

## HINDERANCES TO PRAYER:

**Unconfessed sin...** Psalm 66:18 says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me..." Proverbs 15:29 says, "The Lord is far from the wicked but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." I John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." I believe at the beginning of the service, if we prayed the prayer for the Lord to create a clean heart within us and have a right spirit, we were all cleansed. Praise the Lord!

**Unbelief.** James 1:6-7 says, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." We know there can be doubt and unbelief and our prayers cannot get through. Sometimes it seems we almost pray a prayer of doubt and we can hardly believe God is going to answer. But we have a wonderful remedy for unbelief and that is to get our eyes on Calvary. If we get our eyes off of Calvary, faith goes out the door. We have to keep our eyes on the cross.

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

**Unresolved conflict.** Matthew 6:14-15 says, "If ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if we forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." If we have an unresolved conflict with a person, wrong feelings, bitterness, or anger, our prayers will be hindered.