

# The Double Minded Man

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## Scripture Meditation

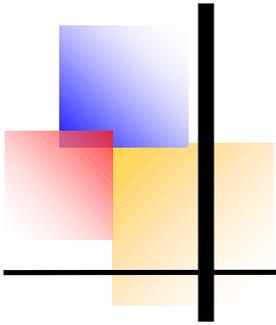
**James 1:5-8** If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. **6** Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who **wavers** (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind. **7** For truly, let not such a person imagine that he shall receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord. **8** [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] **unstable** and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]. AMP

**James 4:8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. NKJV

**Psalms 112:5-8** A good man deals graciously and lends; he will guide his affairs with **discretion**. **6** Surely he will never be shaken; the righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. **7** He will not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is **steadfast**, trusting in the LORD. **8** His heart is established; he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies. NKJV

## Points to consider

- ✠ A single minded person is, in all points, the exact opposite of a double minded person. The life of the single minded is stable, fixed, and established on God's Word; whatever he does will be brought to maturity. A single minded person's life is marked by order and stability; having clearly defined priorities and values. A single minded person will enjoy a full range of God's blessings in his life. His days will be fruitful and God will be glorified.
- ✠ A double minded person is unstable, inconsistent, and uncertain about everything he thinks, feels, and decides. His wavering, hesitation and doubts keep him from receiving anything from the Lord. James instructs the double minded man to draw near to God and make the necessary effort to purify his heart of duplicity. The life of the double minded is marked by disorder, instability, and inconsistency. A double minded person exhibits an inability to bring his commitments, goals, and dreams to completion. A double minded person generally lives his life governed by his emotions or by other people's opinions. When circumstances are up, he is up, and when circumstances are down, he is down.
- ✠ Wisdom is different from knowledge, or understanding. Wisdom recognizes the times and seasons of life -- how and when to do a thing. Wisdom will help you prioritize your life. Wisdom will add to your life, length of days, health, prosperity and show you how to live a peaceful life. Wisdom will teach you how to be a single minded person. Ask God right now in faith to give you wisdom to help you be single minded in all that you do.



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## Word Studies

**Double minded** - An unstable person, two spirited, vacillating (in opinion or purpose), two souled.

**Waver** - To doubt, to be distinguished or divided in ones mind, contend, make (to) differ, doubt, stagger.

**Unstable** - Inconsistent, unsettled, unstable, disorderly, restless, unruly, cannot be restrained.

**Single Minded** - separate and distinct [every single time].

**Stable** - firm, steady, not likely to break down, fall apart, firm in character, and purpose, not likely to change; enduring.

**Constant** - not changing; a) resolute b) faithful c) regular; stable, continual; persistent, anything that does not change or vary. In harmony or agree; compatible, holding to the same principles or practice.

**Steadfast or Fixed** - firmly in place, clearly established, steady; resolute.

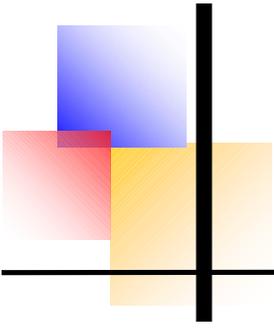
**Discretion** - the freedom to make decisions, the quality of being discrete; prudence - (careful management). To discern, separate, perceive or recognize clearly.

## Extra Blessing

**(Study To Show Yourself Approved Unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)**

Psalms Chapter 112

Proverbs Chapter 3



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## Study Questions

1. List three qualities of a good man as found in Psalms 112:5.
2. Complete the following verse.  
"He shall not be afraid
3. In Psalms 112:7 you will find the statement: "his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD." In your own words explain this statement.
4. If you are deficient in wisdom, according to the Word of God, what should you do?
5. List the qualities of an unstable person as found in the word studies.
6. List the qualities of a stable person as found in Word definitions on page 2.
7. Explain what it means to guide your affairs with discretion.
8. What did God reveal to you as you studied?