

# The DANGER of Not Working on Your Marriage

1 Peter 3:7e, *so that your prayers will not be hindered*

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## **Introduction**

***You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered***

1 To FOLLOW Christ as your model for marriage. To be CHRIST LIKE – from ***You husbands in the same way***

2 To KNOW your wife intimately. To COMMUNE with her – from ***live with your wives in an understanding way,***

3 To PROTECT your wife. To be CHIVALROUS – from ***as with someone weaker, since she is a woman***

4 To TREASURE your wife. To be an intimate COMPANION – from ***show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life***

5 To GUARD your marriage. To be CAREFUL – from ***so that your prayers will not be hindered.***

## **#1 A clear \_\_\_\_\_ to husbands    so that**

### **1<sup>st</sup> God will spank you for sins of \_\_\_\_\_**

Hebrews 12:6–8 *For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives.” 7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> There are \_\_\_\_\_ to our actions or non actions**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Lifestyle choices dramatically affect your \_\_\_\_\_ life**

1 Peter 3:7 *so that your prayers will not be hindered*

1 Peter 3:12 *For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer, But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.*

1 Peter 4:7 *The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.*

## **#2 Do not \_\_\_\_\_ to your relationship with the Lord**

Romans 15:22 *For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you;*

Galatians 5:7 *You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?*

1 Thessalonians 2:18 *For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—and yet Satan hindered us.*

Matthew 5:23–24 ...if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Matthew 6:14–15 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 “But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

**1<sup>st</sup> – Evaluate and adjust your \_\_\_\_\_**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Keep working at \_\_\_\_\_ each other**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Make regular \_\_\_\_\_ together and fight for it**

**4<sup>th</sup> – \_\_\_\_\_ your marriage in Christ and His Work**

### **#3 \_\_\_\_\_ communication, power and blessing** *your prayers*

1 Corinthians 1:11 *And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through the prayers of many*

**FIRST – Appraise your \_\_\_\_\_**

**SECOND – Check your \_\_\_\_\_ life**

**THIRD – Evaluate your first \_\_\_\_\_**

Revelation 2:4–5 *But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 ‘Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.*

**REMEMBER**

**REPENT**

**REPEAT**

**REALIZE**

**REVIVE**

**FOURTH – Test your \_\_\_\_\_**

2 Corinthians 13:5 *Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?*

#### **Questions for singles and marrieds;**

How does a Christian who is truly under God’s grace experience the consequences of their sins?

Though we are completely forgiven and ready for heaven, how does treating your spouse poorly affect you?

What kind of consequences does a wife experience for treating her husband contrary to verses 1-6 in 1 Peter 3?

What kind of application should a dating couple make after understanding verse 7 and hindered prayer?

Why do Christian singles feel that they can continue in sin in a relationship but still think they can know God’s will?

What will it take for Christian husbands to begin to work hard on their marriage?

How can godly wives help their husbands to work hard on their marriage?

What single change must a man or a woman make in light of the phrase ‘so that your prayers will not be hindered?’