



HINDRANCES TO MATURITY

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A primary aim of Satan is to keep believers as babes in Christ.

BABES IN CHRIST

- Cannot fulfill **Purpose**
- Cannot claim their **Inheritance**
- Cannot advance the **Kingdom agenda** or disrupt the works of **darkness**



A CLOUD OF WITNESSES



HINDRANCES

HINDRANCES FOR MATURITY

- **Unbelief** in God
- **Unforgiveness** of Self & Others
- **Unloving** to God



IS THIS YOU?

UNBELIEF IN GOD



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Rooted in doubt: Ignorance of God's **nature** and **power**

Without faith in who God **IS**, there will be little obedience

Hebrews 11:6 - Without faith, it is impossible to please God.

Whoever comes to Him, must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.



UNBELIEF IN GOD

Unbelief blocks access to all the promises and provisions of God.

James 1:6-7 - But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

See also: Exodus 19:5

UNFORGIVENESS OF SELF & OTHERS



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Insight: “But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins”. Matthew 6:15

It challenges & destroys the primary call to love one another.

It blocks our ability to live in freedom.

It limits our fellowship with God.

See also: Colossians 3:13



UNFORGIVENESS OF SELF & OTHERS

AFFECTS OUR ABIDING IN FAITH

John 15: 5-6 - I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.



UNFORGIVENESS OF SELF & OTHERS

AFFECTS OUR ABIDING IN FAITH

John 15: 10-12 - If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.



UNFORGIVENESS OF SELF & OTHERS

CAN BLOCK ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Mark 11:24-25 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”



UNFORGIVENESS OF SELF & OTHERS

CAN DEFILE YOU

Hebrews 12:15 - See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;



UNFORGIVENESS OF SELF & OTHERS

CAN GIVE SATAN ADVANTAGE OVER US

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 - Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

SOMEONE ONCE
DESCRIBED
UNFORGIVENESS AS
**THE POISON YOU
DRINK, HOPING THE
OTHER PERSON DIES.**

UNLOVING TO GOD

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DISOBEDIENCE - “if you love me, keep my commandments”
Jn 14:15

Growing spiritually, depends on a relationship with God in Christ.

Relationship with God is based on faith expressed by obedience.



UNLOVING TO GOD

Disobedience to the Word is a major hindrance to growth.

Love for God is shown by obedience to God - (1 John 5:3)

OVERCOMING HINDRANCES

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DO THE OPPOSITE

Unbelief: Believe from the knowledge & Word of God.

Unforgiveness: Forgiving as a choice of your will.

Unloving: Loving God by obeying the Word.

THANK YOU

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