

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 1/27/08

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Psalm 24:1-6](#)

TITLE: “SEVEN HINDRANCES TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH”

INTRO:

1. It's a new year! How will you use it? C.O.T.W./ Aviation ministry...things _____ to a pilot...things useless to a Christian.
2. Things used by God: wooden stick, _____ and sling, donkey jawbone, a great fish, or _____ loaves and two fishes.
3. God can use anything in all circumstances, but what does He most want to use?

PROPOSITION: Consider seven things which are USELESS in God's Kingdom, in the ministry of His servants, and in the lives of His people. Outline main points credited to Marvin Owens/Lifeway Christian Resources.

I. THE UNREAD BIBLE.

- A. God's Word Is Full Of _____, [Romans 10:8-11](#) & [Hebrews 6:19-20](#).
- B. God's Word Is Full Of _____, [Psalm 119:89-93](#) & [John 15:14](#).
- C. Beware Hurry/Embrace Diligence.

II. THE UNUTTERED PRAYER.

- A. The Exhortation Of God, [James 4:1-3](#). Submissive * Unselfish * Persistent...
- B. The _____ Of Christ, [Matthew 26](#) & [John 17](#).

C. The Energy Of The Holy Spirit, [Romans 8:22-27](#).

III. THE UNFORGIVEN HURT.

A. Face The Reality: People Equal Problems.

B. Forgive The _____: Let It Go! [Matthew 18:22-35](#)
& [Ephesians 4:30-32](#).

IV. THE UNSOUGHT GUIDANCE, [Psalm 143:7-12](#).

A. Don't Lead Without His Guidance.

B. Don't _____ Without His Guidance.

C. Don't Witness Without His Guidance.

D. Don't Fellowship Without His Guidance.

E. Don't _____ Without His Guidance, [II Samuel 5:22-25](#).

V. THE UNDEVELOPED LIFE.

A. Are You Mired Or Maturing? [Ephesians 4:11-15](#).

B. Are You Failing Or _____? [II Peter 1:3-9](#).

VI. THE UNDELEGATED TASK, [Ephesians 4](#)

A. Moses Learned About Delegation.

B. Nehemiah Practiced Delegation.

C. _ Modeled Delegation.

VII. THE UNPERFORMED MINISTRY.

A. Dreaming And Talking Are Not The Same As
_____, [Hebrews 6:10-12](#).

B. Don't Procrastinate/Git 'Er Dun!

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you His child/Salvation?
2. How do you measure up to His standards of growth and fruitfulness?