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for **MEN**

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A Note from Jim

It is my prayer that this practical book of exhortations and inspirational thoughts will help you remember that God is not looking for perfection. All He asks for is a man who is progressing in his desire to become a man after God's own heart.

Jim George

Waiting for God's Answers

When you think your prayers aren't being answered, you tend to get discouraged and cry out, "God, why aren't You helping me?"

Yet God has promised to answer your prayers: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). However, sometimes you don't see the answer for a while, or God may say no because He has a different—and better—plan.

So you are exhorted to ask. But your request must be...

- in faith (Matthew 21:22),
- without selfish motives (James 4:3), and
- according to the will of God (1 John 5:14-15).

Lord, I confess that I'm not good at waiting for Your answers to my prayers. But as I wait, I believe You will build my faith, purify my heart, and show me Your will. Thank You!

Always Ready to Listen

When you fail to pray, you end up feeling distant from God. And that, in turn, makes upi even more reluctant to pray.

No matter how distant you might feel from the Lord, God is always close by. He hasn't changed, moved, disappeared, or lost interest in you. So close the gap. Take a simple step toward God and talk to Him. The more you do this, the more comfortable you'll become communicating with Him. And the more you pray, the more opportunity you'll have to ask for His help for yourself and on behalf of others. And the more you ask, the more answers and guidance you'll receive. No matter what your situation, God is always ready to listen!

Father, thank You for always being near, always listening, and always caring. Help me to look to You in every situation and to never allow a gap to develop between us. Amen.

Too Busy to Pray?

Often when you fail to pray, you say it's because you're so busy. But in reality, it's not your schedule that keeps you from praying. It's your failure to realize the importance of prayer and *make* the time to pray.

And instead of relying upon the power of prayer in all that you do, you turn to your feeble wisdom and energy. You roll up your sleeves and get busy, turning to your own power instead of God's.

If your life is so busy you can't pray, have you ever considered it's because you haven't taken time to ask God for help with your priorities? Turn to Him, and He will give you the discernment that enables you to use your time well so that you are able to pray.

God, show me—what have I prioritized above my time with You? What have I depended on instead of You? Help me assess my priorities today and keep prayer at the top of the list. Amen.

When You Need Wisdom

Are you experiencing a difficult problem in your life right now? Are you at a crossroad with regard to a major decision? Are you struggling with issues you don't have answers for? If yes, hear this promise from your heavenly Father: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

God stands ready to give you wisdom. Remember, He is the source of it: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33). And when you don't understand what is happening, you need to wait, trust Him, and rest in His care. He is always faithful to His own.

Lord, I'll be the first to admit it—I need Your wisdom! Help me to wait on You and to put into practice the things You show me in Your Word. Amen.