

Double Minded: A Man in the Middle

Doubters, skeptics, disbelievers have reversed the Biblical metaphor by insisting they need faith the size of a mountain in order to move a mustard seed. Yet they refuse to define faith as the “action of one’s belief.” Every step toward Our Creator kills doubt. Words put into action according to The Way shows conviction that carries one away from being a disbeliever full of discouragement to one walking in faith.

Our doubts, disbeliefs, are enemy traitors we mentally carry that handicap us from obtaining the good we would win by challenging and overcoming our fears. Thus those who continue one step at a time to draw near to God (Yah) will see their doubt diminish as one advances toward His blazing light in changing self. Let us not defend our doubt, but relinquish it as we progress in applying His word.

Jm 4: 1~4 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, **even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust**, and have not: ye kill, and **desire to have**, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, **because ye ask not**. Ye ask, and receive not, **because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts**. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

*The disciple James minces no words when addressing our carnal desires. He calls them lusts... **that war in our members** from within, fighting ourselves. Or is it ourselves fighting against the spirit of Yah that lives in us? If we ask to satisfy a fleshly or worldly desire, we ask amiss. He calls us adulterers and adulteresses, someone that is not faithful to their marriage covenant; the one we made with Yah in Yahshua’s name. Notice Yahshua states that those that have this character and befriend these worldly desires are... **Yah’s enemy**. To be Yah’s enemy would entail someone fighting against Our Creator.*

Jm 1: 13~15 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, **when he is drawn away of his own lust**, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

*Drawn away by our **own lust** and enticed. You can only be led away by something that you want. If I don’t like lima beans, I can’t be enticed from a desire that lives within to crave them. I must first have that desire within me to be drawn by it. That is why Satan can claim a character of his that you embrace and can lead you into sin with it...for it’s his corrupted spirit cuddled to do as he wills. In order to sin one must have desire, lust, a craving for that which is wrong, immoral. Sometimes you might not know you are sinning through ignorance but by following a desire one is really agreeing to be led by its lust. Remember, there are three kinds of sin: Hidden Sin, Sin of Ignorance and Presumptuous Sin.*

Jm 4:5~10 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, **The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you. **Draw nigh to God**, and he will draw nigh to you. **Cleanse your hands**, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts**, ye **double minded**. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

*Submit yourselves to God. Give yourself wholly to Him, not just part of yourself, but all that you are and could be. **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you. If we refuse to fight the fight there is no sense in going through the motions, we are only fooling ourselves. He tells us we can win, **if** we don’t give-in. Note that He states that we are to cleanse ourselves from the sin that lies **within**. Yet the reason behind failing to achieve this goal...is because we are **double minded**.*

Double minded; Strong's #1374 *dip'-soo-khos*; meaning *two-spirited, vacillating in opinion or purpose, from #1364 meaning; twice, again...and from #5590 meaning; breath, (by implication) the animal responsive principle only (fleshly desire); thus distinguished on the one hand from the rational and immortal soul; and from the other which is mere vitality or energy, even of plants. These terms thus correspond to life's two different sides of mind, and of body.*

*The disparity of the **spirit of man**, the animal instincts or fleshly desires of a physical nature to satisfy our carnalities, is challenged by the **Spirit of Yah**.*

Double minded – *Have you ever prayed for something, but did not receive the answer you wanted? Perhaps you received no answer at all. Conceivably one's thoughts and actions were centered on the self with feelings that were far from our Lord's. We are praying in the belief that He hears us, but are not in the faith according to His will. We are praying for something outside of His will wavering between two positions. **Faith** is not something you can buy; **it's the reward of an action.** One increases "faith" by relinquishing more of our self assurance and relying on Yah.*

We must not become discouraged, but address the problem head on because it's not going away and will only be repeated over and over until one fixes it or hardens one's heart to it. We all have doubt and have doubted, but what exactly is the cause of our vacillation? Is it the reality based on our feelings whether Yah's ways are right for me...and if in fact we want to comply? We are wavering between two wills, His and ourselves, which are opposing each other. We are listening to two different voices in our head, Yah's Holy Spirit (the quiet still voice) and our own desires, the spirit of self, the self absorbed, self reliant, self made individual, yes the person that can seemingly do it all, not needing God to help them...until trouble hits!!!!

