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- What helps you to stay strong in the Lord
- What does it mean to be carnal minded?



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- The word “carnal” literally means “fleshly.”
- Every time we sin, we are acting carnally.
- Christ wants us to live a Spirit-Filled life.
- We should not abuse the idea of a “carnal Christian” by saying that it is possible for people to be born again and then proceed to live the rest of their lives in a completely carnal manner, with no evidence of being born again or a new creation ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)). Such a concept is completely unbiblical.
- [James 2](#) makes it abundantly clear that genuine faith will always result in good works.



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- "When we confess our need for a Savior from sin and accept His sacrifice on the cross on our behalf, we become saints.
- We should pray that we live a Spirit-Filled life, immerse ourselves in God's Word and walk in obedience to God's commands. This gives the Spirit freedom to work within our thoughts and actions.



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- God saves us from our past sins, but there is a lot more we have to do to grow spiritually in our thoughts, ways and attitude.
- Yes, we all fall but is it your custom to proclaim Christ but make choices to live in the flesh.
- When do we stop being unstable, double minded in our ways?
- Why do we halt between two opinions, If God be God then serve Him with all your heart.



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- What does it mean to be double minded James 1:8?



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- A double-minded person is restless and confused in thoughts, actions, and behavior.
- They have no defined direction and as a result doesn't get anywhere. Such a person is "unstable in all they do."
- He or she is "unstable," which comes from a Greek word meaning "unsteady, wavering, in both his/her character and feelings."



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- A double-minded believer is someone who is constantly living in a state of compromise.
- Half of you lives for God, while the other half lives for your bad habit.
- A double-minded man or woman (hesitating, doubting, unstable), who has two ways of thinking, cannot hold his or her position.
- Everything will be affected when we are double-minded and uncertain.
- Speaking God's Word is good. But we can speak His Word yet not really have hope that God wants to release healing, blessings or help to us.



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- Jean has a comprehensive exam scheduled Monday that covers more than 1,000 pages of material. She is scheduled to work Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. She is afraid if she ask her employer they will refuse to let her take the weekend off to study.
- Jean has had very little time to review, her grades have been very low this semester. If she scores poorly on this test, Jean may be put out of school. To compound the problem, there is a big party on Saturday that Jean really wants to attend. What would you do?



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- **1Ki 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.**
- We must search deep on the inside to see where the desires come from that will cause us to not fulfill God's word, will, and ways.
- When we know what the word says but we want and do opposite we need prayer and deliverance.
- Where do you stand? Who's side are you on? The Lords or you own side?



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- **James 4:8 -Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.**
- It is a choice, to live a Spirit-filled life.
- We need to cry out for our desires to change when we see one eye on Heaven and another on fleshly things.
- When we find ourselves in a battle of not wanting to let go of what He says let go of, we stop growing in the Lord.
- Pleasure of sin, wants, dreams, desires that go against His will cause us to become double minded.
- We cannot ask for His will to be done and still hold on to ours.



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7 Characteristics of Being Double Minded:

- **1) There are two major influences which fuel your thought life.** A double-minded Christian is always being torn in two directions.
- **2) You have a history with what influences you.** No one becomes double-minded overnight. It develops by an unrelenting desire to follow a particular course of action.
- **3) You find ourselves compromising our thought life in one primary area.** The temptations for compromise are going on around us all the time.
- Remember the enemy knows your past and will try to bring back those thought but God has given you the power.



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7 Characteristics of Being Double Minded:

4) Other issues drive your thinking. You are not being led by the Holy Spirit.

- Sin increases, the desire to give into temptation again and again occurs. You never get enough and so you end up double-minded.
- Living a Spirit-filled life is not giving into compromise. Instead be focused on living your life according to God's word. It provides peace, power and purpose.



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7 Characteristics of Being Double Minded:

- **5) No peace. You only experience real peace in your heart when your mind is under God's control.**
- We are can become double minded when we are pulled by our obsessions, rather than gently led down the flowing river of God's grace and peace.
- There is no peace for the believer who is going against his conscience and against the Word of God.
- Keep your mind on Him, He will keep you in perfect peace.



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7 Characteristics of Being Double Minded:

6) You find yourself giving into old habits very easily. A double-minded believer finds it next to impossible to stay away from the danger zone and find it easy to cut corners and/or make excuses for bad behavior/habits.

7) There is a desire to only be drawn to the things of God.

- Deep within the soul of every believer is the desire to live fully for God. Even if we are double-minded, God intends for us is to get back to a single-minded approach to Christian living.
- That desire was planted inside us when we were converted through faith in Christ.



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- God and the things of this world are of such opposite natures that it is impossible to love either one completely without hating the other.
- Those who try to love both will become unstable in all their ways.
- If someone struggles with being double-minded, he or she should read, study, and memorize the Word, for it is the Word of God that produces faith ([Romans 10:17](#)).
- And he or she should pray.



Resources

- **7 Characteristics of a Double Minded Believer**
[Http://www.christianpost.com/news/7-characteristics-of-a-double-minded-believer-124658/#Xht15SvwZCUStsGY.99](http://www.christianpost.com/news/7-characteristics-of-a-double-minded-believer-124658/#Xht15SvwZCUStsGY.99)
- **Double-Minded by Apostle Jesse-Kingdom Reign Ministries**



BIBLE STUDY

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Question: "What is a carnal minded Christian?"

Answer: A Christian can be carnal-minded. The word "carnal" is translated from the Greek word *sarkikos*, which literally means "fleshly." This descriptive word is seen in the context of Christians in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3. There is no one that is sinless (1 John 1:8). Every time we sin, we are acting carnally.

The key thing to understand is that while a Christian can be, for a time, be carnal. We should not abuse the idea of a "carnal Christian" by saying that it is possible for people to come to faith in Christ and then proceed to live the rest of their lives in a completely carnal manner, with no evidence of being born again or a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Such a concept is completely unbiblical. We want to live a Spirit-Filled Life. James 2 makes it abundantly clear that genuine faith will always result in good works. As Christians we should not continue to operate in carnal state of mine.

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Answer: Having no defined direction. Being "Unstable," which comes from a Greek word meaning "unsteady, wavering, in both character and feelings. A double-minded person is restless and confused in thoughts, actions, and behavior. A double-minded believer is someone who is constantly living in a state of compromise.

Remember: It is a choice, to live a Spirit-filled life.

- James 4:8 -Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
- God, in His great mercy and grace, has provided the (only) means for turning a sinner into a saint—the Lord Jesus Christ, who came "to give His life as a ransom for many." When we confess our need for a Savior from sin and accept His sacrifice on the cross on our behalf, we become saints.
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