

# FIVE HINDRANCES OF

# Prayer

REASONS MY PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED





# **PART V**

# **UNACCEPTABLE MOTIVES**

James 4:3

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*3 You ask and do not receive,  
because you ask [a]with the  
wrong motives, so that you may  
spend what you request [b]on  
your pleasures.*

# I. Selfish Motives

(vs. 3) - to consume it on your lust.

1. To fulfill lustful or fleshly desires. (vs. 2)

## Galatians 5:16

*16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*



# ENVY

2. Out of envy of others-trying to keep up or compare with others.

(vs.2 - envious and cannot obtain.)



3. Not asking with right  
motivation.

(vs. 2c. - You do not have because  
you do not ask.)



## 4. Asking in pride.

(vs. 6 - God opposes the prideful and their prayers.)