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Psalm 66:16-20

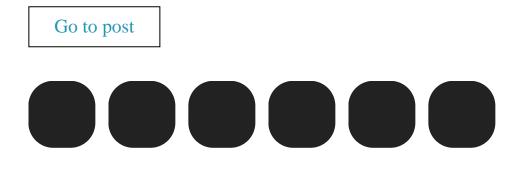
Our prayers reveal what fills our hearts. David understood this. After being confronted by Nathan regarding his sin, David pleaded to be cleansed and to receive a clean heart (Psalm 51:9-10).

When we allow unconfessed sin in our lives, God won't hear our prayers because it creates a barrier between us and Him. He's promised to forgive transgression once we admit our action is wrong and turn away from it (<u>1 John 1:9</u>). But if we only give lip service to our confession or refuse to change ungodly ways, we haven't truly repented.

Since we can't always discern what's hiding in our hearts, it's wise to pray as David did in <u>Psalm</u> <u>139:23-24</u>, "Search me, God, and know my heart; put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way."

Prayer is the communication link between us and our loving heavenly Father. Let's not allow anything to block our relationship with Him and hinder our prayers. Instead, we must confess and turn from all known sin so we can come to Him with a pure heart.

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