



When Your Prayers Seem Unanswered

Text: 1 Peter 3:12

- Through prayer you can access Heaven in a moment's time!
- You can find mercy and grace in your time of need!
- You can hold back the forces of darkness through prayer!
- YOUR prayers are making a difference in your life and in the lives of others.
- Always pray and never give up!

Possible Hindrances To Prayer:

1. **PRAYING INCORRECTLY: JOHN 16:23**
 - Pray **TO** the Father **IN** the Name of Jesus.
 - Go **DIRECTLY** to God when you pray.
 - Pray in the name of Jesus because Jesus is the One who paid the price on the Cross **FOR YOU** to have **ACCESS** to God!
 - Every person is welcome in the presence of God!
 - No longer do we need a mediator on this earth. I Timothy 2:5
2. **PRAYERLESSNESS: JAMES 4:2**
 - God expects us to pray about things. Philippians 4
 - God is waiting to hear your voice! James 1:5, Psalm 55:22, Matthew 6:7
3. **LACK OF FAITH: Romans 4:18-21**
 - Prayer is expecting God to hear and answer you; an attitude of **EXPECTANCY!**
4. **WHEN YOUR PETITIONS OUTWEIGH YOUR PRAISE: PSALM 100:4**
 - We are to approach God **FIRST** by giving Him praise and thanksgiving. Philippians 4:6
5. **LACK OF KNOWLEDGE: I JOHN 5:14-15**
 - If you don't know the will of God, you don't know how to pray correctly.
6. **DISOBEDIENCE: PSALM 66:18**
7. **PRAYING ME CENTERED PRAYERS: James 5:16**
 - Look beyond your own needs and pray for others.
 - Start targeting specific people who need Jesus or who need prayer.
8. **NOT EXERCISING YOUR AUTHORITY: I Peter 5:8-9**
 - There are times when you must resist Satan and bind the powers of darkness! Matthew 18:18
 - Things change when you use the Name of Jesus!
 - You can take authority over the powers of darkness that are influencing your loved ones.
 - You can resist temptation in the Name of Jesus.
9. **YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY: ROMANS 8:27-28**
 - What do you do when you don't know how to pray, or you have prayed everything you know to pray? This is when we can allow the Holy Spirit to pray through us.
10. **LACK OF PERSEVERANCE: HEBREWS 10:35-36**
 - Answers to our prayers don't always come instantly. Never give up!

Additional Scripture References: Proverbs 18:10, James 5:16, I Peter 3:7, Job 42:10