

## **Hindrances to Being a Fountain**

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### **I. Introduction.**

A. The people had a problem with sin, external religion, and a bad attitude. (Isaiah 58:1)

B. There are six things that will keep you from finishing the race.

### **II. Abundance of idleness. We need to be fervent in discipline. (Ezekiel 36:9, Proverbs 10:4)**

### **III. Busyness. (I Kings 29:40)**

A. Lazy people create the illusion of commitment by being busy.

B. We cannot be too busy to listen to Jesus. (Luke 10; 5:15-16; Acts 10)

### **IV. Prayerlessness. (Isaiah 64:7)**

A. We need to claim promises for our lives. (Galatians 3:29)

B. Many problems could be avoided in our lives by asking God.

### **V. Short-sightedness. (Hebrews 12:16, Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24)**

### **VI. Indecisiveness. (I Kings 18:21)**

A. We cannot have two masters.

B. We must decide whether Jesus is the Lord of our lives and whether the Scriptures are authoritative and sufficient.

### **VII. Unconfessed sin. (Judges 16:40)**

A. Sin has four steps: I saw, I coveted, I took, and I hid. (Joshua 4)

B. Sin begins with the mind's eye or physical eye.

### **Application questions:**

1. How is busyness a sign of laziness? Explain

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2. What things do you wish you had prayed more fervently for in hindsight? Explain.

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3. Spend some time praying to God for forgiveness in any unconfessed sin in your life.

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