

- I. Introduction/Review
  - A. Session 1 The Measure of Faith
  - **B.** Session 2 Increasing Your Measure of Faith
- II. Single-Minded Faith
  - A. Single-Minded Defined
    - 1. Concentrating on only one aim or purpose.
    - 2. Having one driving purpose.
    - 3. Determined/dedicated.
    - 4. Very resolute resolved persistent.
    - 5. The opposite of double-minded
  - **B.** Double-Minded Definition
    - 1. Undecided
    - 2. A person with 2 minds divided interests.
    - 3. Wavering in the mind.
    - 4. A double-minded man confused in his thoughts, his actions, and his behavior.
  - C. What does the Bible say about having a double mind?
    - **1.** <u>James 4:8 (NKJV)</u> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you <u>double-</u><u>minded</u>



#### Double-minded = having a mind that is movable.

*They were dealing with the mind of the world and the mind of God. One will always win over the other.* 

- 2. James 1:5-8 (NKJV) <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways
  - a. James 1:8 (YLT) a two-souled man is unstable in all his ways
  - b. This is a person who will be controlled by the flesh/carnal mind some of the time and by the spirit at other times.
  - c. They are unstable because they are attempting to be dominated by two opposing forces.
  - d. Faith works as we yield ourselves to the Spirit. *It is a spiritual force.*
  - e. **This person's faith does not produce results.** *"Let not that man suppose that he will receive anything of the Lord" – Vs 8.*
  - f. Being double-minded is an enemy to faith

# 3. Being double-minded is to be torn between two opinions:

- a. <u>**1 Kings 18:21 (NLT)**</u> Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent
- b. You cannot be aligned with the opinions of this world and the opinions of God.
- c. Faith is not the mode of operation for this world. This world operates by what it sees and feels by the natural senses. Faith operates by what is sees and believes according to the Word of God. TWO OPPOSTITE SYSTEMS.



# D. Identifying the issue of being double-minded.

# 1. Double-minded people allow their minds run free

- a. We are to renew our minds Romans 12:1-2.
- b. We are to take our thoughts captive 1 Corinthians 10:5.
- c. We are to have the mind of Christ 1 Corinthians 2:16.

# 2. Double-mindedness creates instability.

- a. Do people see stability in your life?
- b. Do you have a history of instability? Unreliable, unpredictable, uncertain

# 3. What about faith?

- a. Is your faith unstable or is it consistent?
- b. Does your faith waver?
- c. Does your position or opinions shift because of what you see or how you feel?
- d. Can your faith remain stable during storms or shifting circumstances?
- e. Faith that moves is like a wave driven by the wind and tossed.

# E. Having single-minded faith

- 1. <u>Jeremiah 29:13 (GNT)</u> You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart
- Matthew 6:22-23 (KJV) <sup>22</sup>The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.
   <sup>23</sup>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.
  - a. Single whole, good, or sound
    The eye is fulfilling its office
    The eye is clear able to focus clearly on what is right!
  - b. It is not a wavering or shifting eye that focuses on good some of the time and darkness at others.
  - c. It is an eye that has been set in a specific direction



#### 3. Faith makes choices!

- a. <u>Mark 11:23-24 (KJV)</u> <sup>23</sup>For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them
- b. Faith chooses to look at God more than the circumstances
- c. Faith chooses to set it is focus on the promises of God.
- d. Faith chooses to hear God's voice more that the many voices that surround us.
- e. Faith chooses to believe God's voice above all others.
- f. Faith that works is focused faith that will not be moved.

# 4. How to develop single-minded faith!

a. Feed your faith a consistent diet of the Word of God. If you are dealing with double-mindedness, increase your time in His Word to drive out other negative influences.

# b. Starve your doubts

Identify the source of doubt in your life. Are there negative voices that are speaking in your ears daily? Faith comes by hearing! – Doubt comes by hearing!

#### c. Assess the daily influences in your life

News media Social media Educational systems that speak against God's opinions Entertainment

# d. Decide to believe God's Word!

Eventually every person is called to decide to believe There will always be other voices of doubt and reasoning There will be unanswered questions The Christian life is based on child-like faith, not seeing, and

understanding everything from a natural perspective.

When we decided to meet God with our faith, He moves toward us!