

9/16/2018

## What Stops Prayer Short

(<https://www.harvest.org/devotions-and-blogs/daily-devotions/2018-09-13>)

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.—Psalm 139:23-24*

To pray and then to live in known sin is like hanging up the phone to Heaven. All the praying in the world won't help us if we are living in sin.

God said in Isaiah 59:1–2 (NKJV), “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Also, the psalmist said, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear [me]” (Psalm 66:18 NKJV).

For personal revival to take place in our lives, there must be repentance from all known sin. This includes not only the sins of commission (doing bad things), but sins of omission too.

You may say, “I’m living a clean life. I don’t lie. I don’t steal. I don’t get drunk. I’m faithful to my spouse.” God bless you for all of that. But you could be guilty of a sin of omission. The Bible says, “To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17 NKJV).

If the Lord is prompting you to share the gospel and you say no, if the Lord is asking you to share freely of your finances and invest in His kingdom and you flat out refuse, if the Lord is nudging you to pray more and you don’t want to, this can be a sin of omission.

God wants to change your life and forgive you of all your sins. Is there something you are doing that you know you should not be doing as a follower of Jesus? If so, you need to turn from it. You never will experience personal revival until you do.

## News and Notes

- Megan Rudy’s address: Aggie West Room #15 Box #1204, 404 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Curtis, NE 69025.
- The soup kitchen will be Friday 09/28 here at the building at 5:30. There are still many volunteer opportunities available.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email [prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org](mailto:prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org).

## Birthdays

Tim Rudy	09/03	Tom Goracke	09/09
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If your birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

## Those Serving

### 9/16/2018

Opening Prayer	Tim	Table: West	Gary
Song Leader	Tom	Center	Jay
Scripture Reader	Tim	East	Dan
Closing Prayer	Jonathan	Preacher:	Chris
Devotion:	Tom	Song Leader:	Shane

### Announcements: Tom

### 9/23/2018

Opening Prayer	Jay	Table: West	Tom
Song Leader	Chris	Center	Shane
Scripture Reader	Shane	East	Tim
Closing Prayer	Jeremy	Preacher:	Gary
Devotion:	Dan	Song Leader:	Jay

### Announcements: Chris