

Spiritual Inventory For Hindrances To Prayer

Adapted from Jack Taylor's *Preparation for Personal Prayer*

1. Matthew 6:12, 14, 15 "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: "	YES	NO
1) Is there anyone against whom you hold a grudge?	_____	_____
2) Is there anyone whom you have not forgiven?	_____	_____
3) Is there anyone you hate?	_____	_____
4) Is there anyone whom you do not love?	_____	_____
5) Are there any misunderstandings that you are unwilling to forgive? and forget?	_____	_____
6) Is there any person against whom you are harboring bitterness, resentment or jealousy.	_____	_____
7) Anyone you dislike to hear praised or well spoken of?	_____	_____
8) Do you allow anything to justify a wrong attitude toward another?	_____	_____
2. Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you "	YES	NO
1) Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first?	_____	_____
2) Do you make decisions after your own wisdom, rather than seeking God's will?	_____	_____
3) Does anything interfere with your surrender and service to God: ambition, pleasures, loved ones, friendships, desires for recognition, money, your own plans?	_____	_____
3. Mark 16:15 "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.	YES	NO
1) Have you failed to seek the lost for Christ?	_____	_____
2) Have you failed to witness consistently with your mouth for the Lord Jesus Christ?	_____	_____
3) Has your life not shown to the lost the Lord Jesus?	_____	_____
4. John 13:35 "By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. "	YES	NO
1) Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of another?	_____	_____
2) Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancements of another?	_____	_____
3) Are you guilty of any contention or strife?	_____	_____
4) Do you quarrel, argue, or engage in heated discussions?	_____	_____
5) Are you a partaker in any divisions, or party spirit?	_____	_____
6) Are there people whom you deliberately slight?	_____	_____
5. Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."	YES	NO
1) Have you robbed God by withholding His due of time, talents, or money?	_____	_____
2) Have you given less than a tenth (tithe) of your income for God's work?	_____	_____
3) Have you failed to support mission work either in prayer or in offering?	_____	_____
6. I Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. "	YES	NO
1) Are you undependable, punctual, and faithful in the Lord's work with responsibilities?	_____	_____
2) Are you your emotions stirred for things of the Lord but you do nothing about it?	_____	_____
3) Are you doing everything (ministries) God has spoken to your about?	_____	_____
7. I Corinthians 6: 19-20 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's"	YES	NO
1) Are you in any way careless with your body?	_____	_____
2) Do you fail to care for your body as the temple of the Holy Spirit?	_____	_____
3) Are you guilty of intemperance in eating and drinking?	_____	_____
4) Do you have any habits which are defiling to the body?	_____	_____
8. Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."	YES	NO
1) Are you SELF-CONSCIOUS rather than CHRIST-CONSCIOUS?	_____	_____
2) Do feelings of inferiority to keep you from attempting things you should for God?	_____	_____

