

EXAMINING HINDRANCES TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER

James 5:16b

I. The Basis for Prayer

A. We noted the basis of prayer for the OT saint were the _____ of God and God's _____ or _____!

B. Then we looked at the basis for prayer of the NT saint & we noted it was our _____ / _____ with Christ.

II. Hindrances to Prayer

A. A Lack of _____ Keeps One From Effective Prayer, Unless Our Prayer Is to _____ The Lord & Be _____ By Grace!

B. A Lack Of _____ will _____ Effective Prayer as well!

1. Spirituality is an issue of the _____! (Prov. 23:7a; 4:23)

2. Spirituality is described in a number of ways in scripture...

3. So who is dominating your heart & mindset right now?

C. A Lack of Spirituality Will _____ Itself In A Number Of Ways (all of which will _____ our prayer life)

1. _____ can dominate the heart & _____ your prayer life (Rom 8:1-14)

*Carnality means ...I'm operating under the control of my _____, not the _____ of God

2. _____ which leads to _____ can dominate your _____
(1 John 2:15-17; James4:4)

3. Personal _____ or _____ will influence us with _____ consequences in life (James 4:11; 5:9 ; Heb. 12)

4. When we regard _____ in our heart, the Lord will _____ us when we pray (Psalm 66:18)

• What is the answer to iniquity in the heart? (1 John 1:3-10)

5. _____ & _____ will _____ the HS's control in your life (James 4:6-11)

6. _____ will _____ your prayer life (James 4:1-3)

a. By nature we are _____ selfish, and so we must examine our _____ in prayer. (Job 35:12-13; 1 John 5:14)

b. To "*ask amiss*," means to pray with a _____ intent, not a _____ intent. (James 4:1-3)

c. It is not that the object or thing that you are asking for is necessarily wrong, but the _____ & _____ behind the asking can be _____. (Matt. 6:21; Luke 12:13-15)

• So what does all this mean to you today?