**James 2:1-4, 12-13**

**My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old 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?**

* My glorious Lord, I praise You, and I thank You for this day.
* Thank You for how You love ALL people so much that You died for ALL.
* Jesus, You never showed favoritism and I thank You for that example.
* Help me to have pure and honest thoughts about others. Help me to not judge or withhold love based on my own assumptions, because I know there is only one Lawgiver and Judge.
* Some people are certainly more difficult for me to accept in love, and to keep loving. As I try to love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please help me. Give me discernment, motivation and encouragement as I pursue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with love.

**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.**

* Every day, I have many opportunities to speak and act in a way that points to the Creator of All, and the Lover of All. Teach me more and more how to point to You.
* Remind me how deeply loved I am, so that I can love from a posture of fullness and acceptance found only in You. Remind me also of my imperfections, and how while I was a sinner, You sent Christ to die for me.
* I praise You that Your law does indeed give freedom. I want to walk in more freedom in matters of ….
* Instead of punishment You’ve given mercy. When I could have been given something else, You gave me mercy.
* Help me to give to others what You’ve generously given to me.

**In Jesus’ Name, I humbly pray, Amen.**