

# Hindrances To Prayer

"Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him." John 9:31 (New King James Version)

The Pew study found that \_\_\_% pray every \_\_\_\_\_. Why so few?

## Scheduling Is Often A Hindrance To Prayer

A. Christians must make time to spend with God:

1. Psalm 46:10 - We must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that He is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. James 4:13-15 - We don't \_\_\_\_\_ what will happen \_\_\_\_\_.  
We should rely on the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ instead of our own.
3. Matthew 6:33 - Do we seek \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_  
and His \_\_\_\_\_?

B. Luther: "... let prayer be the \_\_\_\_\_ employment" of the morning.

## Self-Sufficiency Is Often A Hindrance To Prayer

A. Do we see our daily dependence on God?

1. Isaiah 7:7,10-12 - Ahaz wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ God for a \_\_\_\_\_  
because he thought he could \_\_\_\_\_ everything himself.
2. Matthew 5:3 - \_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Matthew 7:11 - Our \_\_\_\_\_ will give \_\_\_\_\_ things to  
those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

B. Lincoln felt he had \_\_\_\_\_ else to \_\_\_\_\_ but prayer.

## Sin Is Often A Hindrance To Prayer

A. Has our sin interfered with our prayers?

1. John 9:31 - God does not \_\_\_\_\_ the prayers of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Luke 15:20-24 - But the \_\_\_\_\_ in this parable shows that  
\_\_\_\_\_ is anxious to \_\_\_\_\_ us back home!
3. 1 John 1:9 - He is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive us.

B. Why should we allow \_\_\_\_\_ sins to keep us from prayer?

## Satan Is The Ultimate Hindrance To Prayer

A. Satan is our mortal enemy:

1. James 4:7,8 - If we draw \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, He'll draw  
\_\_\_\_\_ to us. \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't want that to happen!
2. 2 Corinthians 2:11 - Satan can take \_\_\_\_\_ of us.

B. Chadwick: Satan \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_.

Are we "yielded and \_\_\_\_\_" before God? Is He our \_\_\_\_\_?

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