



Command 12

Part 1B

Power of 12 Curriculum Week 20



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Protecting Your Prayers

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Verse of the Week:

Psalm 66:18

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Sin separates us from God and **hinders** our prayers (it blocks the conversation).

Hinders – To cut off, to delay, to create difficulties for.

- To keep our prayers safe, we must live a blameless, **righteous** lifestyle.

Righteous – Very good, excellent, morally right.

- We must address ANY sin in our life with repentance.

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- When we pray, we must **forgive** others so that we may be forgiven.

Forgive– Stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw, or mistake.

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- **Doubt** hinders our prayers.

Doubt– To not believe, to question

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