

TEN THINGS THAT CAN HINDER YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer is a prerequisite for the Christian or the one professing Salvation

All scripture is KJV unless otherwise indicated

Psalm: 32-6 “Therefore let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgement.” (NLT)

In the book of Daniel we will find that he prayed and the Lord sent an answer right away, but his prayers were held up by interference of the (prince of Persia) adversary for 21 days!

Daniel: 10- 12,13 12:“Then he said don’t be afraid Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer of your prayer. **13.** “But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. (NLT)

1) Praying to God without going through His Son

John: 14-6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1st Timothy: 2-5 There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity-the man Christ Jesus. (NLT)

2) Praying without acknowledging Scripture

Psalm: 102-17,18 17. He will listen to the prayers of the destitute. He will not reject their pleas. (NLT) **18.** Let this be recorded for future generations, so that the people not yet born will praise the Lord. (NLT)

Proverbs 15-29 The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

3) Praying to influence other people

1st Thessalonians: 2-4 For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. (NLT)

Matthew: 6-5 When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. (NLT) **NOW THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO EVERY RULE, MEANING IF THE LORD HAS CALLED YOU TO MINISTER, PREACH, TEACH OR SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE FROM A CORNER THEN IT SHALL BE HONORED BY GOD.**

4) Praying while mistreating your spouse

2nd Corinthians: 5-10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. (NLT)

1st Peter: 3-7,8 7. In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat

your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. **8.** Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted and keep a humble attitude. **(NLT)**

5) Praying while you have yet to repent for unconfessed sin

2nd Corinthians: 7-10 For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death. **(NLT)**

1st John: 1-9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6) Praying with a heart filled of unforgiveness

Mark: 11-25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too. **(NLT)**

Matthew: 18-21,22 **21.** Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" **22.** "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven! **(NLT)**

7) Praying with no consideration of the poor

Luke: 4-18,19 **18.** The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19.** To preach the acceptable year of the LORD.

Luke: 6-20 Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.

8) Praying prayers not directed to God

James: 4-2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. **(NLT)**

1st Corinthians 4-7 For what gives you the right to make such a judgement? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift? **(NLT)**

9) Praying with a spirit of lust and selfish motives

Philippians: 2-3,4 **3.** Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **(NLT)** **4.** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **(NLT)**

Mark: 7-21-23 **21.** For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, **22.** adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. **23.** All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you." **(NLT)**

10) Praying and allowing doubt to be in your heart

James: 1-6-8 6. But when you ask, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. 7. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. (NLT)

1st John: 5-14, 15 14. And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. (NLT)

Our prayers must be intentional and specific attached to a divine strategy that will hit the target! Prayers must come from a pure heart, not perfect; meaning when we pray for someone or something, even ourselves; our hearts must not have ulterior motives or hidden agendas!

REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET THAT:

GOD OUR CREATOR HAS ALL POWER AND AUTHORITY

JESUS HIS SON OUR REDEEMER PRESENTS AGAPE LOVE

THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR COMFORTER IS THE EPITOME OF TRUTH

THREE ENTITIES YET ONE GOD WHO KNOWS OUR EVERY THOUGHT BEFORE WE THINK IT!