

THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT BEING FAIR



James Explains How To Be Fair

Scripture Reference: James 2:1-13

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. 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," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it...

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

("Triumphs" means wins)

("Mercy" is being kind when someone should be punished)

WHEN SOMEONE ELSE ISN'T FAIR

Romans 12:17 tells you what to do if someone is not being fair to you. Solve this puzzle and read the Bible verse.



The telephone dial can help you solve the puzzle. Every number has 3 letters. You have to choose which letter to write. HINT: If the letter is a vowel (A E I O U), that number has been underlined.

ABC = 2	DEF = 3	GHI = 4	JKL = 5
MNO = 6	PRS = 7	TUV = 8	WXZ = 9

3 6 6 6 8 7 3 7 2 9

2 6 9 6 6 3 3 8 4 5 3 6 7

2 2 7 3 3 8 5 8 6 3 6

9 4 2 8 4 7 7 4 4 4 8

4 6 8 4 3 3 9 3 7 6 3

3 8 3 7 9 2 6 3 9

If someone would be unfair to you, what "right" thing can you do? _____

IT ISN'T FAIR!

Sometimes things seem to be unfair and you need to talk with someone. Other times things happen that aren't fair and are very hard to understand. Look at each situation below and write what you think should be said.



Shannon's family is moving to a new town. Shannon says, "It isn't fair! Why should I have to leave all my friends just because my parents want to? What would you say to Shannon?"



Cindy agrees to clean her room Saturday morning before playing with her friends. Her brother, whose room is already clean, also has plans with his friends. On Saturday, their friends arrive at the same time. Cindy's brother is allowed to go, but Cindy is not. Her mom reminds her she has to finish her room first. Cindy says, "It isn't fair. You always let my brother go with his friends." What would you say to Cindy?"



Larry's grandfather died last week. Larry says, "It isn't fair! My grandfather was too young to die. We were going to go fishing this summer, just the two of us. It makes me mad!" What would you say to Larry?"

IMPORTANT: TALK TO GOD WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS THAT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR. HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING!



**WHEN YOU PLAY FAIR, YOU OBEY
THE RULES OF THE GAME.**