

AA55. Not Being Double-Minded.

We are not to be double-minded.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

James 1:7-8

Indeed that person should not think that he will receive anything from the Lord, because he is double-minded, unstable in all his ways.

James 4:8

Come close to God, and he will come close to you. Clean your hands, sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded people!

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:37, 6:24

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

James 5:12

Revelation 21:8

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

1 Chronicles 12:33(32)-34(33)

Of the descendants of Yissakhar, men who understood the times and knew what Isra'el ought to do, there were 200 leaders, and all their kinsmen were under their command. Of Z'vulun, 50,000 men were fit for military service, experienced in war and able to use all kinds of weapons; they were brave, and none was double-minded.

Psalms 119:113

I hate double-minded people, but I love your Torah.

Comment

According to James 1:7-8, a double-minded man (and of course woman) is “unstable in all his ways.” It is because a person who is double-minded is pulled in different directions by his thoughts, emotions, beliefs, and loyalties. One day he leans one way on an issue and the next day the other way. It is simplistic to tell someone “Don’t be double-minded,” but how does one achieve it? By pursuing the will of God instead of one’s own inclinations. Proverbs 14:12 teaches: “*There can be a way which seems right to a person, but at its end are the ways of death,*” and 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJ) instructs us to “*walk by faith, not by sight.*” A person who sets his life’s direction in obedience to *Torah* is never double minded.

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