

**Double Minded**

James 1:8 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways.

**Coming to God and asking Him for something not believing He will do it is doubleminded.**

- Two thought processes, two ways of thinking, two ways of deciding spiritual issues can bring trouble we do not need in our lives. - We see the word "wavering" - which means to be at variance, or to be out of unity with yourself.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without **wavering**,

- Double mindedness will lead to deception. - What is it to be deceived?

**To Deceive:** - To cause to believe what is not true; mislead

**To be Deceived:** To believe that which is not true, to be mislead.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said,

The devil introduced a question, which can be good, but we must be careful because questions are the tool of the devil to get you off the true belief of God's Word.

Verse 6 gives here response - - - -

God is a God of singleness, unity, purity.

Double: twice, duo - we might also find words like duality, dichotomy - a division into two contradictory parts

**Double: twice as much**

Minded: or mind - Part of the soul, the mind the will and the emotions.

To be double or two minded, is to have wavering or more than one choice in thinking, making decisions and in our emotions.

- Yes I believe, but - God if I am healed then why are there still symptoms in my body? Is this faith? Is this doubleminded.
- Yes I will, well maybe I won't - Fluctuation, wavering in our decision to obey God, do something for God, fulfill our calling.
- Today I am hot, tomorrow I am cold. Up today, down tomorrow. Is this being **double minded?**

**Unstable:** inconstant, restless, unsettled, unconvinced, un-convicted

To place one thing over another thing, to be unsure of your opinions, beliefs or convictions, easily swayed, or moved to the latest new belief that is going around. Sounds like a first cousin to doubt and confusion to me.

**Stable:** To be rock steady, unmovable, unshakeable, convinced, strong convictions

Psa 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. (7 times David said "I Will" - He had a handle on his will)

We have got to stop hanging around unbelieving believers! Now that is a contradiction of terms.

I Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD [be] God, follow him: but if Baal, [then] follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Opinions: A belief or conclusion

We see here that **double mindedness** could cause dumbness, for they could not or would not speak a word.

**Double mindedness** is to have a un-Godly thought that we will not cast down according to II Cor 10:4

Matt 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great [is] that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

I Tim 3:8 Likewise [must] the deacons [be] grave, not **doubletongued**, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] **double minded**.

Matt 22:37 Love God with your whole mind (singular) not two minds.

Mark 5:15 He was sitting in his right mind (then there is a wrong mind)

Luke 12:29 Do not be caught with a doubtful mind.

Acts 17:11 A ready mind, open to the word of God.

Acts 20:19 A humble mind, submitted under God, every thought put under God.

Rom 1:28 A reprobate mind (one with no judgment within) a mind not approved of God

Rom 8:7 A carnal mind - crossways of God (carnal = human nature, desires, appetites)

Rom 12:2 A renewed mind.  
Eph 2:3-6 The desires of the mind  
I Tim 1:7 A sound mind  
I Cor 2:16 We have the mind of Christ. (single not dual, or double)

**How do we keep a single mind?**

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
Prov 4:5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget [it] not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.  
Prov 4: 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.  
Matt 24: 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.  
Matt 24 18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.  
Prov 4: 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.  
II Cor 10:4,5 Casting down imaginations and every thought against God.