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**Transforming Daily**  
***“ . . . that your prayers may not be hindered . . . ”***  
*1 Peter 3:7*

To my knowledge there are only two conditions that will keep God from attending to one's prayers. One is being an unbeliever (John 9:31). As a matter of Scripture, the only prayer from the unbeliever that God will attend to is the prayer of repentance unto salvation (that does not mean that an unbeliever cannot or will not experience the grace of God irrespective of their relationship to Him). The second condition is implied here in the text when a believer does not dwell with understanding toward other believers. The specific application applies to believing husbands and wives, but verses 8-12 carries the implication to the inclusion of all believers.

The point is that our prayers can be hindered. So the next time you feel that God is not listening or moving according to your prayers, ask yourself if any of your relationships are out of fellowship due to your misconduct or lack of understanding toward them. A good indication that your prayers are being hindered will be a lack of desire on your part to want to pray in the first place or a strong sense of staleness in your supplications, petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving. To put it in one man's terms, "your prayers will feel like they are not even reaching the ceiling."

Right relationship to and fellowshiping with God and others is the key to open communication with both. The former being the most important, because if one is not rightly related to and in right fellowship with God, he or she can't be rightly related to and in right fellowship with anyone else no matter how the individual feels. The key is to live in submission and humility before God and in the presence of all believers.

Are your prayers reaching beyond the ceiling? Is your prayer life fresh and invigorating? Do you long to speak with God or do so just because you are told to? How is your relationship to and fellowship with God and others? It will make a difference in that your prayers may not be hindered.