

"No False Balances"

1. Introduction

a. Prov. 11:1

- balance = weight scale
- financial transaction word
 - * merchant buying & selling

b. Just weight is accurate weights

- false weight is wrong weights
- no putting finger on the scale cheating customer of full amount
- just weight is truthful amount
 - * cheating numbers could be in groceries, gasoline, or in "how much do I weigh?"
 - * if you're trying to lose weight, numbers on the scale should not say "100", when you weigh 300 pounds
- buying/selling cars
 - * cheating by turning back odometer - how many miles on car
 - * charging more on car than Kelly Blue Book value
- giving accurate truthful info

e. No double standard

2. Justice Matters

a. Courthouse picture

- statue with scales in hand & blindfolded
- court is "blind" to who stands in it
- no favorites rich or poor, famous or unknown - James 2:1,9
- one single standard for judgment
- one law for all to live by

b. No double standard

- God does not play favorites
- 2 Chron 19:7, Rom 2:11, 1 Pet 1:17

2c. Church offering

- Tithe = 10% of income
- % better way to give
- God does not one party eased & another party burdened
* 2 Cor 8:12-14
- God gives instruction to plan on giving
* 2 Cor 9:5 Prepare in advance

3. Church attendance

- Christians celebrate "resurrection Sunday" every week
- Jesus came alive from the dead on the first day of the week
 - Mt 28:1 at dawn
 - Mk 16:1-2, 9 early in the morning
 - Lk 24:1 early in the morning
 - Jn 20:1 one woman came while dark
- On the first day of the week
 - 1 Cor 16:2 on Sunday set aside the tithe
 - Acts 20:7 Christian disciples met together on first day of the week to share Communion
 - Rev 1:10 John on the Lord's Day

4. Conclusion

- God shows no favoritism
 - God does not respect one man more & another man less
* Rom 2:11
 - God's people also shows true justice without playing favorites
* Leviticus 19:15
 - Do not take bribes
* 2 Chron 19:7
 - Christian lives in fear of God
* 1 Pet 1:17
 - Christian to love their neighbors & not play favorites
* James 2:1-9