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DON'T BE DOUBLE MIND

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren,

fall into divers 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 vou 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.

I was seeking the Lord during the latter part of January. He said, "Tell My people not to be double minded." A strong anointing came upon me when He said that to me. I knew that it applied to me also. The Lord reminded me of scriptures where people in the Bible received miracles, by faith, because they were not double minded. We see from the scripture above that a double minded man is unstable in all his ways. That is why we must not waver.

(James 1:1-8)

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Notice, the Bible states that a double minded man is unstable in ALL his ways. All means all. It count it all joy when ye rannall, a randall GRIER your life. What you

believe in your mind will effect you spiritually also. It is not a fun subject for most Christians, but they have to deal with their mind everyday.

There was a very educated preacher I knew who became very wealthy through a business he founded. He was also an excellent teacher of the Bible. Somehow, with all his wealth, he begin to get off by not paying his taxes. No one knew it until the IRS seized most of his assets

I knew him pretty good, but I had no idea about his situation. I found out by going to a local airplane auction and discovered it was two of his airplanes that were being auctioned off. I was shocked! His life took a spiraling downfall and he lost his credibility in the community. He had roads named after him and the city changed the names of the roads because he made international news. It was shown how he did wrong things and lost all respect of most people. He lost friends, some family and others in the church world.

Secretly, he began to deal with depression and you know the devil helped him. His mind was filled with bad thoughts about himself. He was a proud man and hid it from most people, as his life continued to fall apart. He was arrested for tax evasion and sentenced to prison. He had to report to prison on a certain date. His deep depression took him to a point, in his mind, that he believed he was useless and there was no reason to live. The day that he was to go to prison he shot and killed himself. It was a shock to all who knew him. No one ever expected him to do that.

Knowing him, I am sure he justified in his mind the taking of his own life. The mess his life was in and the mental pain, shame and stress he was experiencing brought him to this point. The devil helped him as you know. There is always hope for anyone and God can restore anyone's life, even though they have made horrendous mistakes. The devil lied to him and he accepted what the devil said and meditated on it. I do not condemn him, but I know it did not have to end that way. He began to waver in his mind and meditated on the wrong things and was unstable in all his ways. He believed the wrong things and acted on them.

This can happen to any of us if we do not guard our thoughts. If you think on negative things long enough, even though they are true, deep depression will come upon you.

Dad Hagin

Dad Hagin used to say, "I would rather hear a donkey bray at midnight, in a tin barn, than to hear someone talk about their tests and trials." Ha! He didn't mean that a person should not ask for help or prayer. He was talking about someone who talked more about bad things and what the devil was doing than what God was doing.

In 1986, Dad Hagin encountered the greatest spiritual attack he had ever encountered. According to his own testimony, the oppression was so great that he asked the Lord to let him come to Heaven. How did he handle this great test?

I was around him personally. He never said one word about what he was going through. He had the same attitude he always had and seemed upbeat and positive. This lasted for a while, but he never said one word about it to anyone.

He could have meditated on the negative thoughts until they took over his thought life. This would have led him to a place of hopelessness, wondering if God even cared about him. Then, that way of thinking would have taken him into deep darkness and depression in his mind. It would do any of us that way. He chose to meditate on the Word of God and not waver or be double minded. After it was all over, he told us about it and how he got victory! You and I can do the same thing.





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My Testimony

I spent over ten years in prison and got saved on my third escape. I turned myself in to the authorities and went back to prison. God worked a miracle to get me out on parole!

I came up for parole in May 1984. The parole board sent me a letter stating that I would be paroled in the month of none. I looked on my calendar and couldn't find a month called none! What were they saying? They were saying that I would never be paroled. Furthermore, they said I would be reconsidered for parole in the month of none. That meant I was never going to be released on parole. I thought I was supposed to automatically get my parole because I was serving God, but I wasn't in faith. I knew believing God would take care of the situation.

I prayed and the Lord said, "You're not in faith, you're in hope, and hope only sets the goal, but you need faith in order to get out of here. Now write these scriptures down." I filled three notebook pages with faith filled scriptures. Jesus told me if I obeyed John 15:7 I would walk out of prison; if I didn't, I wouldn't. John 15:7 says, "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." I started walking the prison yard reading those scriptures out loud to myself. God was teaching me what His Word says. Romans 10:17 says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I began to read those scriptures out loud.

