

# Sin of Prayerlessness

by Andrew Murray

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*The sin of prayerlessness leads to a weak sense of sin and a failure to hate sin as we ought, but we can overcome it by seeking a deeper understanding of sin and cultivating a constant nearness and power of the living Christ in our lives.*

**Scripture:** John 15:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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## Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes the grave consequences of prayerlessness, arguing that it weakens our awareness of sin and diminishes our ability to flee from it. He asserts that only through deep, consistent fellowship with God can we truly learn to hate sin as God desires. Murray highlights that understanding sin and appropriating Christ's victory requires a constant connection with the living Christ. He calls for believers to seek a deeper awareness of their sinfulness and to wait on God for the Spirit's transformative power. Ultimately, he encourages reliance on the promise that abiding in Christ leads to a life free from sin.

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## Transcript

What think you? Do you not begin to see that the sin of prayerlessness has had a more terrible effect than you at first supposed? It is because of this hasty and superficial converse with God that the sense of sin is so weak and that no motives have power to help you to hate and flee from sin as you ought. Nothing, nothing except the hidden, humble, constant fellowship with God can teach you, as a child of God, to hate sin as God wants you to hate it.

Nothing, nothing but the constant nearness and unceasing power of the living Christ can make it possible for you rightly to understand what sin is and to detest it.

And without this deeper understanding of sin, there will be no thought of appropriating the victory which is made possible for you in Christ Jesus, and will be wrought in you by the Spirit. O my God, cause me to know my sin and teaching me to tarry before thee and to wait on thee till thy Spirit causes something of thy holiness to rest upon me! O my God, cause me to know my sin, and let this drive me to listen to the promise: 'He that abideth in him sinneth not,' and to expect the fulfillment from Thee!

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