

Two Minds

“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways”

James 1:8

A double-minded person is someone who doubts God and His promises. It also means those who are not submitting to God and are not resisting the devil are double-minded.

The term double-minded comes from the Greek word dipsuchos, meaning “a person with two minds or souls. This individual is failing to accomplish something because his mind is divided. A double-minded person is confused, separated into parts in his thoughts, his actions, and his behavior. We cannot be both “certain” and doubting in our actions or thoughts.

Such a person is always in conflict with himself and his decisions. I suspect that all of us are double-minded at some time or another. Today I am really sensing several things the Lord is saying several things to us.

- (1) Some are trying to make decisions and can't seem to settle on an answer.
- (2) Some know they are called to do something and, for some reason or another, they can't seem to step out and do it.
- (3) Some know God has given you a specific Word about something yet you keep wavering in doubt and unbelief.

Part of being double minded spirituality means serving the flesh and instead of having a heart that focuses on Christ alone. Double-minded describes someone who is divided in his interests or loyalties, two-faced, half-hearted, etc.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary- comments on 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.”

Some dictionaries define double minded with these terms:

Having different minds at different times

Having a mind that is unsettled

Having a mind that is undetermined

Having a mind that is uncertain

A mind that is divided in interest

A mind that is doubting

Are you torn in two directions right now? Are you torn between doing something and not doing it? The root issue of double-minded is fear. Many times we don't realize that when we waver like this we have stepped into the double-minded zone.

Honestly, life does have a tendency to put us into conflict. While many of us do not deliberately try to waver, that's exactly what we are doing when we doubt His Words to us. It's the back and forth game we play, trying to "make decisions" but not succeeding.

Double-minded is saying you believe God without backing it up with actions or the "works" that reflect that belief. So come on, make that decision. God is with you. He will help you, even if you make the wrong decision you can trust Him to help you.

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