_\_\_\_, maybe not included, but \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Celebrate their \_\_\_\_\_; empathize with their \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Hold the door. Let others go \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 out of 5 offenses.
9. If there is a problem, attack the problem, not the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Before you speak, ask, *Will this* \_\_\_\_\_?
11. Say *Thank You*, and say it with \_\_\_\_\_.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ at them.
13. Ask, *How can I* \_\_\_\_\_?
14. Be \_\_\_\_\_ than on others.
15. Do a self-check. You'll treat people better when you're not \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Be the first to \_\_\_\_\_. Even if you're not wrong. (Though you probably are.)
17. \_\_\_\_\_, *God, Help me start treating those around me better.*
18. Make your own \_\_\_\_\_: *How to treat people better.*