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"So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us; we [as Christ's representatives] plead with you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God," (II Corinthians 5:20).

Effective Prayer by Jack and Judy Hartman

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Lesson Two: Chapters Four through Six

Chapter Four

God answers prayer. The ten verses in question number twenty-one reveal that God indeed answers prayer. There is no question about it.

1. Can you be certain that your Father wants to answer your prayer and that He is not looking at your faults and shortcomings when you come to Him in prayer? (James 1:5-page 47)
2. We have listed ten passages of Scripture that all have one magnificent Scriptural truth in common. What great spiritual truth do all of the following Scripture references teach? (Psalm 37:4; Proverbs 10:24; Matthew 7:7-8; Mark 11:24; John 14:14; John 15:7; John 16:23; John 16:24; I John 3:22-page 48-49)
3. Loving parents on earth want to give their children the desires of their hearts. Can you be certain that your heavenly Father also wants to give you the desires of your heart? (Matthew 7:9-11-page 50-51)

Chapter Five

4. What specific instruction does your Father give you in regard to your attitude whenever you approach His Word for Bible study, Scripture meditation, or any other reason? (Isaiah 66:2-page 54)
5. What attitude is God looking for from you so that you will learn what He is instructing you to do? (Proverbs 14:6, Psalm 25:7; Psalm 119:35-page 54-55)

6. What specific instructions does God give you that explain exactly how He wants you to study His Word? (II Timothy 2:15-page 55)
7. What specific instructions does God give you against following human tradition or doing what seems right to you as opposed to learning what His Word instructs you to do and faithfully obeying His instructions? (Proverbs 14:12-page 55)
8. Most Christians will say that they love God. What specifically has your Father instructed you to do to show that you truly do love Him? (I John 5:3; John 14:23; I John 3:22)
9. The Bible says that some prayers actually are revolting to God. What causes this to happen? (Proverbs 28:9-page 56-57)
10. What do some people do in regard to obeying God's instructions that makes them vulnerable to deception by Satan? (James 1:22-page 57)

Chapter Six

How can you hinder prayer?

- By not asking God
 - Ask God with a wrong motive or purpose
 - Ask for something that is ungodly
 - Pray with sin in your heart
11. What specifically do some people do that causes them to pray to God and fail to receive His answer to their prayers? (James 4:2-3-page 59)
 12. Why does sin in your life sometimes cause God not to listen to your prayers? (Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:2-page 59-60)
 13. If you know that you have sinned and you go to God with a humble and repentant heart, what will your Father do? (Psalm 139:23-24; I John 1:8-9; Hebrews 8:12-page 60)
 14. Your Father wants to answer your prayers even if you have sinned. All that He asks is for you to be repentant and ask forgiveness for your sins. How did Jesus explain this principle in the parable of the Prodigal Son? (Luke 15:18-24-page 61)
 15. What is the relationship between your unforgiveness of other people and the effectiveness of your prayer life? (Mark 11:25-26; Ephesians 4:31-32-page 61-62)
 16. What does the Bible say about the relationship between a husband and wife and the effectiveness of prayer? (I Peter 3:7-page 62)

