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**THINGS THAT HINDER PRAYER**

(Luke 18:9 – 14)

**1. PRIDE, SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, DISPARAGING OTHERS**

(Luke 18:9 – 14) "Two men went up to the temple to pray ...  
I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other ... "

**2. LACK OF BENEVOLENCE** - (Proverbs 21:13) "Whoever shuts his ears  
to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard."

**3. WILLFUL SIN / DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD**

(Isaiah 59:1-2) "... But your iniquities have separated you from your God;  
and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."  
(Psalm 66:18) "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear."  
(Proverbs 15:29 and 28:9; 1 Peter 3:12)

**4. DOUBT** - (James 1:5 – 8) "... But let him ask in faith, with no doubting ... "

**5. FAILURE TO ASK** - (James 4:2) "... Yet you do not have because you do not ask ... "

**6. SELFISHNESS** - (James 4:3) "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss,  
that you may spend it on your pleasure."

**7. UNFORGIVING ATTITUDE** - (Matthew 6:14-15) "For if you forgive men their trespasses,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive ... " (also v12)

**8. DO NOTHING** - (Colossians 4:2) "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same ... "  
(Matthew 26:41) "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. ... "

**9. FAMILY RELATIONSHIP** - (1 Peter 3:7) "... that your prayers may not be hindered."

**10. LACK OF PERSISTENCE** - (Luke 11:5-8; Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17)

**11. TO BE SEEN BY OTHERS / VAIN REPETITIONS** - (Matthew 6:5 – 7)

**CLOSE** - God will answer, and the answer may be: "Yes" "No" "Wait"  
"Here's something better" "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Cor. 12:9)  
"I'll send an angel to strengthen you" (Hebrews 1:14)

Prayer is not a substitute for obedience.