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DOUBLE MINDED?

*“That man should not think he will receive anything From the Lord;
he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.
(James Ch I vv 7-8) N.I.V.*

When you're double-minded, it's because you haven't made up your mind to do God's will or accept His Word on the matter. You say, "I want to hear from God." Hear what? Have you done what He's already told you to do? God won't issue you further instructions until you obey the ones He's already given you. You don't get to vote on whether you like what God is saying or whether it suits you. John's Gospel says, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John Ch 3 v 22)

You'll never be able to approach God with confidence while there's an area of your life you're not willing to surrender. Have you been praying about a relationship that's in trouble? What if God says to you, "the problem is you: your attitudes, your actions, and your words. I want you to go to them in humility and ask them to forgive you, without saying a word about their part in it" ----- Could you do it? You could, but only if you were willing to die to self. Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) It's time to go back to the Cross.

*Today ask God to help you to be single-minded,
Focused and determined to do one thing only:
HIS WILL!*

Rev. Terry Gallagher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	7th 7.30 p.m.	Scripture Union praise & thanksgiving evening at Holyrood Abbey Church
September	8th 7.30 p.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting

B.M.S. NEWS

Lynne Brown, our link missionary, is returning to the U.K. To do Home Assignment from the end of September. We have made a provisional booking for her to be with us on either the weekend of 6th/ 7th November or 13th/ 14th November where she will be the guest speaker for the Church Anniversary.

Jack Spiers

B.U.S. NEWS

The new General Director, Rev. Alan Donaldson, is making a tour of Scotland and will be in Dalkeith Baptist Church on Friday 18th June at 7.30 p.m. The evening will include a buffet, time to share fellowship with other Baptist Churches, an interview with Alan and music with well known song writer David Currie.

If you would like to go, and it is hoped that many will attend, let Mr Jack Spiers have your name.

Jack Spiers

PRAYER POINT

Please continue to pray for those that regularly attend the Thursday evening Stauros Meeting, that God would sovereignly move in their lives as they seek to know more of Him and to conquer their addictions. Pray also for those who faithfully assist each week.

Ewan Sinclair

FROM THE 'DALRYMPLE DELIGHT' (MAY EDITION)

Time for preparation...

Our time back in Scotland was very much seen as a time of preparation for us before we go “long term” Is this happening? Yes! Every situation that we have been in: the highs, the lows, joyous rejoicing & disappointment we have been able to look back and see how God has been using them to prepare us. We have also seen how God is sharpening us through each other and helping us to grow.

Since we last wrote to you, we spoke at two OMF prayer groups, the groups were great and they even wanted us to come back again! We also had a great time at the annual OMF Scottish conference as we were challenged during bible readings and moved when OMFer's shared about the countries they are working in.

Preparing for this Summer

We are excited & looking forward to this summer as we will both do various things. Firstly, we will go to Thailand on the 13 June to visit family & friends. Our primary focus will be spending time with Nok's Father & Mother, but we also hope to catch up with friends & have a short holiday at the Pines (a OMF guest home in Thailand). Graham will be in Thailand for two weeks and then leave for Taiwan while Nok will remain in Thailand and care for her parents. Pray for good rest and quality times with family. Please pray for Nok as she cares for her parents.

From the 28 June – the 28 July Graham will be in Taiwan with an OMF short term team. The team will be an international one and will be involved in outreach to working class youth. Pray for unity and good relationships within the team, physical and spiritual protection and that God will be working in the lives of the youth which we will minister amongst. Graham has recently been going to the gym to get himself ready for his sponsored cycle for his trip to Taiwan. He will cycle from Edinburgh to Glasgow (about 50 miles!!!) Please pray for his health & protection on the day.

Preparing for Redcliffe College

In the last update, we asked you to pray for the last 10% of the Redcliffe course fees. We are glad to tell you that all of the college fees have now been fully covered! Praise God for his faithfulness & provision. Nok is now preparing for the MA course as she knows that the course will be very

challenging, especially the academic writing. She has to do a lot of reading before going to the college in early September, sadly all of the books are in English not Thai :) Please remember Nok in your prayers as she prepares herself for her studies at Redcliffe.

Thank you for your precious prayers & support, may God bless you!

With love,
Graham & Nok

BAPTIST UNION OF SCOTLAND PRAYER LINK

June	6th	Culduthel, Inverness & Culloden, Inverness
	13th	Cupar & Dalbeattie
	20th	Dalkeith & Dennistoun, Glasgow
	27th	Denny & Dingwall

GREAT QUOTES with Kirk Cameron



Nothing can be more uncongenial with the peace of God and tranquility of soul – than the busy, hurrying, self-seeking spirit of earthly excitements; such as the slavish toil of business, the ardent fever of covetousness, the madness of ambition, and the foolery of fashionable amusements, which has at length descended to the toys of buffoons.

~ James W. Alexander

Like crazy people, we immaturely run around until we are old, chasing after money, power, affection, and pleasure. And while these things are sometimes given as gifts from God's good hands, I've found that trying to chase them down and capture them (as prized game to hang on a shelf) is a silly thing to do. Many men learn this hard lesson on their deathbed, when money can no longer help them, and all their worldly accomplishments and accoutrements no longer serve them. When death looms large, nothing else matters except what really matters – LIFE. "He who dies with the most toys ... dies" is a good bumper sticker. I'm asking God to give me wisdom to know how to spend my remaining days working hard, fighting sloth and indifference, building some things, burning others, and enjoying life ... all for the greater cause of expanding His kingdom. I want to find a way to turn the "toys of buffoons" into "tools for the King."



~ Kirk Cameron

BRAINY YAKKING: J. C. RYLE, TRUE REPENTANCE

True repentance is no light matter. It is a thorough change of heart about sin, a change showing itself in godly sorrow and humiliation – in heartfelt confession before the throne of grace – in a complete breaking off from sinful habits, and an abiding hatred of all sin. Such repentance is the inseparable companion of saving faith in Christ. (J.C. Ryle, Commentary, Matthew 4)

Questions:

How many elements of Repentance does Ryle identify in this quote?

What is the relationship between repentance and faith?

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