

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.

c. D.L. Moody in England -

II. What are some of the Hindrances to Prayer?

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

* 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.

~~C. Unconcerned selfishness.~~ *Hardhearted*

"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.~~ *An Unforgiving*

"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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