

Edith Schaeffer's Thoughts on Prayer

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"So many times I have been reminded that we do not give anything up for the Lord, not really, because He repays us a hundredfold in this life; in the life to come, we cannot even imagine the surprises He has in store for us." 1

"Financial needs, spiritual needs, changed lives, wandering ones brought back, work unfolded and Workers blended together--all directly in answer to prayer alone. With Hudson Taylor we can say by experience that God is able to move man by prayer alone. What a glorious and all-powerful God we have--and One who makes and keeps promises. Let us study His promises more and search our hearts to see if we harbor any doubt in the place of trust." 2

"But, looking back, the wonder of it is the realization that God was answering prayer for direction, not with big supernatural signs, but quiet and definite leading....We have a Person to whom we may communicate, and our cries and requests do make a difference in history" 3

1. Edith Schaeffer, *With Love, Edith* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988), 137. Letter from Switzerland, February 28, 1950.
2. Edith Schaeffer, *Dear Family* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1989), 21. Letter from Switzerland, July 21, 1961.
3. Edith Schaeffer, *The Tapestry* (Waco: Word Books, 1981, 1984), 58, 126. The Schaeffers' autobiography.