

Be Successful In Your Ministry 2025

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Weekly Bible Study

Psalm 119:97

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Introduction

In addition to Satan, the enemies of prayer include internal attitudes like doubt, pride, self-pity, and wrong motivations, as well as external factors such as distractions, ungodliness, and disobedience.

Other hindrances include insincerity, unrealistic expectations, and a lack of consistent time or belief in God's power.

Tonight, I want to highlight six more terrible weapons which the devil uses to clip the prayer wings of God's children.

Briefly, let us look over the six from last week.

I. FATIGUE!

Isaiah 40:29-31: This is the paralyzing fatigue which makes you incapable of persevering in prayer.

II. DISTRACTION!

Colossians 3:1-2: We are constantly distracted by the devil and his forces. He does it with internal factors, such as stress, anxiety, or boredom.

III. HASTE!

Proverbs 19:2: The weapon which Satan probably uses most successfully with many who want to pray is haste.

The Lesson

I. INNER RESTLESSNESS!

An inexplicable restlessness grips you. Matthew 11:28-30. What is the message in this text about restlessness? _____

II. DESPAIR!

Despair is a weapon which paralyzes praying Christians. This is the lost of hope. Isaiah 35:3-4: Jeremiah 29:11: Romans 15:13. What is the word that keeps jumping out of these verses? _____

III. LAZINESS!

It is the weapon of indolence—laziness of the flesh, of weakness. Proverbs 13:4: 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11. What is the lesson in these verses? _____