Double Minded means "two spirits - two souls –two mind sets" two psyches, two thought patterns or two ways of looking at a situation. *James describes it as wavering.*

Jm 1:2~8 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; (*or, trials*) Knowing this, **that the trying of your faith worketh patience.** But let patience (*trials, testing*) have her perfect work, that ye may be **perfect** (*complete, of full age*) and **entire** (*in every part, whole*), wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 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.

Double minded as the word "**doubt**" is not about intellectual decision or reflection but about **failure to act!** *The root of this word alludes to a turning point where **action** must overtake **thought**. It is like coming to a fork in the road and hesitating, not because you don't know which way to go, but because you are tempted to take the other path even when you know it will lead away from His goal. **The path of less resistance**...the easy way, the way **I desire** to go is not the way I need or should go.*

*What is being addressed here has nothing to do with mental confusion or disturbance, encountered during rational indecision. This kind of doubt...double mindedness, is the refusal to act on the basis of God's word. **It is about doubting God**...not human understanding. God reveals His pathway to me, but I'm hesitant, not willing to follow. Doubt working its work says; "Does God speak the truth? How do I know I can trust Him? Does He really care for me?" Those questions Satan invents and inserts in the mind to scuttle any positive action and keeps us focused on doing what one originally intended to do. We then proceed to find other like minded people to bolster a feeling of security in the "rightness" of our decision; as in birds of a feather flock together. That is **double minded**. It leads immediately to failure in stepping on and slighting Yah's (God's) character. It is the carnal mind enticing us into sinning!*

The **faith** we need is not given; **it's grown by use...by your actions.** Year after year as one step's out and does Yah's will one gains faith by putting oneself in His hands, to lean back on Yah's proven assurance in His word during a verdict. It's this faith that separates one from the others.

We are told to grow in knowledge and faith. We believe that we must grow in knowledge by learning more of His ways. **But**, when it comes to faith... many think it should be given and not worked for, not realizing that faith is increased only by its use. Truly a double standard for the doubled minded. It's too late to obtain faith during a crisis if you had not **grown it through practice**, bringing it with you to the event, as it is too late to get knowledge at the time of testing if you had not studied before hand.

Eph 2: 8 For by grace are ye saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

You are saved by...**the grace of Yah**; that unmerited pardon... **through faith.** And that faith is yours which one owns: a proven belief in Yahshua our Savior. Faith is the only thing that you are able to bring into the kingdom at your resurrection that separates you from the rest of the world. Without it you will be cast in with the multitudes.

Lk 18:1~8 And he spake a **parable** unto them to this end, **that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;** (*doubt*) Saying, There was in a city a judge, **which feared not God**, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I **fear not God**, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And **shall not God avenge his own elect**, which cry day and night unto him, **though he bear long (patience) with them?** I tell you that **he will avenge them speedily.** Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?**

Yahshua states that Yah will avenge His own elect which cry out to Him day and night, for they are His and He knows them by their actions. Though at times He bears long with us, meaning has patience with our unwillingness to overcome self to align with His righteousness, yet He never leaves us. Those having faith in Yah are seen by their actions, crying out to Him, believing that He is and does answer their prayers. Yet this last statement leads us to the conclusion that when Yahshua returns, faith ...the action of our beliefs, will not be present. For one can't be found possessing faith if one never had developed it into a useful tool through action!

This kind of **double mindedness** shows itself when we stand before Yah, the Lord, claiming to be His followers, yet at the same time despising His will, acting according to the standards of the world and not according to His righteousness...being Christ like.

Rev 21:7~8 He that **overcometh** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the **fearful the cowardly**, and **unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers the sexually immoral, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and **all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Ps 12:1~8 Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. **They speak vanity** every one with his neighbour: with **flattering lips** and with a **double heart** do they speak. The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us? For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

Doubt, the act of double mindedness, the excuse heard in word of; well may be, could be, but, but, but feeds the uncertainty of thought. Uncertainty of thought, the refusal of applied knowledge and understanding to reason leads to uncertainty of action, the product of wisdom. When doubt leads your thoughts, doubt also leads your actions. The most inactive people are those with doubt, unsure in their focus led by insecurity, mere spectators in the life given. As the man with one talent in the parable recorded in Mt 25:14 who hid his Lord's gift, refusing to act, doubting the word thus unresponsive, losing the most precious gift; the life given to walk in His image.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, **let him be unjust still:** and he which is filthy, **let him be filthy still:** and he that is righteous, **let him be righteous still:** and he that is holy, **let him be holy still.** And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man **according as his work shall be.** *One's doings... one's actions.*

Faith: the action of your belief

Doubt, double minded...equates to a lifeless insincerity

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