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Sources of Discrimination

Race

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Racism isn't a white thing, or a black thing, or a Latino thing, or an Asian thing. *It's a sinful, depraved, human heart thing, and we all have that in common.* As John Owen said, "The seed of every sin is in every human heart." The less we admit this to ourselves, the greater our blindness. We each need to acknowledge the racism in our hearts, and repeatedly posture ourselves in repentance. —J.D. Greear

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Sources of Discrimination

Appearance

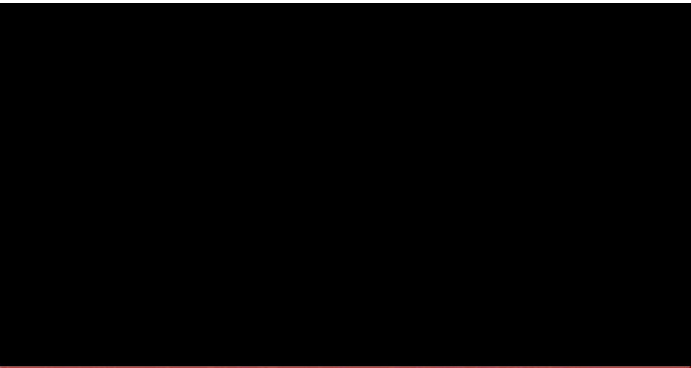
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Influence

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Intelligence

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Sources of Discrimination

Affluence

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“We put labels on people in the way designers sew labels on their clothes. And then we let the labels tell us what people are and what they are worth.” —Lewis Smedes, *A Pretty Good Person*

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¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say,

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“You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him?

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⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

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⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
—James 2:1-13 ESV

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“Prejudice is the ink with which all of history is written.” —Mark Twain

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Acts 16

Philippi—a business woman,
a slave girl and a jailer

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James Offers:
A Concise Indictment
James 2:1

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For God shows no partiality.
—Romans 2:11 ESV

So Peter opened his mouth and said:
“Truly I understand that God shows
no partiality.” —Acts 10:34 ESV

And if you call on Him as Father who
judges impartially according to each
one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with
fear throughout the time of your exile.
—1 Peter 1:17 ESV

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“Do not look on his
appearance or on the height of
his stature, because I have
rejected him. For the Lord sees
not as man sees: man looks on
the outward appearance, but
the Lord looks on the heart.”

—1 Samuel 16:7 ESV

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The issue in the church is not the
status or celebrity of men, but the
supremacy of Christ.

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⁹Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. —James 1:9-11 ESV

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James Offers:
A Corresponding Illustration
James 2:2-7

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If we are not careful, we will miss the riches of poverty and the poverty of riches.

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Luke 16:25-26

There will be no poor people in heaven.

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Luke 18:23-25

There are many who miss the way to heaven because they have traded their need for righteousness for the riches and resources of this world.

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Three Enemies of Biblical Community:
Pride, Prejudice, Preference

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James Offers:
A Compelling Instruction
James 2: 8, 12-13

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Matthew 22:34-40

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He saved us, not because
of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to
His own mercy, by the washing
of regeneration and renewal
of the Holy Spirit.
—Titus 3:5 ESV

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For you know the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that though
He was rich, yet for your sake
He became poor, so that you
by His poverty might become
rich. —2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

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I once was an outcast
Stranger on earth,
A sinner by choice,
And an alien by birth!
But I've been adopted,
My name's written down,—
An heir to a mansion,
A robe and a crown.
—Hattie Buell, *A Child of the King*

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