

WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER MY PRAYERS?*



PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Unconfessed Sin (Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 66:18; 1 John 1:6, 8)	We must confess our sins to ourselves, to God, & to others; & genuinely repent from our hearts. (James 5:16; 1 John 1:9)
Willful Sinful Behavior (Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:19-21)	Live by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:22-26)
Selfish Prayers (James 4:3)	Pray according to God's will, and consider the interests of others above your own. (Luke 22:42; Philippians 2:3-4; John 5:14)
Unforgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15)	Forgive others as you have been forgiven in Christ & do good to your enemies. (Matthew 5:43-48; 6:14-15)
Husband's failure to love & respect his wife. (Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Peter 3:7)	We must love & respect our wives unconditionally. Marriage is not a contract, but a commitment. (Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Peter 3:7)
Father's inability to love, encourage, & empower his children. (Ephesians 6:4)	We must love our children unconditionally as they are a gift & a blessing from God. We are to encourage, empower, and equip them in godly living. (Psalm 127:3; Ephesians 6:4)

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