

## Factors Affecting Prayer for the Sick

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## God's Goodness

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him” (Ps 103:13).

## God's Compassion

“Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him” (Matt 20:34).



## Sin in the Life

■ “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened” (Ps 66:18)



## Insensitivity to the Needs of Others

- “If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered” (Pro 21:13).

## Opposition to God’s Will

- “If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable” (Pro 28:9).

## Unwillingness to Listen to God

“When I called, they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen” (Zech 7:13).



## Asking Selfishly

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures” (Ja 4:3).



## Satan is the Prince of this World

- “Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out” (John 12:31).



## The Overlapping Kingdoms

- Jesus announced that the kingdom of God had arrived, but we experience that kingdom only partially.



## Satan is Responsible for Evil, Sickness, and Death

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour )1 Pe 5:8).

## We Receive Little because We ask for Little

“You do not have, because you do not ask” (Ja 4:2).

## Seeking Only Help from Doctors Shows a Lack of Trust in God

“In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was afflicted with a disease in his feet. Though his disease was severe, even in his illness he did not seek help from the Lord, but only from the physicians (2 Chron 16:12).

