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Factors that Never Influence God

- External appearance
- Any kind of bribe
- Open sin vs. self-righteous sin
- Position or rank
- Reputation & influence
- Intellect
- Ethnicity
- Social status & wealth
- Gender
- Peer pressure

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- 1) Human judges must remain completely impartial (Dt. 1:17; 16:18-20).
- 2) Earthly authorities must treat those under them with respect and fairness (Pr. 24:23-24; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25).
- 3) Church discipline must be carried out without any respect of persons (1 Tim. 5:21).
- 4) No believer may treat other Christians with partiality based on merely external factors (Jam. 2:1ff).
- 5) All believers must pursue holiness in the fear of God (1 Pet. 1:17).

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