

## **Double-Souled**

“A person who has doubts is thinking about two different things at the same time and can't make up his mind about anything” (James 1:8, GW)

I suspect that all of us are double-minded at some time or another. However, today's message is specifically dealing with it...I am sensing several things the Lord is saying to you regarding this: There are two major influences which are fueling your current thought life..

Are you torn in two directions concerning a matter? Are you unsettled? Are you uncertain?

Definition of double-minded. 1 : wavering in mind : undecided, vacillating a double-minded man unstable in all his ways — James 1:8 (Revised Standard Version) 2 : marked by hypocrisy : insincere.

When you are dealing with a divided interest it causes you to doubt what you heard from the Lord or to trust Him. Many times the root issue behind double-mindedness is fear. Many times we don't realize that when wavering is similar to operating in fear causing you to enter into the double- minded zone.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary- says this about James 1:8:

“Double-minded—literally, 'double-souled,' the one soul directed towards God, the other to something else. He is a fickle, 'wavering' man.”

Directed towards God or something else...Ouch... Double-minded is saying you believe God without backing it up with actions or faith that reflects your belief. Friends-you can't waver in belief. You either believe Him or not. You either trust Him or not. So come on, stop wavering! God is with you and will do exactly what He said!

Honestly, when you are following God's ways, life does have a tendency to put you into conflict with believing Him. While many of you do not deliberately try to waver, that's exactly what you are doing. It's the back and forth game you play, trying to “make decisions” or walk in faith but not succeeding in either.

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