

How to Pray with Power Series – Part 10

Review...

- Pray to God
- Obey and pray
- Pray in the name of Jesus
 - Always pray and don't give up
 - Pray in the Spirit
 - Abide in Christ
 - Pray with thanksgiving



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Hindrances to Prayer



1. Praying selfish prayers

James 4:3

When you ask,
you do not receive,
because you ask
with wrong motives,
that you may spend
what you get
on your pleasures.



Hindrances to Prayer

2. Sin hinders prayer

Isaiah 59:1-2

**Surely the arm of the LORD
is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.**

**But your iniquities have separated you
from your God;
your sins have hidden his face
from you,
so that he will not hear.**



Hindrances to Prayer

2. Sin hinders prayer

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.



Hindrances to Prayer

2. Sin hinders prayer

Psalms 66:18

If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.



Hindrances to Prayer

3. Idols in the heart

Ezekiel 14:3

Son of man,
these men have set up idols
in their hearts and
put wicked stumbling blocks
before their faces.
Should I let them inquire
of me at all?



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4. Stinginess

Proverbs 21:13

If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor,
he too will cry out and not be answered.



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4. Stinginess

Luke 6:38

**Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap.
For with the measure you use,
it will be measured to you.**



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4. Stinginess

1 John 3:21-22

**We have confidence before God
and receive from him anything we ask,
because we obey his commands
and do what pleases him.**



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4. Stinginess

Philippians 4:19

**And God will meet all your needs
according to his glorious riches
in Christ Jesus.**



Hindrances to Prayer

5. Unforgiveness

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying,
if you hold anything against anyone,
forgive him, so that your Father in heaven
may forgive you your sins.



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6. Disunity in marriage

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.



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7. Lack of faith – or wavering

James 1:5-7

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to him.

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt,
because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea,
blown and tossed by the wind.

That man should not think
he will receive
anything from the Lord.



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Remove Hindrances to Prayer

- 1. Pray unselfish prayer –
with right motives –
according to God's will –
God centered prayers.**



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2. Seek forgiveness
for your sins,
confess,
repent,
and live righteous
lives before God.



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3. **Prioritize – put God
FIRST always.**



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4. Be generous. Develop the godly characteristic of generosity.



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- 5. Forgive. Dispense mercy and grace.**



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- 6. Be unified in your marriage. Faithful and loving to each other.**



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7. Faith - belief



How to pray with power...

**Remove the
hindrances
to prayer
and**

PRAY with power!

