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What does it mean to be double minded?

We must fully grasp what this means as the Scriptures say the man who is double minded receives nothing. As we have already looked at in this resource the church of Jesus Christ is to have the mind of Jesus Christ, and the mind of Jesus Christ is not a double minded mind.

The mind of Christ is singular and is never double minded. Let's look at James 1:6-8 and 2 Corinthians 1:17-20 in relation to this and see what we can learn.

James 1:6-8 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

These verses are very clear and they give us clear insight into how we are to approach God, when it comes to asking, seeking and knocking. These verses give us an analogy of what we are like when we approach God the opposite way, to the way He teaches us and makes us aware that we should expect to receive nothing from Him, when we approach Him like this.

The verses also describe this kind of person as unstable in ALL their ways. Not in one way or a couple of ways but in all their ways they are unstable.

A person who is double minded is a person who doesn't have the mind of Christ, because the mind of Christ is singular. James gives us an example of someone who doubts by saying they are like the surf of the sea, being driven and tossed by the wind. In other words they are a person who is all over the place, being influenced by everything and everyone, without any solid foundation to stand on and live from.

They are people who constantly change their convictions, their minds, their beliefs, their decisions and what they hold dear too. They are people as it says that are unstable in all their ways.

Let's have a look at the other passage in 2 Corinthians 1:17-20.

2 Corinthians 1:17-20 Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or what I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no at the same time? But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no. For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no, but is yes in Him. For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

We see Paul use the word 'vacillating' which means to waver between different opinions or actions. He says I was not wavering with what I intended to do. I was not double minded with what I intended to do.



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When we live from the flesh we vacillate. We say yes one minute and then the next we say no, then yes and no, no and no then yes.

When we don't live from the absolute conviction which the Spirit brings we are tossed all over the place like James says. Paul says the word of God is not yes and no but yes in Him. The yes is in the Spirit or in the Christ. This is where the absolute single minded position has its place, in Him. To not be in Him and live our lives from being in Him, where our lives are to be hidden, we will live these yes, no, no yes lives and receive nothing.

Not only is this single minded position discovered in Him, our Amen or our agreement with Christ is discovered through Him, and this reality lived out brings glory to the Father, which is the entire point of our lives.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is being double minded so detrimental to our life in God?
2. What is it about doubting that makes it the enemy to receiving all that is in Him?
3. How much of this double minded or single minded position do we relate to and why?
4. Why is it that the promises are only yes in Him?
5. In your own words give testimony to this in Him life?
6. What are we being made aware of through this resource and what action do we need to take as a response to this?