

“WITHOUT A DOUBT”

Text: *Matthew 11:1-6*

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Introduction:

We expect doubters to become believers. But not for believers to become doubters. What is doubt, anyway? It's not unbelief, but it's not faith, either. It wavers between faith and unbelief, unable to make up it's mind as to what it wants to be. *James 1:8* tells us that doubt is being double-minded, which makes a person unstable in all his ways.

A double-minded person has certain characteristics. The one who doubts is ...

- 1) *Up and down emotionally*
- 2) *Tossed to and fro doctrinally*
- 3) *Answering yes and no mentally*

We have all experienced doubts. Doubt means you don't know what to do next. We are not sure what we believe. We're having second thoughts about the decisions we have made in the past, which make us even more uncertain about the decisions we need to make for the future.

HOW TO DEAL WITH DOUBTS

1. *Question* your doubts, not your *faith*.
Faith will always grow and doubts will diminish whenever we adjust our belief system to line up more accurately with God's Word.

2. Concentrate on *What* *you*
know, not on *what* *you*
don't *know*.

Doubts will arise when we think about things we don't know the answers to. Concentrate on the things you know to be true.

3. Trust in the Lord with your
heart, not your head.

Trust comes from believing that our Father knows what is best for us. He'll lead us through speaking to our hearts, even when our minds may tell us differently.

Conclusion:

God will guide the "*instruments*" inside our hearts through His Spirit, even though our minds may tell us to do just the opposite. We must decide whom we are going to trust.

When we put our trust in the Lord rather than our own understanding, doubts will disappear. But don't take too much time trying to decide. The consequences of indecision can be disastrous.

DOUBTING YOUR DOUBTS

- ~ What doubts do you need to investigate?
- ~ List some facts you know to be true about God.
- ~ Make a decision to concentrate on facts rather than doubts.