DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

DOUBLE MINDED = Trying To Live On Two Levels At The Same Time -- It Will Lead To A Fall!

(James 1:5-8 NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (6) But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. (7) That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; (8) he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

WISDOM BELONGS TO GOD

(Job 12:13 NIV) "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his."
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLE

**WISDOM DESCRIBES GOD**

(Rom 11:33-34 NIV) Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! (34) "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

(Prov 3:19 NIV) By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

WHEN WE KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD HIS WISDOM COMES INTO OUR LIVES

(Job 28:28 NIV) And he said to man, 'The fear of the Lord--that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.’”
DOUBBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

THE TWO TYPES OF WISDOM. GODLY AND WORLDLY

(Prov 3:13 NIV) Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding,

(Prov 4:7 NIV) Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.
DOUBLE Minded = Double Troubled

• Godly Wisdom Produces People Who Are Called Wise
• Worldly Wisdom Produces People Who Are Called Fools
• Godly Wisdom Produces A Life Filled With Eternal Blessing
• Worldly Wisdom Produces A Life That Is Void Of Blessing
• Godly Wisdom Will Set You Free
• Worldly Wisdom Will Lead To Bondage
• Godly Wisdom Will Give Your Life Ultimate Satisfaction
• Worldly Wisdom Will Bring Discontentment And Lifelessness
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

(Hosea 14:9 NIV) Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

WE CAN’T LIVE LIFE ON TWO LEVELS -- A DOUBLE-MINDED PERSON IS UNSTABLE IN ALL OF THEIR WAYS
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

(James 3:15 NIV) ... (WORLDLY) wisdom does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.

Three characteristics of this kind of wisdom: EARTHLY, UNSPIRITUAL, OF THE DEVIL
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

(1 Cor 2:12-14 NIV) We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. (13) This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.[ YOU CAN’T GET THIS STUFF FROM THE WORLD – ONLY FROM GOD ] (14) The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.
DOUBLE MINDDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

WORLDY WISDOM – UNSPIRITUAL WISDOM – IS OF THE DEVIL

IT IS DEVILISH (lit.): "pertaining to demons" -- OF THE DEVIL

James is saying: The wisdom of the world is Secular, and Sensual, because it comes from its author: SATAN!
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

(James 3:16 NIV) For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

The Result Of Turning To Worldly Wisdom Is Disorder

WORDLY WISDOM Never Leads To SPIRITUAL ADVANCEMENT or to the ultimate UTOPIA that it promises -- Instead -- It Results In DISORDER & CONFUSION
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

GOD’S WISDOM WHICH LEADS TO DELIGHT – FOR US AND FOR THE LORD

(Prov 10:23 NIV) A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.

(Jer 9:23-24 NIV) This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, (24) but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

No God - No Wisdom
Know God - Know Wisdom

*Godly Wisdom Leads To Godly Decisions*
Wisdom is supplied to those who ask in faith.

(James 1:5-6 NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (6) But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

WE MUST ASK IN FAITH, NOT DOUBT.
We must ask in an attitude of trust.
DOUBLE MINDDED = DOUBLE TROUBLLED

WE MUST NOT DOUBT -- To Be In Doubt And Faith At The Same Time Is "DOUBLE MINDDED"

A Doubter Should Not Expect To Receive Anything From God.

A Doubter Is A Double-minded Unstable In All They Do
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

The Doubt Of Divided Loyalties It Is The Vacillating Christian Who Cannot Decide From One Trial To The Next Whether He Or She Will Really Trust The Lord And Follow His Wisdom.

The On Again-Off Again Christian Should Not Expect To Receive Anything From The Lord
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLE

GOD CAN DEAL WITH YOUR DOUBT... As Long As You Give Them To Him... i.e. Thomas, Moses, Job, Paul... etc.

Don’t Fret Over Doubt Conquer It Through The Power Of Christ

God Can Handle And Overcome Your Questions

But He Won’t Handle Divided Loyalty And Double Mindedness
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Some People Choose To Live Their Lives In Double-Mindedness

Neither Cold Or Hot -- They Are Lukewarm
One Way Around One Crowd A Different Way Around Another
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

LLOYD OGILVE: People who are not all that bad, but who cannot decide to break entirely with the world, will never be happy. One cannot be at peace when a civil war is going on within the heart.

FAITH says, "YES!" but UNBELIEF says, "NO!"
Then DOUBT comes along and says "YES!" one minute --and "NO!" the next.
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

We Need To Walk By Faith So That We Are Single Minded And Victorious In This Matter Of Getting God’s Wisdom For Each And Every Situation Of Our Lives.
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

THE WISDOM OF GOD IS...

- Perfect  Job 36:4
- Mighty    Job 36:5
- Universal Job 28:24

Job 28:24 (NIV) (24) for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.
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THE WISDOM OF GOD is Exhibited in ...

His works Job 37:16
His counsel Isaiah 28:29
Redemption 1Cor 1:24

Isaiah 28:29 (NIV) (29) ...the LORD Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom.
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NIV)

(18) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

(19) For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

(20) Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

(21) For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

(22) Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom.

(23) but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.

(24) but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks.

(25) Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

(25) For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

WE HAVE A DUTY TO WISDOM. THAT IS...

▪ To build OUR LIVES upon the rock just as any wise person would do. §Matthew 7:24-27

▪ To Know, Seek, Show, Teach, & Pray For Wisdom

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Life’s INTERSECTIONS – TESTS -- TRIALS create a demand for wisdom.
What Decisions Are Pleasing to God?

*God Blesses Decisions That...*

- He initiates
- Line up with His Word
- Accomplish His purpose
- Depend on His strength
- Result in giving Him glory
- Promote His justice, kindness, & humility
- Reflect His character
- Come from faith
- Consider interests of others
- Are bathed in prayer
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLED

Eight Tests of Decision Making

#1 Scriptural Test  "Has God already spoken about it in His Word?"

#2 Secrecy Test  "Would it bother me if everyone knew this was my choice?"

#3 Survey Test  "What if everyone followed my example?"
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#4 Spiritual Test  "Am I being people-pressured or Spirit-led?"

#5 Stumbling Test  "Could this cause another person to stumble?"

#6 Serenity Test  "Have I prayed and received peace about this decision?"
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#7 Sanctification Test "Will this keep me from growing in the character of Christ?"

#8 Supreme Test "Does this glorify God?"
DOUBLE MINDED = DOUBLE TROUBLE

God's Promises for Guidance

When faced with making a decision, look to God's Word for direction.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

PSA 32:8
PROV 3:5-6
PSA 48:14

JOHN 16:13
JOHN 8:12
Worldly Wisdom Is Double Minded – The Double Minded Find Double Trouble – Their Wisdom Cannot Stand And Is Destined To Fall

The Wisdom Of This World Is Fleeting & Vain - It Is Disloyal And It Cannot Build Lasting Structure In This World... And In This Life

Godly Wisdom Looks Like This:

- It Counts The Cost And Lives For The Future
- It Follows The Path Of Right Living
- It Focus On Relationships First With God Then With Others.
- It Chooses To Submit And Allows God To Be In Control