

5 - Prayer - Part 1

1. What is the Christian Life?

- The Christian life is not a _____.
- The Christian life is a _____.
- The Second and key component of that relationship is _____.

2. Our Human Tendency

- We tend to avoid people that we _____.
- Our avoidance is based on _____.
- Feelings include:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- We tend to approach God with _____.

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3. Reasons for Avoiding God

A. Sin

- _____ will keep you from praying.
- _____ will affect your prayer life.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

- _____ will affect our prayer life.

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 3:10

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- _____ will affect our prayer life.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:23-24

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

B. Anger

- _____ will cause you to avoid Him.
- Anger can be a _____.
- Anger can be a result of feeling that _____.

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C. Silence

- We will avoid God because we sense _____.
- Silence from heaven feeds _____.

D. Self-sufficiency

- We avoid God because we feel that we can _____.
- We are _____.

E. Wrong Motives

- _____ will cause you to avoid God.

SCRIPTURE James 4:3

You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.