

Enemies of Prayer

Part 4

1. Success, believe it or not,
can be an enemy of prayer.

Proverbs 30:8b - Give me neither
poverty or wealth; feed me with the
food I need.”

Who is satisfied with just enough?
Why would he want to just get by?

Proverbs 30:9 Otherwise, I might have too much and deny You, saying, “Who is the Lord?” or I might steal, profaning the name of my God.”

Rev. 3:14-15 I know your works, that
you are neither cold nor hot. I wish
that you were cold or hot.

Revelation 3:16 - So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:17 Because you say, 'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked,...

Revelation 3:18 -I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see.

Revelation 3:19, 20 - As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be committed and repent. Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him and he with Me.

2. The final enemy is living an ordinary life.

James 5:13-16 You know this passage, right? It's about the power of prayer. It calls us to prayer. So why don't we pray?

James 5:17 - Elijah was a man with a nature like ours
- **(he was an ordinary guy)** - yet he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.

James 5:16b The intense prayer of the righteous man is very powerful.

Isaiah 59:1, 2 - Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.