

Review: Psalm 66:18-20

Why does God allow / make sure that there are hindrances to prayer?
Why would God let anything hinder our calling out to Him?

UNDERSTAND GOD'S HEART. HE WANTS RIGHT RELATIONSHIP.

Mark 12:29-31 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: ³⁰ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. ³¹ And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

God wants us right with Him and His.

God allows hindered prayer...

1. To protect our _____.

FIRST: with _____.

Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Proverbs 15:8-9 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight. ⁹ The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Proverbs 21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

Any hurt to any _____ hinders _____.

The _____ in the relationship is the _____ that _____ is required. **Psalm 51**

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

SECOND: with His _____.

Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; ²⁴ Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

2. To train our _____.

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

AGAIN: prayer is all about calling on God for the _____ of His _____.