

Overcoming the Roadblocks to Personal Revival & Barriers to Spiritual Breakthrough

- Am I as close to God as I can possibly be? Am I hearing His voice? Seeing His hand?
- What is it in me that is blocking God from flowing mightily through me?
- Am I on fire for God? Why not? What is keeping me from being on fire for God?

1. Sin. Isaiah 59:1-2

• Have I chosen to disobey the law of God?

- Failed to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength
- Failed to love my neighbor as myself
- Failed to love other believers
- Failed to love my mate
- Failed to love my enemies
- Worshipped other gods like self, food, fame, money, comfort, ease, popularity, ministry,
- Worshipped idols
- Misused God's name
- Failed to make God a priority in my weekly schedule
- Dishonored my parents
- Been angry at someone and wanted them hurt
- Lusted after someone other than my mate; looked at trash or porn
- Stolen time, money, or property from a store, a company, an employer, my family, my friend, a church, or God
- Failed to tell the truth, or the whole truth to protect myself
- Been envious or jealous of anyone else's family, things, position, situation

• Have I refused to do what I know to be the will of God?

- Forgive those who have hurt me
- Yield myself as a living sacrifice to God
- Pray, trust, and give thanks instead of worry
- Help others when I have the time, opportunity, and resources to do so
- Give generously to the cause of God
- Serve others consistently
- Wholeheartedly assemble with others regularly for worship
- Submit to the governmental, legal, family, and church authorities in my life
- Be a faithful, active church member
- Seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Tell people about Jesus
- Read and apply the Bible

1. If the **sin is against God**, confess it to God, and make things right with God.
2. If the **sin is against another person**, confess it to God, and make things right with the other one.
3. If the **sin is against a group**, confess it to God, and make it right with the group.

2. Self Sufficiency. Rev. 3:14-20

- Does my schedule show that I don't feel like I really need: God?
- Does my schedule show that I don't feel like I really need: to pray? to worship?

3. Self-centeredness. Exodus 20:3; Matthew 6:9-10; 6:33

- Do I think more about me, my family, my job, my situation, my future, and my needs than the needs of others?
- Do I think more about me, my family, my job, my situation, my future, and my needs than the kingdom of God?
- Is the reason I am not full of God because I am full of myself?

4. Bitterness. Matthew 6:11-13

- Is there someone I have not forgiven? Someone I do not talk to and/or avoid because they have hurt me?
- Am I holding a grudge?

5. Unresolved Conflict. Matthew 5:23-24

- Do I have an unresolved conflict with someone that I have not tried to make right?
- Am I waiting on the other person to make the first move?

6. Lack of faith. Matthew 13:58; Hebrews 11:6

- Am I failing to grow my faith because I am failing to read God's Word? (Rom. 10:17)
- Is God not working in my life because I do not really believe He can or will?
- Is God not answering my prayers because I do not really believe He can or will?

7. Hard-heartedness. Hebrews 3:7-8; 4:7; Prov.28:14; Jer. 5:23; 16:13

- Am I no longer consistently hearing the voice of God and seeing the hand of God at work in my life?
- Has God stopped talking to me because I have stopped obeying what He says?
- Am I actively listening for God's voice?
- Am I saying "Yes!" every time God speaks?

Psalm 139: 23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴ And see if *there is any* wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses [admits] and forsakes [leaves] *them* will have mercy.