

Single Minded

James 1:5-8

5. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

6. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

8. he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Ps. 119:10 - I'm single-minded in pursuit of you; don't let me miss the road signs you've posted.

Mark 8:34 (J.B. Phillips translation) "If anyone wants to follow in my footsteps, he must give up ALL rights to himself, take up his cross and follow me."

Philippians 3:7-16

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

1. A SINGLE MINDED CHRISTIAN COUNTS ALL THINGS "LOSS"!

Philippians 3:7-8 - But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

Mt. 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

2. A SINGLE MINDED CHRISTIAN HAS A PASSION TO KNOW CHRIST MORE!

Phil 3:10a – Paul says: “I want to know Christ”

3. A SINGLE MINDED CHRISTIAN LIVES A NEW LIFE!

Phil 3:10b – “I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection”

Ephesians 1:18-20.

18. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

19. and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

20. which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

Jn.3:16

16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

4. A SINGLE MINDED CHRISTIAN IS PREPARED TO PAY THE PRICE!

Phil 3:10c - “and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.”

1 Corinthians 15:31 - "I die daily!"

5. A SINGLE MINDED CHRISTIAN PRESSES ON TO THE FINISH!

Phil. 3:13b-14

13b. Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

14. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

James 1:22 says "...be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, (which would be) deceiving yourselves."

Phil. 3:15 - All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

Phil. 3:16 - Only let us live up to what we have already attained.