

Hindrances To Pray

Sin In The Way

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Small Group Bible Study

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Introduction:

When you pray, do you ever feel like you are praying amiss? Or that your pray/s are not answered?

I have certainly found the above statements to be true, if not always; but in most in cases.

Morning! Brothers what an awesome day to be alive in Christ..

I pray that this Q-Time Devo will stir, and plow the soil of our hearts as we go through this day/week..

Hindrances To Prayer

SIN IN THE WAY:

There are many things that hinder our prayer/s, from been answered by God. This morning I want to focus on just (1), of those things.

In Is: 59-1,2.

Sin hinders prayer. Many of us pray and pray and pray, and absolutely no answers to our prayer. Sometimes we think that it may not be the will of God to answer. The Israelites encountered this same problem. *They thought that the Lord's hand was shortened, that it could not save, that His ear could not hear.*" Not so ", said Isaiah, "God's ear is just open as ever, His hand just as mighty to save; but there is a hindrance. That hindrance is our own Sins. The Bible says that your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your Sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear". I struggle often in this area of my life as well. Many and many a man is crying to God in vain, simply because of sin in his life. It may be some sin in the past that has been unconfessed and unjudged, it may be some sin in the present that is cherished, very likely it is not even looked upon as sin, but there the sin is, hidden away somewhere in the heart or the life, and God "will not hear."

What I have been learning is that, when I find my prayer/s ineffective, I should not be thinking that it is not God's will to answer, but rather I should go to alone with God, with the prayer of David, (ps. 139:23,24). Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me ,and know my inner most thoughts: and see if there be any wickedness in me, and wait before Him until He puts His finger upon the thing that is displeasing in His sight. (ps: 46,10). Then this sin should be confess and put to death (1 John: 1,9).

In Closing:

Sin is an awful thing, it is UGULY, and one of the most awful things about it is the way it hinders prayer. What I am learning is that , if I / we, are to have POWER IN PRAYER, we must be violent and merciless in dealing with our own sin/s.

The Bible says in (Ps: 66:18) If I would have cherished sin or regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.