

## ***Single-Mindedness – Matthew 6:19-24***

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### **Introduction**

1. The crux of our text is single-mindedness. The secret to any success is not in the method but in the discipline, in the single-mindedness. If you don't work, nothing will work. Your mind and heart have to be completely focused.

### **I. The Negative**

#### ***a. Beware Of A Double Heart***

- i. James 1:5-8 says if we need wisdom all we have to do is ask God and He will share it liberally. However, a double minded person won't receive any wisdom. Why because James 4:8 says we have a double heart. This means we are being pulled apart.
- ii. We must choose. Will we be single-minded like Jesus who is all about His Father's business or not (Romans 14:23)?
- iii. In Matthew 5:8 the word for pure means unalloyed (without foreign mixture). It means single-hearted.
  1. Philippians 3 – Paul said, "This one thing I do."
  2. Acts 2:46 – Christians enjoyed gladness with singleness of heart.
  3. Psalm 57:7 – David had a fixed heart.

### **II. The Application**

#### ***a. A Single-minded Christian Carries His Cross***

- i. Matthew 16:24; Luke 14:26 – A Christian has his mind and heart focused on the cross of Jesus. We must surrender all and make our decision absolute!

#### ***b. I Am Holy & Not Happy***

- i. The bible instructs us to be holy not necessarily happy. A single-minded Christian wants to be pure and holy. Joy is the fruit of holiness. Happiness is only for those with a single mind toward serving God.

#### ***c. A Single-Minded Christian Wants To Live Right, Not Just Die Right***

- i. Too many of us want to die for our faith but not live for it.

#### ***d. The Single-Minded Christian Makes His Decisions From Eternity, Not From Time***

- i. Colossians 3:1-3 – we must set our minds & hearts on the things that are above. We must stop living for today and start living in eternity.

**We have two choices: We can deny ourselves or we can deny Christ. Are you single-minded?**

### **What Now?**

1. Are you willing to make up your mind about putting Jesus first in everything? What do you need to give up or change to make Christ first in your life?
2. List the things that will show Christ is first in your life.
  - a. Ex – If Christ is first in my life I will read His word everyday so I might know Him better.
  - b. Ex – I will be at every church service to encourage my family and show them love for Christ!