

Hindrances

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus wants us to be a foundation for others.
- B. There are six things that will keep you from fulfilling our roles as foundations for others.

II. Laziness. (Ezekiel 16:49)

- A. This is abundance of idleness. (Proverbs 10:4; 13:4)
- B. We need to be fervent in discipline.

III. Busyness.

- A. Lazy people create the illusion of commitment by being busy.
- B. We cannot be too busy to listen to Jesus. (Luke 10)
- C. Jesus withdrew in pressure, and we need to learn to do the same. (Luke 5:15-16)

IV. Prayerlessness. (Isaiah 64:7)

- A. We have to stir up ourselves to take hold of the will of God.
- B. We need to claim promises for our lives. (Galatians 3:29)

V. 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. (Isaiah 6:8-9)

VI. Short-sightedness. (Hebrews 12:16, I John 1:9, Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24, II Timothy 4:10)

VII. Unconfessed sin. (Judges 16:40)

- A. Sin has four steps: I saw, I coveted, I took, and I hid. (Joshua 4; 7:20)
- B. Sin begins with the mind's eye or physical eye.

Application questions:

1. How is busyness a sign of laziness? Explain

2. In hindsight, for what things do you wish you had prayed more fervently? Explain.

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