

FIVE HINDRANCES OF

Prayer

REASONS MY PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED



PART IV

UNCARING HEART

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outcry of the poor*

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*12 But he answered,
'Truly I say to you, I do
not know you.'*

Understanding
generosity in
the life of the
believer.



1. Giving to poor obligates God.

Proverbs 19:17

17 One who is gracious to a poor person lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed.



Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

1 Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. 2 Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth. 3 If the clouds are full, they pour out rain on the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies. 4 One who watches the wind will not sow and one who looks at the clouds will not harvest.



5 Just as you do not know the path of the wind, and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes everything.

6 Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether one or the other will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good.

2. Caring for the least of these will open heaven to you.

Matthew 25:34-46

34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’

37 Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38 And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.'

41 *“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you accursed people, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’*

44 Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or as a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not [a]take care of You?' 45 Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for Me, either.' 46 These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Galatians 6:1-2

- 1 Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well.*
- 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.*

3. Selfless living will open God's heart and hand to you.

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Hebrews 13:16

16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.





Luke 6:38

38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

Proverbs 21:13



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outcry of the poor
Will also call out himself, and not be
answered.*

Proverbs 28:27

*27 One who gives to the poor will never
lack anything,
But one who shuts his eyes will have
many curses.*

4. Focused giving will move the hand of God.

Proverbs 11:24-25

*24 There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more,
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it
results only in poverty.*

*25 A generous person will be prosperous,
And one who gives others plenty of water will himself be given
plenty.*

2 Corinthians 9:5-7

5 So I considered it necessary to urge the brothers that they go on ahead to you and arrange in advance your previously promised generous gift, that the same would be ready as a generous gift, and not as one grudgingly given due to greediness.

6 Now I say this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously.

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*7 Each one must do
just as he has decided
in his heart, not
reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful giver.*

5. God will provide for givers and hear and answer their request.

Malachi 3:6-11

6 *“For [a]I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, the sons of Jacob, have not come to an end.*

7 *“From the days of your fathers you have turned away from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of armies. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’*

You Have Robbed God

8 “Would anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the entire nation of you! 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this,” says the Lord of armies, “if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. 11 Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruit of your ground; nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless to you,” says the Lord of armies.