

Why do our
prayers go
unanswered? By
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It may feel like God is taking a long time to answer your prayers because you are still struggling with the same issues in your life. It could be the same problems and situations. You may feel like God is silent, and He does hear your prayers, or He does not care. You may have even kept repeating the same prayers over and over, in hope that God will answer. In this book, I share with you some of the reasons why God may not answer our prayers. I also share whether God is listening to our prayers. I talk about what is blocking our prayer life. I pray this ebook helps you to develop a healthier and stronger prayer life and relationship with God in Jesus Christ mighty name amen.

The first reason why God may not listen to our prayers is because of sin in our lives. Isaiah 59:2 says, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." So, God will not hear us if we have unconfessed and unrepented sin in our lives. The Bible says in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God will forgive us when we confess and repent and turn away from our sins. The Bible says in Proverbs 28:13, "He that covereth his sins

shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”

It is when we decide to turn away from our sins that God will hear us and forgive us. We cannot repent without the help of the Holy Spirit. We need to be willing to ask God to give us His grace, strength, and power through the Holy Spirit to conquer and overcome sin and temptation. Matthew 26:41 says, “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

The next way that God will not hear our prayers is because of unforgiveness. Unforgiveness is a sin and it is a sin that keeps many people out of the kingdom of heaven. Hatred, anger, bitterness, and resentment can lead to unforgiveness. Unforgiveness blocks our communication with God. When we choose to forgive a person for what they did wrong, that is when we can become free. When we choose to forgive and let go of this sin with God’s help, that is when we will be reconciled to God. We will be able to hear His voice more and He will answer our prayers . We also will be able to be used by God more for His glory.

It is hard to be used by God and be anointed with unforgiveness or sin in our lives. Once we allow the Holy Spirit to have free rein in our lives, then we will be able to forgive and let go of grudges and offenses. We can allow the Holy Spirit to give us His grace and strength to love and forgive as He has loved and forgiven us. Matthew 6:14-15 says, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." So, God will not forgive us if we are unwilling to forgive others and that is the reason our prayers go unanswered.

The next reason our prayers may be hindered. Proverbs 28:9 says, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." So, whenever we stop hearing or listening to the word of God, our prayers are an abomination. Abomination means to have disgust or hatred. So, God may have a disgust or hatred towards our prayers when we are not reading our Bibles. That is when we need to repent of this and get back into the word of God by reading it daily and regularly. Sometimes, we may need to get into

the word of God more than once a day, because if we forsake the word of God, then our prayers could be hindered. So, we should ask God to give us a balance between spending time in both prayer and the word of God. Sometimes, we cannot find time to pray and read the word of God because we are so busy or tired. That is when we need to ask God for His help and for the desire to spend time with Him. He will help us if we are willing and obedient.

The next way that God may not hear our prayers is if we are asking with wrong motives and intentions. James 4:3 says, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

Sometimes, we ask God for things that are outside His perfect will for us. We may ask for more money, materialism, a nicer car, or a bigger home when we already have those things. I am not saying that God will not answer those prayers. When we are in need of something, such as paying a bill and getting food, God will hear those prayers because they are in alignment with His will. God wants to provide for His children because He cares for us, and He wants what is best for

us. So He answers prayers that are according to His will and in alignment with scripture in the Bible.

1 John 5:14-15 says, “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

Lastly, God may not answer our prayers if we do not have faith that God hears our prayers and will answer according to His will and timing. So, we may be asking God for something that is in accordance with His will, but as soon as we are done praying, we doubt or lack faith that that prayer is going to get answered. We stop believing that God heard that prayer and is going to answer. His answer to your prayers may not be sudden. It may take time. God’s answer to our prayers may be a wait or not yet. We have to accept that and allow God to work in our lives and in the lives of others. James 1:5-7 says, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”

So, God may not answer prayers because the person has little faith to believe that those prayers will be answered at the right time. Whenever this happens, we need to ask God to increase our faith and to help our unbelief. God will come through for those prayers right on time. Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is a yes, no, or wait. When He says to wait, it is because we are not ready yet or the person or thing we are praying for is not ready yet. So we just have to be patient with God and His timing. Trust Him that He knows best for us and when the time is right.

Why prayers may not get answered is because of who the person is praying to. The person could be praying to another god or person. The god may be false. For example, Catholics pray to Mary and the saints. Muslims pray to Allah or Muhammad. Buddhists pray to Buddha. These people are dead in the grave, but Jesus Christ is risen and resurrected from the dead. We pray to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ. That is the only way we can get our prayers answered if it be

according to God's will and timing. 1 Timothy 2:5 says,
"For there is one God, and one mediator between God
and men, the man Christ Jesus."