

May I ask you a personal question that needs a honest answer? Are your prayers working in your own personal life and for others that you pray for regularly? As I have studied about prayer, I have learned that there are hindrances that will block our prayers. May I share some hindrances that may be blocking answers to your prayers:

“The Lord is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.” Proverbs 15:29

HINDRANCES IN RECEIVING ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS

HINDRANCE: Not being a believer, a child of God - Are you a child of the King? Have you asked Jesus to come into your heart and life? Have you confessed and repented of your sins?

Read: John 3:16, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:20-23, Romans 10:13, and Ephesians 2:8-9

HINDRANCE: Sin in your life - Living a life as a Christian with unconfessed sin or (**concealed sin**) is not having a pure heart. You can live a victorious Christian life if we say “no” to sin.

Read: Psalm 66:16-20, Psalm 24:3-6; Proverbs 28:13-14, Isaiah 29:13, Isaiah 59:2, I John 3:21-22, Matthew 5:8

HINDRANCE: Unforgiveness - Jesus teaches us to forgive not seven times, but 77 times: 490 times. Who do you need to forgive?

Read: Read Mark 11:24-25, Matthew 6:9-15; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13-14, Matthew 18:21-22

HINDRANCE: Lack of faith, Doubting - Are you walking in faith? Are you **doubting**, when you pray? If you are, then you should not expect that you will receive anything from your Lord.

Read: Matthew 21:21-22; Mark 11:23-24, Hebrews 11:1,6, James 1:5-8

HINDRANCE: You do not ask. You lose heart and give up - You do not wait for God’s perfect timing.

Read: Luke 11:5-11; Luke 18:1-8; Ephesians 6:18, Exodus 17:8-13, I Thessalonians 5:17

HINDRANCE: Not praying in Jesus’ Name. You have no authority - Jesus taught His disciples seven

times to pray in His name.

Read: John 14:13-14, John 15:16, Philippians 2:9-10, Acts 3:1-8,16

HINDRANCE: Not praying in God's will - Do not pray: **If it be your will**, that is a prayer of doubt. Pray: Lord, **Your will be done** in my marriage and life.

Read: Jeremiah 29:11-13, Matthew 5:10, John 14:13-14, John 15:7, Matthew 26:42, Romans 10:8-10, I John 5:14-15

HINDRANCE: Pride or Haughtiness - Hinders a person coming to God. It hardens the mind, rejecting God's Word which will lead to ruin. Do you have a spirit of pride for standing for your marriage?

Read: Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 16:5,18; Proverbs 18:12, Luke 18:10-14, Job 33:12-end

HINDRANCE: Disobedience - Not obeying God's Word. There are severe consequences to disobedience.

Read: Deuteronomy 28, Psalm 119:1-11, Proverbs 28:9, Luke 11:28, James 1:23-25, James -2:14-26, John 14:15-17, I John 5:2-4, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, I Peter 1:14

HINDRANCE: Not praying in agreement - Having discord or strife.

Read: Matthew 18:19,20; Matthew 21:13, Acts 12:1-18, Acts 1:12-14, Acts 4:23-31

HINDRANCE: Wrong motives - Selfishness, Ambitious, Love pleasure, Desire honor, power & riches. God will not listen to our prayers if we have hearts that **are filled with our own selfish desires** and with wrong motives.

Read: James 4:3; Matthew 6:5-6, Proverbs 16:2

HINDRANCE: Not giving Tithes & Offerings - Not helping the poor, giving Mercy.

We must give God our first ten percent, and He gives us the rest. We must help others who are needy.

Read: Luke 6:38, Proverbs: 21:13; Malachi 3:8-12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Galatians 6:7-10:

HINDRANCE: Praying To Other Gods - Worshiping other gods or idols

Some Christians have sought answers from other Gods: Astrology, Ouija boards, Transcendental Meditation, yoga, palm readers, seances. Our God is a jealous God. You need to repent.

Read: Exodus 20:3-4, Deuteronomy 18:9-14, Ezekiel 14:1-11

HINDRANCE: (For Men) Not treating your wife properly - Improper behavior to a wife will damage a husband's relationship with His Lord by blocking or hindering his prayers.

Read: I Peter 3:7, Ephesians 6:25-30

HINDRANCE: Vain Repetition - Speaking many words piously. Self-righteousness or praying as a hypocrite for your own glory.

Read: Ecclesiastes 5:2, Matthew 6:5-8

HINDRANCE: Believing God is Obligated to answer your prayers - Due to being faithful in church attendance, tithing, Bible reading, praying and doing good. God does not answer us because of our deeds. Our prayers are answered because of our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Read: Romans 3:20, Ephesians 2:8-9

HINDRANCE: Not knowing the power of prayer - Failure to know how to resist the enemy, Satan. God wants you to pray, Satan does not. Satan knows the power in prayer.

Read: John 17:15-17; Ephesians 6:10-13, I Peter 5:8-9, James 4:7

HINDRANCE: Ungrateful - Lack of Praise

The language of the kingdom of darkness is complaining or a critical spirit. God's Children must praise the Lord and be thankful.

Read: I Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:4-7, I Timothy 2:1, Luke 17:11-19

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