

Radio Broadcast June 9 Doubt/Conscience

Doubt: To question, to fear, to suspect, to distrust, withhold confidence, a fluctuation of mind respecting truth or propriety arising from defect of knowledge or evidence, uncertainty of mind, unsettled state of opinion. These words describe doubt according to Webster Dictionary 1828.

Modern society and post Christian cultural have taken these absolutes and explained them away with logic and reasoning that rationalize justifying doubt as a valid thinking in Christian culture and ok for the everyday life of a believer. **DEFAULT BY DOUBT**

1. I can doubt **the word of God** if it does not agree with MY THINKING/OPINIONS
2. I can be suspicious **of your actions** as a member in the body of Christ **without evidence**, allowing by thoughts, emotions, and actions to protect my own selfish lifestyle.
3. I can come to a conclusion and act upon it without a solid biblical base for my actions, doubting the **whole plan of God for my life**.
4. When I doubt and question the need to PUT OFF/PUT ON the character and conduct by my double mindedness. **(Deciding which I will choose to do or not to do and time in following through) stops growth.**
5. I will **offend the Holy Spirit by distrusting** how His moving in my circumstances and be controlled by fear; never realizing **that doubting has cancelled out my walk in faith**. Impossible to live in fear and faith at the same time. Both look to the future; faith by trusting and fear by having to control my circumstances.
6. **I can doubt** the truth of God's priority with BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD by staying in a state of constant busyness, thinking my agenda must be taken care of first. Never get "time" to slow down, and wait and listen, as commanded, that I may KNOW Him and be under His control.
7. I can doubt the vital importance of Ephesians 6 and putting on the spiritual armor, which is the life of Jesus Christ to be His warrior and prayer partner.
8. Doubt takes away the purpose of the Cross in daily living.
9. Doubt through **indifference to the purpose** of our lives here on earth
10. Doubt when we **ignore the calling** to be a soldier and endure hardship
11. Doubt when we deny the warnings in scripture and consider them as not necessary in today's modern society.

Many more ways of expressing doubt that will cause us to live a double minded Christians, grieving the Holy Spirit and bringing trouble and turmoil to our daily lives; and then wonder why life doesn't work as the Bible says it should.

We are called to a life of faith, agape love, AND holiness. HOLINESS is the result of FAITHFULNESS under testing. We may go into testing innocent, but the very essence of testing is a capacity to choose between two courses, our own way or God's way. The temptation to doubt is where the path takes a detour to righteous living.