"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10, NKJV)

One of the major ways that Satan steals the abundant life is through Double-Mindedness

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

(James 1:5–8, NKJV)

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded." (James 4:8, NKJV)

- The same word Only used in these two scriptures
- Double-minded Greek word, "One who has two souls; one who is wavering or inconstant."
- Someone who is always wavering, irresolute, doubting, changing – Lacking emotional control

Double-Mindedness is made up of two primary strongholds – Rejection and Rebellion

With Rebellion comes Bitterness against people and life circumstances that have caused all kinds of trauma

#### You can be delivered from Double-mindedness

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;"

#### (Mark 16:17, NKJV)

- We may need some assistance from a seasoned minister for initial deliverance
- One of the greatest truths is the revelation of selfdeliverance
- We can loose ourselves from any control of darkness
  Isaiah 52:2

We must exercise power and authority in our own lives

"Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye." (Luke 6:42, NKJV)

Remove – (KJV) *cast out* – the same word that is used for casting out demons in Mark 16:17

"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 18:18, NKJV)

- We can loose whatever is binding, harassing, or operating in our life that which is contrary to the will of God
- We have been given the authority to do so

We have the legal authority to bind and loose

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**Bind** – to make secure by tying; to confine, restrain, or restrict, to constrain with legal authority, to exert a restraining or compelling effect, arrest, apprehend, handcuff, put a stop to

• We have the legal authority to bind the works of darkness Sin, iniquity, perversion, sickness, disease, infirmity, death, destruction, curses, witchcraft, sorcery, poverty, lack, strife, lust, rebellion, fear, on and on

**Loose** – to untie, to free from restraint, to detach, to disjoin, divorce, separate, unhitch, get free, escape, breakaway, liberate, disconnect, and forgive

We need to be *freed* from, curses, evil inheritance, familiar spirits, sin, guilt, shame, condemnation, control, domination, manipulation, sickness, disease, deception, habits, worldliness, false teaching, false beliefs, ungodly soul ties, and pledges

"Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler." (Proverbs 6:5, NKJV)

"Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon." (Zechariah 2:7, KJV 1900)

To experience freedom and breakthrough we must first renounce and put an end to...

Curses, Sin, Pride, Passivity, Ungodly soul ties, Occultism, Fear, Embarrassment, Unbelief, Lack of desire, Unforgiveness, Lack of knowledge

- Any of these things actively operating in our life will keep us in a cycle of bondage
- All of these give the enemy legal access to our life
- We must renounce all of these to receive and maintain deliverance

# We must loose ourselves from the past

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV)

- Traumatic experiences can open the door to demonic attack
- Rape, incest, ungodly soul ties (through fornication, or witchcraft)

"And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her. His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman." (Genesis 34:2–3, NKJV)

"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?" (Galatians 3:1, NKJV)

An ungodly soul tie will result from the presence of an evil influence in your life

- Good soul ties help you live for God Jonathan and David
- Ungodly soul ties draw you away and hinder your walk with the Lord
- They open up the door to control, domination, manipulation, and witchcraft
- Ahab and Jezebel, Solomon and his wives, Levi and Simeon – Genesis 49:5-7

We must forget the past and move forward – Philippians 3:13 Loose yourself from...

Unforgiveness and bitterness, emotional pain and bondage, occult practices, mental attacks, a demonically controlled will, sexual perversion, evil inheritance and a spirit of fear, rejection, a guilty conscience, shame, guilt, condemnation, self-condemnation, and legalism

• The result!

"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

(Romans 14:17, NKJV)

#### How to maintain your freedom and deliverance

"Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls." (Proverbs 25:28, NKJV)

# Thinking

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." (Philippians 4:8, NKJV)

# **Appetites**

"And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite." (Proverbs 23:2, NKJV)

# Speaking

"Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so." (James 3:10, NKJV)

### Sexual Character

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:19, NKJV)

#### **Emotions**

"A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." (Proverbs 15:13, NKJV)

#### **Temper**

"Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools." (Ecclesiastes 7:9, NKJV)

Read the Bible daily

Join or create a small group

Pray with understanding and in tongues

Pray with boldness and the power of the blood

Walk in the light!

