

INTRODUCTION:

1. "Impartial" means "treating all rivals or disputants equally; fair and just" (New Oxford American Dictionary).
2. God is impartial. Deuteronomy 10:17A; Romans 2:11; Luke 20:21.
3. We must be impartial. James 2:9.

DISCUSSION:

1. We must impartially judge:
 - A. The wicked and the righteous. Proverbs 18:5.
 - B. The poor and the great. Leviticus 19:15.
 - C. Friends and strangers. Deuteronomy 1:16-17A.
 - D. Etc.
 - E. Everyone!
2. To be impartial, we must:
 - A. Resist pressure. Exodus 23:2-3.
 - B. Fear God, not men. Deuteronomy 1:16-17A; 2 Chronicles 19:7.
 - C. Disregard financial and other temporal considerations. Deuteronomy 16:18-20.
 - D. Think long term.
 - 1) Temporally. Proverbs 24:23-26.
 - 2) Eternally. Ephesians 6:9.
 - E. Use the same standard. Leviticus 19:35-36. We tend to judge those we disfavor by whatever we hear, those we favor by what we can't possibly deny; those we disfavor by their deeds, those we favor by their intentions; etc.
 - F. Truly listen. Job 13:6-10.
 - G. Be honest. With God, other people, and ourselves. Job 13:10.
 - H. Watch our mouths. Leviticus 19:15-16.
 - I. Believe. Proverbs 16:8.
 - J. Pray. Psalms 7:3-5.
 - K. Work very, very hard.
 - L. Etc.



APPLICATIONS:

1. Politics.
2. Business. Colossians 4:1.
3. Family.
4. Church. 1 Timothy 5:19-21.
5. Friends.