

THE POWER OF A SUGGESTION

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Genesis 3:1-5

There is nothing wrong with hearing different suggestions. However, it is dangerous to entertain **UNWARRANTED** suggestions. You may be thinking, how is this dangerous? Aren't we suppose to seek different perspectives? Shouldn't we seek different opinions?

The answer is yes. We should seek different perspectives and opinions. Nonetheless, entertaining unwarranted suggestions is dangerous because it opens the flood gates for you to become **DOUBLED MINDED**. When you allow yourself to become a doubled minded person, you cannot **RECEIVE ANYTHING** from the Lord!

James 1:7

“Such doubters are thinking two different things at the same time, and they cannot decide about anything they do. They should not think they will receive anything from the Lord.”

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD SUGGESTIONS AND BAD SUGGESTIONS

Is there such a thing as a bad suggestion? Absolutely! A bad suggestion is an **UNSOLICITED** suggestion. People pursue alternative opinions because they are not confident with their own understanding. When you are confident in your own understanding, you will not seek alternative opinions.

When people **VOLUNTEER** an alternative suggestion against your wishes, that is a bad suggestion. People who do this are intending to **DISTURB** the peace of your decision by providing their **UNSOLICITED** perspective. o

The enemy loves to use this tactic of providing **UNWARRANTED** suggestions. The purpose of this tactic is not to change your original thought. He wants you to **DOUBT** your original thought. The enemy knows that a doubled minded person **DISQUALIFIES** themselves from receiving God's blessings.

GOD CANNOT DO ANYTHING IN THE
PRESENCE OF DOUBT. HE IS ONLY MOTIVATED
BY FAITH.

THE CONVERSATION

(Genesis 3:1-5)

When you read the story of Adam, Eve and the serpent, pay close attention to the scenario. Eve was **NOT** looking for other options. She was **NOT** looking for a different opportunity. She was **NOT** pursuing advice. She was content with the command God gave Adam. The serpent

VOLUNTEERED an **UNWARRANTED** suggestion that made Eve a double minded person.

In Genesis 3:1 the serpent asked Eve, "*Did God really say that you must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?*"

When Eve told the serpent what God said the serpent responded to her by saying, "*You will not die. God knows that if you eat the fruit from that tree, you will learn about good and evil and you will be like God!*" The serpent's suggestion caused Eve to **THINK DIFFERENTLY**. It caused her to **DOUBT** God's word.

The serpent's suggestion influenced Eve to change her focus. It persuaded her to alter her behavior and it distorted her faith. The purpose of **UNWARRANTED** suggestions is to shatter your faith in what you believe is right.

Any opinion that is given to you against your will is a deception from the enemy. The enemy will always

suggest something you did not solicit. He wants you to doubt what you know is right.

- An **UNWARRANTED** suggestion will remove you away from prosperity and lead you into poverty.
- An **UNWARRANTED** suggestion will destroy your peace and resurrect trouble.
- An **UNWARRANTED** suggestion will destroy your faith while building your fear.
- An **UNWARRANTED** suggestion will make you feel regretful instead of grateful.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A
UNWARRANTED SUGGESTION. UNWARRANTED
SUGGESTIONS CAUSES YOU TO DOUBT WHAT YOU
BELIEVE IS RIGHT!

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