

Series: Things That Accompany Salvation

Hebrews 6:9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

Message 9: Sixteen Signs of a True Believer (Part V)

(2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Jn. 3:20-23)

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

I. The Conscience Test (3:20-21,23)

Am I free from moral guilt?

1 Timothy 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

A. A Condemnation that is Felt (20A)

B. A Confidence that is Found (20B-21,23)

APPLICATION:

II. The Communication Test (3:22)

Have I experienced answered prayer?

A. The Promise (22A)

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

B. The Prerequisite (22B)

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EIGHT REASONS FOR HINDERED PRAYER

- 1. Not praying in Jesus name.**
John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
- 2. Not praying according to the revealed will of God.**
1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- 3. Making a pretense of our prayer.**
Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
- 4. Praying half-heartedly.**
Jeremiah 29:12-13 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. [13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
- 5. Allowing unresolved issues to remain in our family.**
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.
- 6. Praying with unconfessed sin in our heart.**
Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:
Prov. 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.
- 7. Praying with unresolved anger.**
1 Tim. 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- 8. Praying with an unregenerated heart.**
John 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
Proverbs 15:29 The LORD [is] far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

CONCLUSION: