

12 reasons why our prayers are not get answered?

When we talk about answered prayer, we need to first talk about God's will

God has a perfect will and he has a permissive will for each of us.

If it's not God's will for something to happen, it probably won't happen. If God didn't want Moses to take the children of Israel across the Red Sea from Egypt, they would still be in Egypt. God has a will. That is why we need the Holy Spirit's direction when praying and making our requests, that they are according to God's perfect will.

My father was very sick in the Hospital and I prayed greatly that he would recover. He didn't recover, he passed into Glory. Obviously, it was not God's will for him to be healed, he wasn't healed. The Holy Spirit didn't say to me "don't pray for your dad as he is going to die." Praying helped me cope with his situation and gave my dad encouragement and the acknowledgment that I loved him. Therefore, even unanswered prayers are a blessing to us and others.

Now we need to talk about your will.

Every person has a will, I will do this, I will not do that

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Adam and Eve were given a choice, to sin or not to sin.

We pray, we seek answers from God for our lives and for others. Man has been crying out to God for help, support, healing, care, provision forever, from the beginning of humanity, since the garden of Eden. We have been praying for answers.

We just can't understand why sometimes God doesn't step in and answer our petitions. We can't understand why sometimes there is silence from God after praying.

The Prophets of the false God Baal had this problem while crying out to their God on Mount Carmel.

1st Kings 18:27 It came about at noon, that (God's prophet) Elijah mocked them (Baal Prophets) and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened."

The prophets of Baal didn't get an answer from their God because Baal isn't God.

Psalm 3:4 I was crying to the Lord with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain.

But our God hears and acts, granting our requests.

This list consists of 12 areas that hinder our prays. The hinderances are from our actions, not of others. I encourage you to use this list as a tool to review your heart and change your heart and lifestyle accordingly, to allow God to work mightily for you. Our God can do it!

#1 Not being born again

John 9:31 We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.

If you are not born again, the only prayer that God has to answer is your request to accept Jesus into your heart and ask for forgiveness of your sins. We all know of sinners that have gotten their prayer answered, but there is no requirement for God to answer the prayers of the non-born-again. At the end of this video I will show how you can become a born-again believer and follower of Jesus Christ and get your prayers answered.

#2 Regarding wickedness in your heart.

Psalm 66:18 If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;

Isaiah 1:15 So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.

If you have wickedness in your heart, confess it to Jesus, get rid of it. Ask for the Holy Spirit to show you any wickedness and ask for his help in removing it, and then thank him for the victory and his help.

1st John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#3 Rejecting or ignoring scriptures

Psalm 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Oh man! Our prayers can be an abomination! When you reject the Word of God by your disobedience, you are on dangerous footing. Ask God to give you a new love for his Word and start reading or listening, and obeying what our God says.

#4 Not honoring your wife or spouse.

1st Peter 3:7 You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Chances are since you are not perfect, neither is your spouse, so get over it. If you are not loving and honoring to your spouse, straighten up. I am going to put suggested reading materials in the description below to help win the struggle.

#5. Holding onto sin, cherishing it

Ps 66:18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. (RSV)

Many of us have little sins in our life that we love, as we keep doing them. Could be with our eyes, ears, and/or mouth or with our wallet. Purchasing lottery tickets is a good example: that's gambling, it's a sin. These sins can be minor, but they are still sin. God hates sin, so remove them from your life and start getting more answers to your prayers.

#6 Unforgiveness

Mark 11:25 And whenever you make a prayer, let there be forgiveness in your hearts, if you have anything against anyone; so that you may have forgiveness for your sins from your Father who is in heaven. (BBE)

Unforgiveness will stop your prayers in their tracks. This scripture asks us to forgive, not necessarily to love. Sometimes, many times, we have to work, work hard, at forgiving.

In my daily personal prayer list, I tell God that I forgive several people that have hurt me. Once I get peace about it, I will remove them from my list. Keep working at forgiveness.

7. Praying with unbelief

James 1:6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

Sort of ridiculous to pray when you don't think you are going to get your request answered. Doubt will hinder your prayers from getting results. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you remove doubt. It is never a question of God being able to do your request, it is a question of will God do it!

8. Ignoring the needy/poor

Proverbs 21:13 He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be answered.

Jesus had a great heart for the poor and this verse shows his compassion. Our Jesus is a compassionate God. The verse is not asking that you open your home to the poor, but just to help. My family supports ministries that help the poor. I should note that there are many ministries asking for funds to help the poor. Some are excellent, some maybe not. And so, giving is an intelligent and prayerful decision.

9. Wrong motives

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Boy this verse is where the rubber meets the road. What kind of prayers are you praying? If it is me, me, me, that might not work. Be conscience of your motives and ask the Holy Spirit to change your heart.

10. Pride

Job 35:12: 12 “There they cry out, but He does not answer Because of the pride of evil men.

Luke 18:14 ...for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

For me personally, one of my difficulties in my life has been pride I was prideful. Getting rid of our pride is so refreshing. As I was praying for my ministry, I realized that I was getting prideful. As soon as I realized this, I rebuked that right away, and I pray daily now that I will not be prideful concerning menteachingmen.com.

1st Corinthians 4:7...What do you have that you did not receive?

11. Lackluster prayers

Job 35:13 “Surely God will not listen to an empty cry, Nor will the Almighty regard it.

An empty prayer: prayers that don't involve your heart, don't involve your spirit and soul. Repetition. Ho-Hum prayers. Get excited about what God is going to do with your prayers. Thank him ahead of time for your answered prayers.

12. Giving up

Galatians 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

The enemy wants you to stop praying. Sometimes your family and friends might want you to stop. But don't do it. Keep at it, reaping a reward.

That completes our short list of several hindrances to our prayers. But thank God, who is willing, able, and waiting to answer our prayers according to his will.

Thank you, Jesus, for answering our prayers, daily, daily.

God bless you. Thank you so much for watching. I hope this video has been a blessing to you.