

- **I Peter 1:6-7** "In this you greatly _____, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved (distressed) by various _____, that the genuineness of your _____, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is _____ by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
- **Matthew 5:10-12** "_____ are those who are _____ for righteousness _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed (happy) are you when they revile and _____ you, and _____ all kinds of _____ against you falsely for My _____. _____ and be exceedingly _____, for great is your _____ in heaven, for so they _____ the prophets who were before you."

4. "But let PATIENCE have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and COMPLETE, lacking nothing."

- **Romans 5:3-5** "And not only that, but we also glory in _____, knowing that _____ produces _____; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the _____ of _____ has been poured out in our HEARTS by the HOLY SPIRIT who was given to us."
- **II Peter 1:3-4** "As His divine _____ has _____ to _____ all things that pertain to _____ and _____, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been _____ to _____ exceeding great and precious promises, that through these _____ may be _____ of the _____ nature (to be LIKE JESUS), having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."
- **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the Spirit is _____, joy, _____, longsuffering (PATIENCE), _____, _____, faithfulness, _____, _____. Against such there is no law."

Definition: "But let PATIENCE have its perfect WORK" - Patience is also called **perseverance and long-suffering in the Bible**, because it carries the idea of going through suffering or difficult times (tribulations) for a long time, and persevering through those bad times. It comes from the Greek word that means suffering. The dictionary defines being patient as "bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint." When we do this, **the Lord is able to WORK in our lives to get rid or stubborn sins, wrong attitudes, character defects, and conform us to the image of Jesus Christ.**

5. "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."

- **Read I Kings 3:5-12** (Verses 9-10) "Therefore give to Your servant an _____ heart to judge Your people, that I may _____ between _____ and _____. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours? And the speech _____ the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing."
- **Proverbs 9:10** "THE FEAR OF THE LORD is the beginning of _____, and the knowledge of the Holy One is _____."
- **Read Proverbs 2:1-17** (Verses 2-3) "So that you incline your ear to _____, and apply your heart to _____; yes, if you cry out for _____, and lift up your voice for _____," (Verse 6) "For the _____ gives _____; from His mouth come _____ and _____."

- **James 3:17** "But the _____ that is from above is first _____, then peaceable, _____, willing to _____, full of _____ and good fruits, without partiality and without _____."

Definition: "GIVES to all liberally and WITHOUT REPROACH" - This means God does not criticize us or put us down when we ask for WISDOM. God is NOT like some people who say, "You're so stupid, you should have known that already!" God WANTS us to ask Him for wisdom, guidance and direction in our lives.

6. "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."

- **Mark 11:23-24** "For assuredly I say to you, that whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not _____ in his _____, but _____ that those things which he says will _____ to pass (will HAPPEN), he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you _____, when you _____, believe that you _____ them, and you shall have them."
- **Jeremiah 29:12-13** "Then you will call upon Me, and I will _____ to you. And you will _____ Me and _____ Me, when you _____ for Me with _____ your _____."
- **Isaiah 57:20-21** "But the _____ are like the troubled _____, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 'There is no _____,' says my God, 'for the wicked.'"
- **Philippians 4:6-7** "Be _____ for _____, but in everything by _____ and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your _____ be made known to God; and the _____ of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Definition: "THERE IS NO PEACE FOR THE WICKED" - Obviously, we know there is no real peace for those who do not know Jesus, but could "the WICKED" also refer to some Christians? When we DISOBEY GOD, we forfeit the PEACE and BLESSINGS He would LIKE to give us. ANY DISOBEDIENCE is sin or "wickedness," and one form of wickedness that is COMMON among even Christians is UNFORGIVENESS.

- **Read Matthew 18:21-35** (Verses 32-33) "Then his Master, after He had called him, said to him, 'You _____ servant! I _____ you all that debt because you begged Me. Should you not also have had _____ on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'"

Definition: "ASK IN FAITH, with NO DOUBTING" - This kind of doubting means shifting back and forth, wavering. "For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." The picture here is of the waves of the sea washing back and forth on the beach. To be double-minded and doubting means you flip flop back and forth, one minute believing, but then the next minute doubting that God will answer your prayers. That is not "asking in faith", because FAITH means you BELIEVE God is working out the situation and circumstances, and is in the PROCESS of answering your prayer, even when you don't see the results yet.

- **Hebrews 11:1** "Now _____ is the substance of things _____ for, the evidence of THINGS _____."
- **Numbers 23:19** "God is not a man, that He should _____; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He _____, and shall He not _____ it? or hath He _____, and shall He not make it good?"

7-8. "For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a mind **double-minded** man, **UNSTABLE in all his ways.**"

- **Psalm 66:18** "If I regard _____ in my _____, the Lord will _____ hear [me]."
- **James 4:8** "Draw _____ to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and _____ your _____, you _____."
- **Psalm 86:11-12** "Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; _____ my _____ to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with _____ my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore."

Definition: "A DOUBLE-MINDED man" - Another term for being double-minded might be "straddling the fence" - trying to have "one foot" in God's kingdom, and the "other foot" in the world. It means not being WHOLEHEARTEDLY on God's side. In Psalm 86:11-12, David asks God to "**UNITE my HEART** to fear Your name", because he knows how easy it is to have a "divided heart" and a double mind.

Definition: "NOT RECEIVE ANYTHING from the LORD" - "Let not that man suppose that he shall receive anything from the Lord" - Some people think GOD WILL GO AHEAD and BLESS them AUTOMATICALLY, IN SPITE of THEIR DOUBTING HIM. God's word says just the OPPOSITE - it takes steadfastness, just HANGING IN THERE, patience and BEING CONSISTENT to RECEIVE from God.

- **I John 3:22** "And whatever we _____ we _____ from Him, because we keep (obey) His _____ and _____ those things that are _____ in His sight."

Definition: "UNSTABLE" - The dictionary defines unstable as "not firm or fixed; irregular; WAVERING in purpose or intent; apt to move, sway or FALL.

Definition: "A DOUBLE-MINDED man is UNSTABLE in ALL HIS WAYS" - James continues on through chapter four in showing different types of double-mindedness, or maybe we should say, "**the UNSTABLENESS of the double-minded person.**" He shows that the double-minded person is easily tempted to sin (James 1:13-15). The double-minded person is self-deceived, and forgets what he reads in the word of God, and doesn't apply it to his life (James 22-24). The double-minded person is not able to bridle and control his tongue (James 1:26, and 3:2-12). The double-minded person shows partiality, bias and is prejudiced (James 2:1-9). The unstable, double-minded person is the one who "**says he has faith but does not have works**" (James 2:14-20). The unstable, double-minded person is the one who prays with wrong motives, because **the lust of his flesh is stronger than his desire to please God** (James 4:1-5). Finally, in James 4:8, the command is given to "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and PURIFY your HEARTS, you DOUBLE-MINDED." In other parts of the Bible, "**the UNSTABLENESS of the double-minded person**" is referred to as being **CARNALLY MINDED, or being a CARNAL Christian**, because they are allowing their flesh (carnal means "of the flesh") to control them instead of the Holy Spirit.

- **Proverbs 5:3-6** "For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to _____, her steps lay hold of _____. Lest you ponder her path of life - her _____ are _____; you do not know them."
- **Romans 8:6** "But to be _____ is death, but to be spiritually _____ is life and _____."