

# UNSTABLE SOULS

Genesis 49:3-4

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God wants His people to be “**stablished**” in the gospel (Rom. 16:25).

**Stable:** Resistant to sudden change. Firmly established; not easily moved, shaken, or overthrown; fixed. not easily diverted from a purpose; not fickle or wavering.

**Unstable:** Not stable; not firm, fixed, or constant; subject to change or overthrow.

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## I. THE CURSE OF THE UNSTABLE SOUL. “*Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel...*” (Gen. 49:4)

### a. **MEDIOCRITY.** One who is lacking in excellence.

- i. Mediocrity results from being unwilling to do whatever is necessary to complete the task at hand.
- ii. You may fail, but don’t quit. God says, “***A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again.***” (Prov. 24:16).
- iii. “***Unstable as water...***”
  1. Water always seeks the lowest level and settles at the bottom.
  2. Water always takes the form of its container (compromise).
    - a. We are instructed in Romans 12:2, “***Be not conformed to this world.***”
    - b. God wants us to be “***conformed to the image of his Son***” (Rom 8:29) by renewing our minds so we are transformed to be like Christ.
  3. Water has no shape of its own.
    - a. This represents people who don’t have a viewpoint. They agree with everyone. They don’t have their own personal convictions. They change like a chameleon to match the crowd they’re with.
    - b. God wants us to stand for that which is right and oppose that which is wrong. Don’t go with the flow. Have some convictions about things and measure them with the scriptures so you know if they’re right or wrong.

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## II. THEIR LOSS. (James 1:5-8)

### a. **They lose God’s blessings.** “***let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.***”

- i. “***But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.***” Don’t be unstable in your faith when you pray. It will cost you some blessings.
  - ii. When you waver in your service to the Lord, constantly changing from one thing to the next, you’ll not accomplish anything for the Lord.
  - iii. Ephesians 4:14 says a wave is tossed to and fro, and carried about with the wind. God doesn’t want us to be easily moved like that. That is what children do.
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## III. THEIR DANGER.

### a. **They fall into false doctrine.** (2 Peter 2:14).

- i. “Unstable souls” are easily beguiled by false teachers.
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#### **IV. THEIR PRACTICE.**

##### **a. They corrupt the Bible. (2 Peter 3:16)**

- i. If you are unstable, you will wrest the scriptures to your own destruction. People end up in hell because they don't like what the bible says to do about their sin.

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***“Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.”*** (1 Cor. 15:58). Even if you don't see results for a long time, your labor is not in vain in the Lord. It is always worth it to serve God.

***“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*** (Galatians 6:9).

#### **HOW TO BECOME MORE STABLE**

1. Build your life on the Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ as your foundation.
2. Avoid the “green grass syndrome.” Be content where you are.
3. Don't be satisfied with less than your best.
4. Don't give in to pressure to conform to the world.
5. Don't spend a lot of time around unstable people. (Proverbs 13:20, 24:21).
6. Always be steadfast in that which is right.
7. Learn to finish what you start.

#### **CONCLUSION.**

God wants us to be stable. He will establish us if we let Him (2 Thess. 2:16-17, 3:3).