

you ~~can~~ can continue for hour and hours and hours, but if you regard iniquity in your heart, the Lord will not hear you. That doesn't mean you have to be perfect to pray, No. No one of us can be perfect. But it does mean that you must regard ~~by~~ your heart to see what iniquity is there, and you must find the iniquity, and pray God to cleanse your heart. And you must be proceeding in the line of sanctification, or you cannot expect the Lord to ~~hear~~ hear your prayers. You take a water pipe, and you move into a new house, and you turn on the water pipe, and the water comes, and you have got plenty of water. But as time goes on, that gets clogged, and clogged, and clogged until just a little bit of water comes in. And it is necessary to clean out the pipe, or you get no supply of water. And every one of us has many pipes in ~~our~~ hearts, which are becoming ~~clogged~~ clogged and closed, and squeezed up, and we have to clean them up, and they will again start ~~to~~ to become closed, and clogged, and we must again clean them up. God gives us justification, once for all, but our sanctification is not merely a process of going forward and improving, there is constantly a going back and cleansing out that which has become clogged, and where we have fallen down in the progress we had formerly made. "If ~~I~~ regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

Now, there is much we can say about this. I wish we ~~could~~ could take an hour on it. I hope you will think a great deal about it. We will touch on it a little more in connection with two other aspects, but I do want to mention them. And the second is a lack of true understanding. Now, that is definitely related to this first. Yet there ~~is~~ is an element in it, which is not at first obvious. A lack of ~~true~~ true understanding. I would like to draw this particularly from I ~~xxx~~ Peter 3:7 which touches on one aspect of it. I Peter 3:7, "Likewise ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered." What does this say? It says that your prayers can be hindered by your relationships with other people. This is true, of course, of our