

**WHY DOUBT?**  
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***Why do we doubt?***

**1. We doubt because we are \_\_\_\_\_.**

James 4:7-10 –

double-minded =

John 7:17 –

**2. We doubt because we are \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Corinthians 13:12 –

I do not mind a trouble which I can see and understand. Manfully would I shoulder it in my Master's strength; but when the spirit itself is in the dark, one imagines a thousand evil things. Even good things themselves seem to be evil, and what should be to your encouragement becomes often a source of discouragement. Charles Spurgeon

**3. We doubt because we are \_\_\_\_\_.**

No one answered; no one paid attention. 1 Kings 18:29

**4. We doubt because we are \_\_\_\_\_unstable.**

Unless you teach your \_\_\_\_\_ "where they get off," you can never be a sound Christian or even a sound \_\_\_\_\_, but just a creature dithering to and fro, with its beliefs really dependent on the weather and the state of its digestion. C.S. Lewis

Luke 7:18-20 -

All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. Psalm 73:13

5. We doubt because we are \_\_\_\_\_.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair.  
2 Corinthians 4:8

#### CALL TO ACTION

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#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What do I desire that may be in conflict with God's love for me?
- How might this division lead toward doubt?
- If doubt is sometimes the product of ignorance + impatience, what about God am I wanting to know? Am I willing to wait for His answer?
- God has made us embodied souls. Are any of your doubts possibly related to body weakness (e.g. sleep deficiency, diet needs, lack of exercise)?
- What did C.S. Lewis mean when he wrote, "Teach your moods where to get off"? Why did he use the word "teach"?
- At times Paul sounds so confident – "I know whom I have believed" (2 Timothy 1:12), and other times he sounds confused, "perplexed, but not driven to despair" (2 Corinthians 4:8). Why? Can you relate to his experience? Does this give you hope?

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