



PRAYER HINDRANCES

ACTS 12:1-17

"The Bible's teaching on prayer leads overwhelmingly to one conclusion: Prayer changes things."

John Ortberg, *The Life You Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002): 94.

YOUR PRAYERS MAY BE HINDERED BY _____.

In John 9, Jesus healed a man who was born blind, and throughout the remainder of the chapter, this man had to defend himself and Jesus to the Pharisees. The Pharisees concluded that Jesus must be a _____ (9:24) because He healed this blind man on the Sabbath, a day on which work was forbidden. But the man born blind argued that Jesus could not be a _____ on the grounds that God heard Him (9:31).

The Old Testament clearly teaches that there is a communication disconnect between the _____ and God (see Psalm 34:15-16; Proverbs 15:29; Isaiah 59:1-2).

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In Acts 12, Herod Agrippa I had James executed, and Peter arrested. While Peter was in prison, likely awaiting the same fate as James, "earnest _____ for him was made to God by the church" (12:5). Yet, despite doing exactly what they were supposed to do, everyone in Acts 12 was _____ when God answered their prayers (12:15).

The implication of James 1:5-8 is that prayer is no place for doubters because the one who prays without faith is treating prayer as though it is _____.

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MY WORSHIP NOTES

Listen and write down notes from today's singing and sermon!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle One: **Sunday** **Wednesday** Circle One: **Morning** **Evening**

LIST THE SONGS THAT WE SANG:



WHAT SCRIPTURE WAS READ?

WHAT WAS THE SERMON TITLE? _____



MAKE A MARK FOR EACH TIME YOU HEAR THESE WORDS IN THE SERMON:

GOD	JESUS	BIBLE	PRAYER
SIN	DOUBT	HEAR(S)	ASK

WRITE DOWN THE BIBLE VERSES THAT WERE USED IN THE SERMON:

DRAW A PICTURE BASED ON TODAYS LESSON

