

Three Ways To Obtain What We Desire

The word “wish” in its modern sense has little if any place in a Christian’s vocabulary. The word occurs rarely in the Christian Bible and when it does it seldom means more than to will or desire.

It is hard to conceive of anything more completely futile than wishing.

It is significant that wishing is done mostly by children and superstitious people.

When wishing is carried over into adult life it can become harmful.

The evil of the empty wish lies in the fact that the wisher is not adjusted to the will of their Creator God. They are allowing their desires to play over things that are entirely out of God’s will for them, and dreams of possessing what they know they should not have.

Just five minutes of this futile dreaming and they have lost the fine edge off their spiritual life.

Should this act of wishing ripen into a habit, their spiritual life may be seriously injured.

Such a person soon comes to substitute mere longing for hard work, and unless they correct this fault sharply they will degenerate into a spineless dreamer of empty dreams, [**Proverbs 13:4; Proverbs 21:25; Proverbs 26:14**].

Every desire should be brought to the test of God’s will, as found in His Word, the Christian Bible, and instantly dismissed if it fails that test.

However, if the desired object is legitimate and innocent, there are three ways by which it may be obtained, not to be confused with each other.

Work for what is desired, pray for what is desired and work and pray for what is desired.

Some things are altogether out of our sphere of possibility for us, and yet within God’s will for us.

Prayer is the immediate answer.

God desires that we should go to Him for any impossibilities when they are part of His eternal will for our highest good.

In such circumstances we should press our petition on Him with all the boldness of an obedient and trusting child.

Other things can be received by simple expedient hard work.

It is useless to ask God for something we could obtain with a bit of effort properly directed.

No instructed Christian will waste their time praying for things we can obtain within our own power.

To do so is to deceive ourselves and make a farce of the whole concept of prayer.

There are other desired objects that lay far enough out of our reach that it will take something supernatural to obtain them, yet near enough that we must also labour to obtain them.

It will probably be found that most desired objects fall into this third category, that will also bring us closer to our Creator God, [**2 Corinthians 6:1-2**].

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 [New King James] *“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? **I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building.”*

This is an example of us working with the Creator God in obtaining something we desire that is in the will of the Creator God.

This website follows this same example.

With the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit, these articles are written to be planted in your minds. We water the website by selected advertising, also guided by the Holy Spirit.

But any growth in those who access the site, numerally and spiritually, is totally in the desire and power of the Triune God; this part is completely outside of our reach.

Most, if not all, of God’s work among human beings follows this same path and is effective only in this united work of the Creator God and humble human beings.

Do not waste your life wishing, seek to accomplish what is God’s will for you personally – **Romans 12:1 is a good starting point.**