

**LEARNING TO PRAY WITH BOLDNESS**, part 9  
(Matthew 6:9–13 • April 6, 2014)

**Praying Effectively**  
**“Removing the Barriers to Answered Prayer”**  
(James 4:2-6)

- 1. Personal and corporate sin.** (Isaiah 59:1, 2)
- 2. Purely selfish desires.** (James 4:3, 4)
- 3. A prideful heart.** (James 4:6)
- 4. Idols in your heart.** (Ezekiel 14:3)
- 5. A stingy, un-giving life.** (Proverbs 21:13; Luke 6:38; 1 John 3:22; Philippians 4:19)
- 6. An unforgiving spirit.** (Mark 11:25)
- 7. A wrong relationship between a husband and wife.**  
(1 Peter 3:7)
- 8. A lack of faith in God.** (James 1:5-7)

**Take-Aways:**

- **God answers the prayer of His children.**
- **Our attitudes and actions do hinder our prayers.**
- **God’s desire is for us to have a real and right relationship with Him.**