

REVIEW:

_____ IS A GREAT HINDRANCE TO PRAYER.

Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

1. Unrepentance vs. _____.

- Notice the verse DOES NOT say that we can't have sin in our lives in order to be heard.

1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- KEY: Regard = _____.
- Do not excuse sin in your life.

2. Discern Christ's _____!

1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

- Christ died to deliver you from sin.

To hold to sin in the face of Christ's sacrifice is wrong.

Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

Unrepentant sin will close the doors of heaven to your prayer.

3. _____ the hindrance of sin.

- KEY: agree with God and turn away from SIN! Repent.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. ¹¹ For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **Take God's _____ in the matter.**

Psalm 66:16-20 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. ¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: ¹⁹ **But verily God hath heard me**; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.



What needs to be confessed to God?