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Hinderances In Our Lives - Minister Myron Contee

List of some of the things that can hinder our growth

Distractions and desires (Proverbs 27:7)

- When our soul is filled with clutter, we tend to neglect the sweet intimate fellowship with our Lord.

SIN (Galatians 5:16)

- There are all kinds of sin. For example, there are sins both blatant and hidden, things like sexual immorality or unforgiveness, all of which hinder your prayers and relationship with God.

Negative thinking (Philippians 4:8)

- Thinking bad or negative of people or things. Looking at all situations from a view that voids out faith. Creating an atmosphere of I can do all through Christ Jesus.

Certain relationships (Psalms 1:1)

- Abraham and Lot were very close, yet as time went by conflict arose between them and their households. They both loved God, yet they were not able to live close together anymore.
- They were still family. They still loved one another, yet Abraham could not continue to develop into the Father of Faith while burdened with all of Lot's family drama.

Judgmental attitudes (Romans 2:1 / Matthew 7:1-5)

- This attitude can creep into our minds ever so subtly and can have deep roots. Once you start honestly looking for this in your own life, you will see it everywhere. For example, have you ever.

Unhealthy submission to religion (2 Corinthians 3:17)

- Our submission has to be to the spirit of God, not the church, not our friends, not the pastor but to God. Then He will have us submit to those in authority, those whom we should submit to.

Lack of desperation (Isaiah 64:1-2)

- Some continue to battle with the same issues since coming to the Lord 20-years later not realizing their desire or their desperation has not reached the level to stop doing it their way and allow God to do what He said He would. Matthew 11: 28-30

Lack of fervency (James 5:16)

- Our prayer life, we can't just pray, we need to have some zeal, some urgency, and some enthusiasm