

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.” James 3:17 KJV

Hypocrisy ALWAYS includes partiality! “And” is inclusive rather than exclusive. It’s why we say, “One and one is two.” It joins together like Jack and Jill, peanut butter and jelly, AND night and day. In today’s text, the writer uses “and” instead of “or” in the lists which indicates inclusiveness. The first are the attributes whose presence identifies Divine Wisdom or whose absence identifies the lack thereof. “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.*” Scripture says the Father, the Son, AND the Holy Spirit: “*AND these three are one.*” They are mutually inclusive as the singular plurality of “*the image of God.*” A single man is “*body soul, AND spirit.*” All are one person. The



second are the attributes of fools. “*A double minded man is unstable in ALL his ways.*” Only single mindedness grants the light of purpose. Partiality inflicts with hesitation, indecision, AND double mindedness. Those with purpose “don’t sweat the details,” because single mindedness allows precision and focus. Like a marksman bringing the gaze of two eyes to a SINGLE point AND hitting the mark. When our mind is not singularly focused it becomes stressed and the body suffers. Stress causes a weakening of our immune system AND illness. “Multitasking” stresses you, because it makes you servant of many masters! You may be able do many things, but only one at a time to the BEST of your ability! The difference is the singularity of purpose: Keeping the “main thing” the main thing. “*No man can serve two masters.*” You can’t pretend faith while gratifying self. Without confession to God, saying what you did, AND repentance of sin, returning to the obedience of God’s Word, there is no forgiveness or cleansing! You cannot serve God AND self. Like fire and water, the two are mutually exclusive! Many believers try to serve both and end in sin AND despair. “*Happy are ye IF YE DO THEM (plural)!*” You cannot find happiness outside of complete trust AND obedience of God’s Word. Like the back AND front of a coin, you cannot have trust without obedience nor hypocrisy without partiality. With the “coins” of faith or double mindedness, while you may not see both attributes at once, if one is present, so is the other. You can’t spend pesos in England or pounds in Peru’. If you live in a country, you must carry its currency. You can’t be double minded and follow God or be faithful and follow the world!

Your faith is made from Heaven’s gold,
It never fades or groweth old,
It’s worth can ne’er be bought or sold,
It’s holders all are in God’s Fold. ~CGP

You can’t purchase a train ticket to London, England with pesos And you can’t get to Heaven without faith! “*Without FAITH it is IMPOSSIBLE to please...God!*” You can trust self or you can trust God, but you cannot trust both! You will obey what you trust and what you obey determines your eternal destiny!

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” Romans 6:12-13 KJV