



Online School of the Bible

Prayer – How Does Sin Affect My Prayer Life?

Prayer is all about relationship and communicating with God. Just as doing something wrong to another person affects your relationship with him/her, our sin damages our relationship with God and negatively affects our prayer life.

Psalms 24:3-4

Who may climb the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

4 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure... NLT

Isaiah 59:2-3

But there is a problem — your sins have cut you off from God. Because of your sin, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. NLT

As you can clearly see, the more that we follow God and avoid sin in our lives, the better our communication with God will be. Please prayerfully consider the following items as you seek to improve your prayer life.

1) Take some time and ask God to help you identify areas of your life that are sinful.

Don't get discouraged at this point if your life is not where it should be. God has grace and mercy on us and is able to forgive and cleanse us from sin.

1 John 1:9

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.
NLT

2) Take a few moments to talk to God and ask Him to forgive you for these sins and give you strength to obey Him fully in these areas.