

Barriers to Intimacy

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Gen 3:13 - *Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."* NIV

Four Questions

1. **Gen. 3:10** – Where are you? There is an *invitation* to intimacy.
2. **Gen. 3:11** – Who told you, you are naked? Who's your *source of information, knowledge and life*?
3. **Gen. 3:11** – Have you eaten from the tree? *Honesty or deceit and rebellion* are your *choice*.
4. **Gen. 3:13** – What is this "you" have done? Personal *responsibility* is required.

WORLDLY TEMPTATIONS

Gen 3:5-6 - *"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.* NIV

1 John 2:16 - *For everything in the world-the **cravings of sinful man**, the **lust of his eyes** and the **boasting of what he has and does**-comes not from the Father but from the world.* NIV

Lust of the Eyes

Matt 5:8 - *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.* NIV

Lust of the Flesh

Ps 24:3-4 - *Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.* NIV

Ps 26:6 - *I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD,* NIV

1 Tim 2:8 - *I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.* NIV

James 4:8 - *Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.* NIV

Hab 3:4 - *His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.* NIV

The Pride of Life

Psalms 22:3 - *Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.* NIV

SOME OF THE LEAVES WE HIDE BEHIND

1. Guilt and Shame

John 16:8-11 - *When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness*

and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. NIV

2. Hurts

3. Fears Of Authority And Rejection...Intimidating Fears

1 John 4:18 - *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. NIV*

4. Ignorance

Hos 4:6 - *my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children. NIV*

5. Self Imposed Ceilings And Barriers

6. Molds Or Yokes

2 Cor 10:2-6 - *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete. NIV*

KEYS TO RECEIVING FROM THE LORD

1. Rest Around The Ark

Sam 3:2-5 - *The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." NIV*

2. Love mercy

Mic 6:8 - *He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. NIV*

3. Pray in the Spirit

Jude 1:20 - *But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. NIV*

4. Learning and listening

Dan. 7:1-14 shows a vital principle of the prophetic.

5. Hold a secret

Amos 3:7 - *Surely the Lord God will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the*

prophets. AMP

6. Love the anointing

1 John 2:27 - *As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him. NIV*

7. Risk

2 Cor 5:7 - *We live by faith, not by sight. NIV*

The Capstone for the Prophetic Ministry

- 1. Intimacy with Jesus**
- 2. Communion with the father**
- 3. Loving the manifested presence of the Holy Spirit**