

## WHY ARE SOME PRAYERS UNANSWERED?

I. Why is constant, persistent, overcoming prayer so needed?

- A. Because it is God's appointed way of obtaining things. "Ye have not because ye ask not."
- B. Because the apostles regarded prayer as the most important business in their lives.
- C. Because prayer played a most important place in the earthly life of our Lord.
- D. Because Prayer in the name of Jesus Christ is Jesus' way for his disciples to receive fullness of Joy.
- E. Because prayer gives freedom from anxiety and worry, and gives peace that passes understanding.
- F. Because Prayer Brings Revival. -- New Life.

1. The Preacher.

- a. Has a new love for souls.
- b. a new liberty and power in his preaching.
- c. A new world of prayer power.

2. The People of our churches

- a. People come out of the world and live separated lives.
- b. Get a new spirit of prayer.
- c. Go after lost souls.
- d. Have a new Christian joy.
- e. Get a new love for the Book.

3. The Lost of our community

- a. Get under deep conviction, Jn. 16:7,8
- b. Conversion and Regeneration.

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## II. What are some of the Hindrances to Prayer?

A. Unworthy motives. (wrongly) = from wrong motives  
We pray and ask amiss, James 4:3  
See poem "Prayer Answered" (CNEB)

\* B. Unconfessed sin, Isa. 59:1,2; Ps. 66:18.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." (regard=cherish)

C. Unclean Idols.

Idols in our heart will cause our prayers not to be answered.

Ex. 14:3, "Son of man, these men have taken these idols in their heart and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face.

Should I be inquired of at all by them?"

An idol is anything between us and God; like wife, children, business, success, etc.

Hardhearted

C. Unconcerned selfishness.

"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor he shall also cry himself and shall not be heard."

Prov. 21:13.

D. An Unforgiving Spirit.

"When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any, that your Father in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mk. 11:25.

E. Inconsiderate family & social relations.

1. I Peter 3:7-12

\* F. Unbelief.

James 1:5-7, "Let him ask in faith nothing doubting."

Mt. 21:22, "Whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

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