

ARE YOU DOUBLE-MINDED?

JAMES 1:5-8; 4:8



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- **⁵ IF ANY OF YOU LACKS WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, WHO GIVES TO ALL LIBERALLY AND WITHOUT REPROACH, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM. ⁶ BUT LET HIM ASK IN FAITH, WITH NO DOUBTING, FOR HE WHO DOUBTS IS LIKE A WAVE OF THE SEA DRIVEN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND. ⁷ FOR LET NOT THAT MAN SUPPOSE THAT HE WILL RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM THE LORD; ⁸ *HE IS A* DOUBLE-MINDED MAN, UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS.**

JAMES 4:7-8

- **7 THEREFORE SUBMIT TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU. 8 DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU. CLEANSE *YOUR* HANDS, *YOU* SINNERS; AND PURIFY *YOUR* HEARTS, *YOU* DOUBLE-MINDED**

MEANING OF THE TERM

- **GREEK WORD – WAVERING, UNCERTAIN, DOUBTING (LIT. TWO SPIRITED)**
- **APPLICATIONS – HOW WE EXPRESS THIS IDEA**
- **“I CAN’T DECIDE”**
- **“I MADE UP MY MIND – BUT THEN AGAIN”**
- **“IT IS A DEFINITE MAYBE”**

WHO IS DOUBLE-MINDED?

- **THOSE WHO DECIDE TOO QUICKLY – THEN REGRET THEIR DECISION**
- **THOSE WHO REQUIRE ALL INFORMATION BEFORE DECIDING**
- **THOSE WHO DECIDE – THEN GET A BETTER OFFER**
- **THOSE WITH 2 SPIRITS – EARTH / HEAVEN; MATERIAL / SPIRITUAL**

WHO IS DOUBLE-MINDED?

- **MATTHEW 6:24 "NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR ELSE HE WILL BE LOYAL TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON.**

WHY ARE WE DOUBLE-MINDED?

- **FEAR OF MAKING A WRONG DECISION – WHAT IF I AM WRONG?**
- **DOUBT – HOW SURE ARE YOU?**
- **MARK 11:24 THEREFORE I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER THINGS YOU ASK WHEN YOU PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YOU RECEIVE *THEM*, AND YOU WILL HAVE *THEM*.**
- **LITERALLY – BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THEM AND THEY SHALL BE YOURS.**

HOW CAN WE STOP?

- **GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED – THEN DECIDE**
- **CONSIDER THE OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES**
- **MAKE A DECISION – STICK WITH IT**
- **DON'T LIVE LOOKING IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR**
- **DON'T DWELL ON THE “WHAT IFS” IN LIFE**