

HINDRANCES TO PRAYER SELECTED SCRIPTURES

- I. UNCONFESSED SINS (Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 66:18; James 5:16; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9).
 - A. In Psalm 66:18, “regard” translates the Hebrew verb רָאָה *raah* which means “to see, to look with favor upon, to find delight in, to take pleasure in.”
 - B. In the A. C. T. S. acronym, “confession” comes after “adoration.”
- II. IDOLS IN THE HEART (Ezekiel 14:3; 1 John 5:21).
- III. FAILURE TO SHARE OUR MATERIAL BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS IN NEED (Proverbs 21:13; Psalm 41:1; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8).
- IV. SINFUL PRIDE (Luke 18:9-14; 2 Chronicles 7:14; cf. Hebrews 4:16; James 4:6).
- V. FAILURE TO ABIDE IN CHRIST AND ALLOW HIS WORD TO ABIDE IN US (John 15:7; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 37:4).
 - A. “Abide” is a translation of the Greek verb μένω (*menō*).
 1. *Menō* is translated “continue” in John 15:9 in the KJV.
 2. *Menō* is translated “remain” in John 15:11 in the KJV.
 - B. To “abide” means to depend on Jesus (John 15:5). To “abide” also means to obey Jesus (John 15:10).
- VI. UNBELIEF (Matthew 21:22; James 1:5-7; 1 John 3:21-22; Romans 14:23; Hebrews 11:6; cf. Matthew 13:58; James 1:6-7).
- VII. WRONG MOTIVES (James 4:3).
 - A. One of the purposes for prayer is that God may be glorified in the answer (Psalm 50:15; John 14:13).
 - B. Another purpose for prayer is not to change God but to change us so that we are in line with God’s will (Jonah 3:5-10).
- VIII. PRAYER OUT OF THE WILL OF GOD (1 John 5:14-15).
 - A. Elijah prayed one prayer out of the will of God (1 Kings 19:4).
 - B. James and John made a request out of the will of God (Luke 9:51-56).
 - C. Learn to thank God for not answering prayers out of His will.
- IX. WRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH SPOUSE (1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:21-33).
- X. WRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS (Matthew 5:23-24; Mark 11:25; Hebrews 12:15).

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