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Lev 19v15: Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.

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Acts 10v34-35: Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

2) The Illustration

V2-4: Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

3) The Impact

Has not God chosen those who are poor?

V5: 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?

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Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?

V6: Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

V7: Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

4) The Invitation

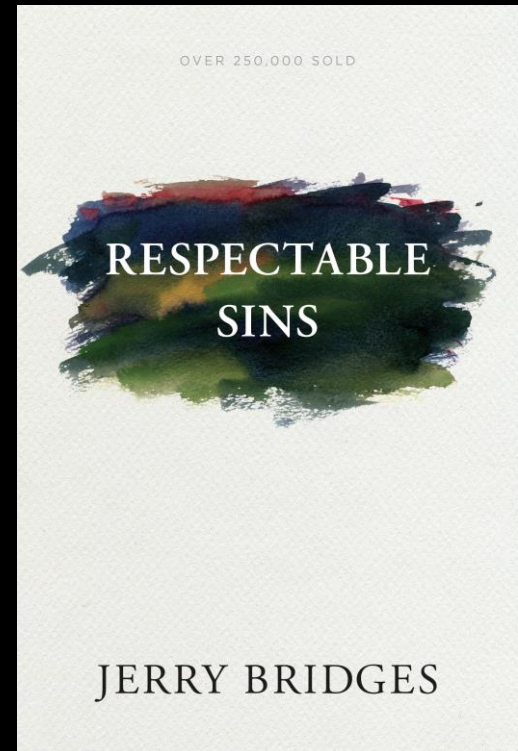
V8-9: If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbour as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

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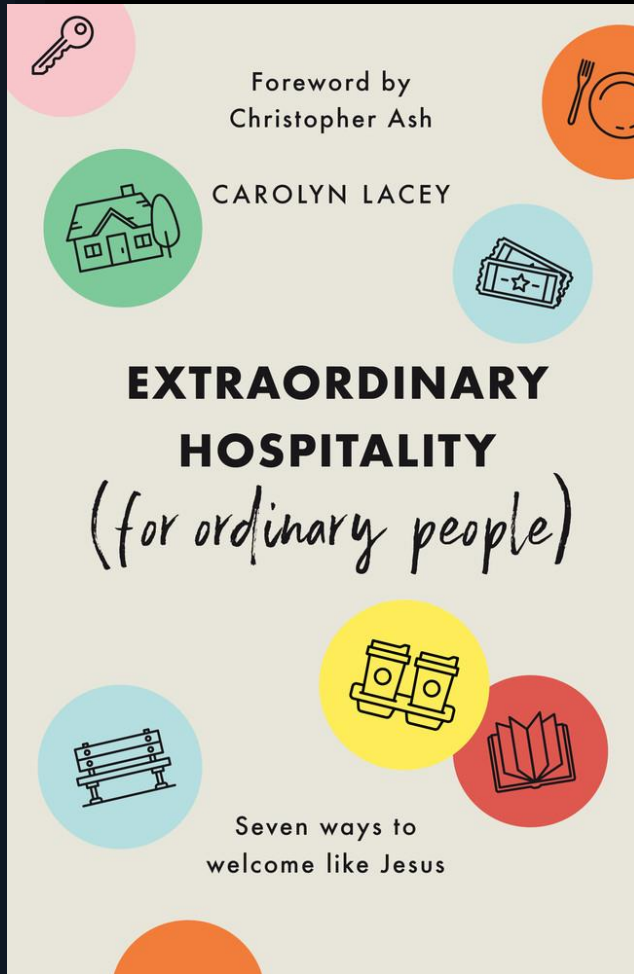
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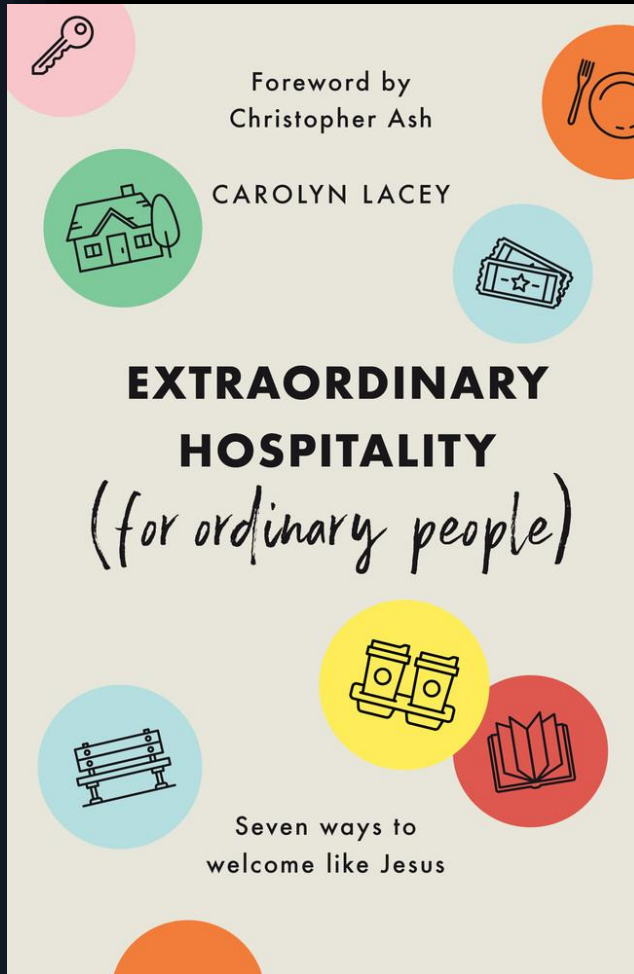
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V12-13: Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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*“The great goal of hospitality is always more than an offer of food or friendship. It is to showcase God’s generous big-hearted welcome and to offer his invitation to **all people** to be part of his eternal family.”*

