

CAYA Series – “Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer”

CHAPTER 9 - “HINDRANCES TO ANSWERED PRAYER - PRAYER OF RENUNCIATIONS”

Clearing out hindrances in our lives will enable us to live in harmony with God and others and to have confidence in prayer.

1. SIN

Father, we must acknowledge the impact of sin in our lives. You said in **James 1:21-22** “Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.” Therefore, we acknowledge and repent of all known and unknown sin in my life. (Speak out any known sin) I thank You, Father, that You cleanse me from all unrighteousness by the blood of Jesus.

2. FEAR

Father, we have come to learn that fear is a significant hindrance for us to overcome but **1 John 4:18** says “There is no fear in love and perfect love drives out fear.” I repent of allowing the spirit of fear to operate in my life. I come out of agreement with the spirit of fear and confess Your word in **2 Timothy 1:7**, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind.” Thank You, Lord, that You blot out our transgressions, for Your own sake and remember our sins no more. (**Isaiah 43:25**)

3. GUILT

Father, we know that guilt is related to the fear of not being forgiven and is rooted in distrust. **Romans 8:1-2** tells us, “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and (its consequences) death.” God, we repent for any feelings of guilt and thank You that You have forgiven and forgotten our sins as we have confessed it, repented of it, and believed that it is covered by the blood of Jesus.

4. FEELINGS OF INFERIORITY

Father, we come to You, knowing that we deserve what we ask because of the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. We repent of any feelings of inferiority that we have allowed to enter and operate in our life. We come into agreement with You that we are children of God and when we pray according to Your will and Your Word, we activate angels, and they go about fulfilling our prayer, according to the Word. We agree with you that in love You have predestined us to be adopted as Your children, we are chosen in Christ and we thank You that you have lavished Your love upon us.

5. DOUBT

Thank You that your Word says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." Father, we repent of doubt, not believing in You. We repent of double mindedness because we know that we will not receive anything from the Lord. We repent of being unstable. Thank You, Lord, that we will come to You and ask in faith, believing and receiving according to Your character and Your Word.

6. WRONG MOTIVES

Father, we know when our motives are wrong, our prayers will be hindered. Your Word states that when we ask, we do not receive because we ask with wrong motives. We repent of wrong motives that come from our hearts and ask You to forgive us and help us to develop the right motives through the work of the Holy Spirit in our life according to Your Word, "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." ***Philippians 2:13***

7. BITTERNESS

Father, we know that bitterness often indicates a hidden hatred and it means we are holding something against someone and not releasing that person through forgiveness. We know that bitterness is iniquity, a sin that You hate. We repent of any and all bitterness and iniquity in our lives. According to Your Word, ***Ephesians 4:31-32***, we allow all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking be put away from us,

with all malice. We choose to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Thank You for forgiveness from the spirit of bitterness. We forgive others as You have forgiven us.

8. UNFORGIVENESS

Father, we know that unforgiveness can be an underlying presence in our lives, even when we don't realize we're harboring it in our hearts. It demonstrates ingratitude for the vast forgiveness God has extended to us. We repent of any unforgiveness in our lives that we know of and ask You, Holy Spirit, to bring to our minds anyone that we need to forgive. Your Word tells us when we stand praying, if we hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will forgive our sins. Lord, if there is anyone we have unforgiveness for in this place, we will take care of it today. If we are holding any unforgiveness, we release them now! Thank You, Lord, as we have released them, we release ourselves.

9. BROKEN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Father, if there are broken or hurting relationships in our lives, we repent of our part and ask You to give us the guidance on how to reconcile these relationships. We yield to the Holy Spirit's promptings in how to make things right.

10. IDOLS

Father, we repent of any idols that we have set up in our hearts. We know it happens gradually and sometimes without our realizing it. Show us where we have set up an idol. We ask for Your help so that we give and make You the highest priority in our lives. God, you deserve our primary love, respect, and devotion. We desire to love You Lord, our God with all of our heart and with all of our soul and with all of our strength. **(Deuteronomy 6:5)**

11. STINGINESS

Father, Your Word says in **Proverbs 21:13** "If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry and not be answered." We repent from any spirit of poverty and stinginess. You said in **Proverbs 11:25** "A

generous man will prosper, he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Help us to be generous as Your Word commands. You also said in **Proverbs 22:9** "A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." Thank You for giving us a generous spirit toward others and toward You.

Father, we agree with **Hebrews 12:1** that we will throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and we will run with perseverance the race marked out for us." We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. **Philippians 4:13**