

# ***Being Holy in a Wicked World***

2: Recognizing the Plague of Partiality

(1 Tim 5:1-2, 21)

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**Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. . . . I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.** (1 Tim 5:1-2, 21).

## **A) Perhaps the most overlooked sin among Christian singles**

(James 2:1, 8-9).

**“Make up your mind not to put any stumbling block . . . in your brother’s way”** (Rom 14:13).

## **B) Living in a “family” of Christians**

**“Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”** (2 Tim 2:22).

## **C) Avoiding partiality in the family**

When does God give you permission to be partial?

- First, is the person you are attracted to a Christian?
- Secondly, are you ready to be married?
- Thirdly, is the other person ready to be married?
- Fourth, is your intention to be partial to this brother or sister for the purpose of determining if you would like to marry them?
- Fifth, do you have permission from parents and/or Pastors to “date with a purpose”.

**L.I.F.E. Group?:** What is something from the Sunday message that you want to believe and/or obey?