

QA: Why Is There So Much Indecision? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Why is there so much indecision about so many things?

ANSWER: People haven't made a definite decision about important matters. Barnabas came to Antioch, he "encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord" (Acts 11:23).

1) Some are "double-hearted." David said:

Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. (Psalm 12:1-2)

In this day of "political correctness," right words are shouted down and right actions are condemned. The "godly and "faithful" may resort to idle speech and flattery "with his neighbor," hiding within his heart the knowledge of what's right and the fact he is wrong. This *double heart* is one of sin, guilt, and misery. Christians should pray:

Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity, Who speak peace to their neighbors, But evil is in their hearts. (Psalm 28:3)

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so. (Psalm 107:2)

2) **Some are "double-minded."** Prayers from a doubting heart don't work.

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 1:7-8)

We cannot pray to God and doubt Him at the same time!

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 John 5:14)

According to Acts 9:9, 11, Saul of Tarsus spent three days praying and fasting in blindness, but he had no confidence that he was saved until he was told to:

"Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)

In Acts 9:18, "he arose and was baptized." Are you sure you're saved?

3) Many double-tongued people praise God and curse mankind with the same tongue.

With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. (James 3:9-10)

It is only because God, not Evolution, created us that humans should be treated with a dignity above animals. People who say, "Pets are humans, too" have elevated animals to having the image of God, and that is idolatry! They have "exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever" (Romans 1:25). Because baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16), it is not for animals!

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