

September 6, 2015
“Blessed Are The Abnormal!”
(James 2:1-5)

Isn't this basically what the majority of us seek—to be considered _____, to fit in, to be _____?

Being abnormal is not always _____.

Einstein didn't like to wear _____.

Warren Buffet runs his \$136 billion company from a small office with the notable absence of a _____.

Would you agree with me that it's all right to be abnormal if in doing so you _____ the world?

Would you agree that what James is describing is quite normal behavior in our society, and even, heaven forbid, in the _____?

_____ folks are treated differently than _____ folks.

Do we understand that it is not the _____ who are on trial, but those who _____ Jesus?

People treat you _____ when you are dressed in a certain way.

It's normal; in our society. We have two different _____!

What James is saying to us is that following Jesus calls us to an abnormal _____ toward people.

We are to see people as _____ sees them – as loved, as worthy, as _____ in the Kingdom of God!

Be careful when you say the poor are undeserving, _____, and lazy. Many of them, even today, are trying to do the best they can to take care of those whom they love.

They deserve our _____, not our scorn – and, where possible, even our _____!

James 2:1-5 – “My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism...If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, ‘Here’s a good seat for you,’ but you 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?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?”

What James has to say, is an abnormal way of looking at _____, but that is the _____ way!

Look at it this way: It's not normal for the Son of God to give his life for our sins.

Thank God, Jesus was **abnormal!** If he wasn't we wouldn't stand a chance!