9. I Corinthians 10:31 "Whether ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."	YES	NO
1) Do you take the credit for anything good about you, rather than give all the glory to God? 2) Do you talk of what you have done rather than what Christ has done? 3) Are your statements mostly about "I"? 4) Are your feelings easily hurt? 5) Have you pretended to be something you are not?	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
10. Ephesians 4:28 "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. "	YES	NO
1) Do you underpay? 2) Do you do very little in your work? 3) Have you been careless in the payment of your debts? 4) Do you waste time for yourself and for others?	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
11. Ephesians 4:31 "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."	YES	NO
1) Do you complain? 2) Do you find fault? 3) Do you have a critical attitude toward any person or thing? 4) Are you irritable or cranky? 5) Do you ever carry hidden anger? 6) Do you get angry? 7) Do you become impatient with others? 8) Are you ever harsh or unkind?	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
12. Ephesians 5:16 "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. "	YES	NO
1) Do you listen to ungodly radio or TV programs? 2) Do you read unworthy magazines? 3) Do you partake in worldly amusements? 4) Do you find it necessary to seek satisfaction from any questionable source? 5) Are you doing things that show that you are not satisfied with the Lord Jesus Christ?	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
13. Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. "	YES	NO
1) Have you neglected to thank Him for all things, bad & good? 2) Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting His word? 3) Do you worry? Are you fearful? 4) Is your spiritual temperature based on feelings instead of on the facts of God's Word?	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
14. Philippians 1:21 "For me to live is Christ [to live all over again] , and to die is gain. "	YES	NO
1) Are you taken up with the cares of this life? 2) Is your conversation or heart joy over "things" rather than the Lord and His Word? 3) Does anything mean more to you than living for and pleasing Christ?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
15. Philippians 2:14 "Do all things without murmurings and disputings. "	YES	NO
1) Do you ever by word or deed seek to hurt someone? 2) Do you gossip? 3) Do you speak unkindly concerning people when they are not present? 4) Do you harbor prejudice because they someone is different than you, or because they do not see everything exactly like you?	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
16. Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. . . "	YES	NO
1) Have you neglected to seek to be pleasing to Him in all things? 2) Do you carry any bitterness toward God? Are you angry or disappointed with God? 3) Have you complained against Him in any way? Grumbled because of circumstances? 4) Have you been dissatisfied with His provision for you?	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____

5) Do you have any reservations in obeying His perfect will?	___	___
6) Have you disobeyed some direct leading of the Holy Spirit?	___	___
17. Colossians 3:9 "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds."	YES	NO
1) Do you engage in empty and unprofitable conversation ?	___	___
2) Do you ever lie, fib, deceive or withhold the whole truth of a matter?	___	___
3) Do you ever exaggerate to make yourself look good?	___	___
4) Do you cheat (on taxes, expense reports)?	___	___
5) Do you steal (from your employer, or from God)?	___	___
6) Have you forgotten to return anything you borrowed?	___	___
18. 2 Timothy 2:22 "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."	YES	NO
1) Do you have any personal habits that are not pure?	___	___
2) Do you allow impure thoughts about the opposite sex to stay in your mind?	___	___
3) Do you read that which is impure or suggests unholy things?	___	___
4) Do you indulge in any unclean entertainment?	___	___
5) Are you guilty of the lustful look? Lustful thoughts? Lustful fantasies?	___	___
19. Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and much more, as ye see the day approaching."	YES	NO
1) Do you deliberately stay away from some church services?	___	___
2) Are you irregular in attendance at services?	___	___
3) Do you neglect to attend & participate in meetings for prayer?	___	___
4) Have you neglected/slighted daily or private prayer?	___	___
5) Have you neglected thanksgiving at meals?	___	___
6) Have you neglected family devotions?	___	___
20. Hebrews 13:7 "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."	YES	NO
1) Do you hesitate to submit to leaders in the church or elsewhere?	___	___
2) Are you lazy in spiritual disciplines?	___	___
3) Do you rebel at requests given to you to help in the work of the gospel?	___	___
4) Do you have a stubborn streak, or an unteachable spirit?	___	___
21. James 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."	YES	NO
1) Have you allowed yourself to become "spotted" by the world?	___	___
2) Is your manner of dress pleasing to God?	___	___
3) Do you spend beyond what is pleasing to God on anything?	___	___
4) Do you neglect to pray about the things that you buy?	___	___
22. James 4:6 "But He giveth more grace, Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."	YES	NO
1) Do you feel that you are not so bad as others?	___	___
2) Are you stubborn?	___	___
3) Do you insist on having your own way?	___	___
4) Do you insist on your own "rights"?	___	___
23. James 3:11 "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?"	YES	NO
1) Have you dishonored Him and hindered His work by criticizing His servants?	___	___
2) Have you failed to pray regularly for your pastor and other spiritual leaders?	___	___
3) Do you find it hard to be corrected?	___	___
4) Is there rebellion toward one who wants to restore you?	___	___
5) Are concerned about what people will think more than what will be pleasing to God?	___	___