

Prayer Hindrances
Prayer & Listening – Part 7
Life Church St. Louis – May 7, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Psalm 66:18 (NIV) If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

2 Samuel 11:1 (NIV) In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. ... But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2-3a (NIV) One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her.

1. Don't let sin _____ you

Proverbs 13:6 (NIV) Righteousness guards the person of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

A. Sin is _____

2 Samuel 11:14-15 (NIV) In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

Psalm 32:3-4 (NIV) When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

B. Sin causes _____ prayer

2 Samuel 12:15-16 (NIV) After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill. David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth on the ground.

Proverbs 28:9 (NIV) If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable.

2. _____ to be restored

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

A. _____ your sin to God

Psalm 32:5 (NIV) Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

B. _____ from your sin

Psalm 51:10-11 (NIV) Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Galatians 6:7 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

3. _____ to release God's blessing

James 5:16 (NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

A. Obey to release God's _____

John 14:21 (NIV) Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

B. Obey to release God's _____

1 John 3:21-22 (NIV) Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Prayer Hindrances Study Guide
Prayer & Listening – Part 7
Life Church St. Louis – May 7, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Intro. What does it mean to “cherish sin in my heart” (Psalm 66:18)?

How does unconfessed sin affect a person’s relationship with God?

What was wrong with David remaining in Jerusalem (2 Samuel 11:1)?

Describe the progression of sin in David’s life (2 Samuel 11:2-4)?

1A. What are the different effects of righteousness and wickedness on a person (Proverbs 13:6)?

1B. Why did David conspire to have Uriah killed (2 Samuel 11:14-15)?

1C. How did David’s unconfessed sin impact his life (Psalm 32:3-4)?

1D. Why were David’s prayers for his sick child unanswered (2 Samuel 12:15-16, Proverbs 28:9)?

1E. What kinds of sins do people cherish in their hearts?

2A. How does confession of sin affect our lives (1 John 1:9)?

2B. How did David’s relationship with God get restored (Psalm 32:5)?

2C. How is repentance both admitting and turning away from sin (Psalm 51:10-11)?

2D. What are the consequences of even confessed sin (Galatians 6:7)?

3A. How does James 5:16 speak to the principles of this message?

3B. Why is Jesus’ love and presence conditional on our obedience (John 14:21)?

3C. How can a person have confidence before God in prayer (1 John 3:21-22)?

3D. According to 1 John 3:21-22, what are the conditions for answered prayer?