I walked the prison yard and read those scriptures out loud over and over. My mind would think of the letter saying I would not receive parole. I refused to meditate on it, even though it was a challenge. I knew I could not waver or be double minded and get the Word to work for me.

I read the scriptures long enough to memorize them. Then I confessed them out loud to myself over and over and over. For what seemed like a long time, I fought a mental battle because thoughts of doubt would come. I would not think on them. About two hours later, faith came! I knew that I knew I had my parole by faith! I claimed it right then and declared I would walk out the prison gates and preach the gospel.

I would like to tell you that was the end of the battle, but it wasn't. For almost three months, I never heard anything from the authorities about being released on parole. Doubt would come over and over, but I would not waver or be double minded. I fought the good fight of faith, day and night. Sometimes, I would wake up at night dreaming I would be in prison without parole. I would be sweating. I would take the scriptures and read them over and over and over, refusing to waver or be double minded about what I had believed. That is also easier said than done. Don't get discouraged when you are standing in faith.

A month went by, then another month, with no good news about my parole. One day, almost three months from when I first believed for my parole, I got good news. The captain of the guards came and found me in the prison and told me I had been granted parole. I started thanking and praising God for His goodness! The captain laughed as he knew it was a miracle too. He knew about me before I was saved and after I was saved. It was truly a miracle of God!

The Word of God works the same in every realm. Whatever you need from God, find scriptures that cover your case. Next, read them out loud to yourself until faith comes. This may take some time, but stay with it. Next, claim it by faith and do not waver or be double minded about it. Fight the good fight of faith and it will come to pass!

In Mark chapter five, the lady with the issue of blood was not double minded and did not waver. She had heard of Jesus and it ignited faith in her for healing. In faith, she was determined to touch the hem of Jesus' garment and receive her healing. There was a large crowd of people in her way. She did not allow that to stop her. She pressed through the crowd, touched His garment and was healed!

I encourage you to take hold of the Word of God and set your faith to believe for big things this year. If you do, you will see the power of God work for you and it will take place. End

FAITH PROJECT EXPANSION

We were presented an opportunity to purchase a commercial property in Owasso, Ok. We presently lease our office and have been looking for land\building that we could obtain. I have been watching this property for about four years, but it seemed to be priced much higher than we thought was a fair price.

A few weeks ago, this property came to my attention again. I drove by it and the for sale sign was gone. I thought it must have sold or something. I researched it and found out the investor that owned it had just put it back on the market. I found it on his internet site, listed for almost two hundred thousand less than it had listed before. I was sure it was a mistake, but I hurriedly called the number. He answered immediately and confirmed his asking price. He asked if I wanted to see it and I said yes. About ten minutes later, we met him at the property.

I talked with him and found out he dropped the price because he needed money, immediately, for another investment he had made. I confirmed things with my board and to make a long story short, we signed a contract to purchase the property for only \$115,000.00.

If the for sale sign had not been missing, I am reasonably sure we would have never obtained it. Investors are buying all the property they can find in that area of the city.

We have been approached by two investors who could not believe the price we are paying. They had tried to buy it themselves, but the owner would not come down on his price. They did not know it was back on the market because of the missing sign. They both offered us more money to sell it to them.

It is in an excellent location right in the city of Owasso, not far from City Hall. This entire area is being renovated and improved by the city. Similar properties, not far away, are selling for over five hundred thousand dollars.

It also has a building on it that we plan to renovate for our office temporarily. I have already met with the owner of the property beside us and enquired about purchasing it. He said he may sell it. We need it to expand and build, but we will just wait on the Lord. We will be as wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove. He is leading and guiding us.

Sow Toward Expansion

I told those attending our recent Pensacola Beach, FL meeting about the opportunity to purchase the property. There were those eager to sow towards this project and did so and they will reap a harvest. We are thankful for the amount that came in towards this project, but more funds are needed to complete it.

We are increasing and expanding to be a blessing to more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. To complete the funds to purchase and renovate the building we need only about \$78,000.00. That is easy. You may want to underwrite the entire amount. I encourage you to get in on Faith Project Expansion and be a blessing to those who we will reach. Dad Hagin told us we would be right in the middle of the last day move of God! Join us! Just mark your donation as Project Expansion.



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