

*“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers (different) temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, 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.” James 1:2-8 KJV*

The word we often use when describing a hypocrite or a liar is, “two-faced” – two personalities, two minds, or two different behaviors depending on the circumstance. We are all guilty of this in one form or another. We hide our true thoughts from the world, like when we answer the phone while being upset about something. We are afraid of being judged. However, when we doubt God’s Word, after confessing faith we are lying to ourselves or being “*double minded*.” Double mindedness muddies our choices and creates a life of chaos and confusion. It leaves us floundering in the misery of indecision, worry, and stress, when if we would just obey God, our choices would ALWAYS be RIGHT! Instead of wallowing in the fear of outcomes, vacillating between doubt and obedience to God’s Commands, just obey in spite of doubt, because you know it’s the right thing to do! God’s Commands ARE His true Blessings on us! “*If ye know these things, happy are ye IF ye DO them.*” God’s Provision merely lies in the pathway of the obedient!

Unbelief or doubt is sin. “*Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*” Indecision, worry, and stress are sins born of doubt! When you doubt, you make God a liar, because of your unbelief! Unbelief is what sends men to hell; not God. The light of our obedience to God’s Word illuminates the darkness of sin around us and draws men to Christ who is our Light! “*Ye (obedient believers) are the LIGHT of the world. Let your Light so shine before men, that THEY MAY SEE your GOOD WORKS (obedience), and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*” Obedience, born of true faith, is the evidence of that faith (“*faith without works is dead*”) and faith is the evidence of the unseen God! “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the EVIDENCE of things NOT seen.*”

Worry and doubt, born of unbelief,  
Never grant a bit of relief,  
But if you truly do believe,  
Faith will surely your fears relieve! –CGP

STRESS IS FEAR! Fear is unbelief! UNBELIEF IS SIN! “*Sin is the transgression (disobedience) of the Law (God’s Word).*” If you live in doubt and unbelief, you are living in SIN, just as much as a drunkard or a murderer! Repent! Repentance is simply a return to obedience of God’s Word. Repentance demonstrates your faith to God and restores your fellowship!

*“For what saith the Scripture? ‘Abraham BELIEVED God, and it was counted (attributed) unto him for Righteousness.’ Romans 4:3 KJV*