# We Can Live Single-Minded, Stable Lives

"Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies. He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor." (Psalm 112:1–9, NKJV)

This man is the exact opposite of the Double-Minded, wavering man – James 1:8, 4:8

- The man who fears the Lord is gracious, full of compassion, and lends
- His heart is fixed and established
- He cannot be moved
- He is uncompromisingly and consistently righteous
- His righteousness endures forever

This man is a type of Christ and the characteristics revealed in this passage can not be achieved except in christ

• This is the key to being prosperous from the inside out

We are to prosper as our soul prospers - it is more than financial

You can have money and no prosperity

If your marriage and other relationships, your mind, body, and/or spirit are a mess, and you have no peace you are not prospering

Prosperity is wholeness, peace, favor, and having a blessed life

- Prosperity is shalom
- Shalom means you enjoy healthy relationships, mind, body, and healthy finances
- True prosperity is the result of prosperity on the inside
- Anytime you are not prospering you need to look on the inside

Ask God to show you what is not stable in your life and heart

"Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart." (Psalm 26:2, NKJV)

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23–24, NKJV)

- Ask God to show where you need healing and deliverance
- There can be no true prosperity unless your soul is prospering

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." (3 John 2, NKJV)

- If you are not prospering on the inside any prosperity you obtain on the outside will be lost
- You cannot sustain outward prosperity without being inwardly stable

So many born-again believers that are filled with the Holy Spirit are unhappy, unsatisfied, confused, and mixed up

- If our lives are messed up it is usually because our hearts are messed up Proverbs 4:23
- Your heart is the center of your being and prosperity starts there

"Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments." (Psalm 112:1, NKJV)

- Blessed Happy or envied
- Our lives are to be so blessed that others would be envious

"His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed." (Psalm 112:2, NKJV)

- Godliness in a person's life releases blessing upon the next generation
- If we want our children blessed we must live in the liberty and freedom Jesus bought Isaiah 61:1-3

"Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever." (Psalm 112:3, NKJV)

- We are to have more than enough financially
- We are not to be struggling with our finances

"The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it." (Proverbs 10:22, NKJV)

- When we look at the man in Psalm 112 we may think he is lucky
- These blessings are only for a few, but not for everyone
- The truth is there is something about this person's heart that causes him to prosper

"Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous."

#### (Psalm 112:4, NKJV)

- This person is not judgemental, legalistic, cruel, vindictive, or bitter
- He is gracious, kind, and loving
- He is not angry or hateful
- He is full of compassion and gentle
- You cannot be this way if you are a Double-Minded person

Being rejected is one of the most painful things we can endure You can say it doesn't bother you, but Your rejection, rebellion, and bitterness will eventually come out

"A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion."

"He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor." (Psalm 112:5, 9 NKJV)

- This person is a person who lends without the hope of a return
- He is generous
- He gives to the poor and hurting
- Stable people are generous people

There are times we may lose our jobs or come up against some other difficulty in life

At times we may have to adjust our giving

Be a person that consistently supports the work of God

- Don't give emotionally or out of pressure
- Decide to be a consistent giver and don't stop
- Be a regular giver do what you said you would do!
  2 Corinthians 9:1-5
- This is a characteristic of the single-minded, righteous person

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7–8, NKJV)

"Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance." (Psalm 112:6, NKJV)

- He is a person that does what is right all of the time
- There is no wavering Doing right is not a struggle
- When it comes to doing right or wrong; he has already decided what to do
- When the temptation to do wrong comes up he is not overwhelmed
- He has already settled in his heart to do what is right

A Double-Minded person is easily moved (*Shaken*) by circumstances

- They are easily discouraged and depressed
- When something comes up they have a hard time handling it
- Many times they shut down and withdraw from everybody
- We stop giving, coming to church, or returning calls to those concerned for them – They just get overtaken

One week they are shouting, singing, or dancing and on fire for God, and the next they are down and withdrawn

• Depressed, discouraged, and with no staying power, they give up

Wondering, does God love me, am I really saved, am I going to make it, does the Word really work, did I really hear from God, am I in the right church?

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58, NKJV)

- We can all struggle from time to time
- It should not be our normal pattern in life
- On fire one day, and barely getting by the next

We are to be steadfast, unshakable, single-minded, and fixed on God!

"He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies."

(Psalm 112:7-8, NKJV)

One of the main characteristics of the Double-Minded man is fear

- There are too many fears to list
- Fear of being abandoned, stolen from, taken advantage of, being hurt, or failing
- We are afraid of authority, pastors, bosses, losing our salvation or being rejected by God
- God does not want us to be fearful people
- That is not prosperity

There is a blessing in becoming a single-minded person

Single-minded – to have one overriding purpose or goal, steadfast, resolute, having but one aim or purpose; dedicated, firm in purpose or belief; characterized by firmness and dedication

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." (Matthew 6:22, KJV 1900)

- A single-minded personality is a whole or sound personality
- It is whole and not divided
- Devoted to God and His word