

## 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?