

Blindsided By Prejudice

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"...To show partiality in judging is not good."

Proverbs 24:23 (NIV)

Acts 10:1-5 (NIV)

1At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" 4Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. 5Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

**Prejudice has been present _____
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(_____)**

Here's the problem with prejudice - it isn't just speaking badly about people or mistreating them. It can also be looking at them as unimportant - thinking we're better than they are - or ignoring them altogether.

Prejudice Has Many Faces

- _____ prejudice
- _____ prejudice
- _____ prejudice
- _____ prejudice

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, Who is Lord of all.
Acts 10:34-36 (NIV)

"I'm not changing his life - He is changing mine."

Leigh Anne Tuohy

I must _____

"Racism isn't a bad habit; it's not a mistake; it's a sin. The answer isn't sociology, it's theology."

Dr. Tony Evans

"Anyone who says, "I am in the light," but hates a brother or sister, is still in the darkness.."

1 John 2:9 (NCV)

I must _____

What would it be like to be black, and live in a mostly white neighborhood?

How would I feel being confined to a wheelchair?

What if I was the one attending a school where almost everyone else came from a different ethnic background than I did?

How would it make me feel if everyone looked right past me and never acknowledged my existence?

You are the people of God; He loved you and chose you for His own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (GNT)

I must _____

"We don't have to be twins to be brothers."

**I must _____
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But if we say we love God and don't love each other, we are liars. We cannot see God. So how can we love God, if we don't love the people we can see?
1 John 4:20 (CEV)