

On The Road To Emmaus

As believers we walk on the road of life. We encounter hinderances to prayer in our daily lives. One of the biggest hidden hindrances to prayer is our heart. When our heart is not right with God, our prayers are not answered. The Scripture tells us: *"They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. ¹³ "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the LORD of hosts,"* Zechariah 7.12-13 (ESV)

If we want a prayer life that is vital and vibrant our heart must be right with God. The Scriptures say: *"When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.* Isaiah 1.15-17 (ESV)

"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words." Matthew 6.7 (ESV)

As we are walking through life, we must ask the question, what is the condition of my heart? The condition of our hearts can be measured by the following questions. Do I enjoy walking with God? Do I enjoy talking with God? Do I feel that I must tell God everything about my day? Do I long to be with Him?

When we can answer these questions in the affirmative, we may have the assurance that our heart is right with God. So while our daily walk is not trouble free in this life it can be restful walk. Are you at resting in God?

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