



Prayer and Wishes Chapter 9 (Careful)

Questions for discussion

1. Don't wait on a prayer or wish.

It's seems so wrong to say that. We should not go ahead of God. Why wish if we were doing it? Many successful people gamble on life. Some several times over. They have foresight, faith, belief, and guts. What they really think is that life is a fun game. Mixed within all this is wishing and praying. What do you think?

"Well that's why I'm writing this chapter here at the end. We have talked about prayer and wishes. A lot of ground has been covered. I believe both of these tools of hope are a good thing. To relay hope though prayer and wishes is positive. Yet, when we wait for them to come true, it's a growing concern. What happens when people do nothing in the mean time? Life does not wait for answered prayer. Tomorrow is not based on a fulfilled wish. In-between our prayer and wishes are life to be lived. Time to be spent. Be mindful of the time we have to spend." Chapter 9, p, 1

2. Give your prayer and wishes room to work.

We clear debt to do other things. We weed a garden to make room for the real plants to grow. What room have you given Prayer and wishes to flourish? What do you think?

"I just bet that Justin Bieber wished and prayed for his music to take off. Yet, he did not wait. He laid a path by posting his work. Give your prayer and wishes room to work. Patience is learned. Yet, persistence pays off sometimes. It's not about impatience and doing it yourself. It's about having hope and belief in the process. Just don't wait too long letting your heart grow weary. Certainly, wish and pray, but live life inspired by the process." Chapter 9, p, 3

3. Lay a path towards a prayer and wish.

Imagine planning a trip for Paris but studying London. Maybe you plan on working as a lawyer but go to school to be an accountant. We should wish and pray. We should have hope. What paths are you creating for prayer and wishes to succeed?

"One more story for good measure. I read about a guy who prayed for God's will in his life. He wanted to be a missionary. No doors to travel across the world were open to him. In a way he prayed for two things. Secretly he had also wished to be a doctor. Since there seemed to be no missionary avenues open he chose to go to medical school instead. Yet, his heart never left a yearning for mission. Through school he became a paramedic. One day there was an opportunity to be a doctor in the mission field in Africa. Of course, he went joyfully. Sometimes both prayer and wishes come true at the same time, yet he laid a path towards them." Chapter 9, p,7

4. Chase life in the mean time.

Life is always moving. You cannot catch a break. We cannot catch time. Time waits for no one. Yet, life is a race to be won. We have to run to win. Life is winning, are you?



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“At 33 years old, I was done. Is that all there was in life? Then divorce found me. The end result was a man standing in front of a mirror lost. Who was I? Why had my wishes not come true? Was life over? Then it hit me. Never again! Never again will I spend another year hoping, wishing, and just dreaming. I will do something amazing every year. I started praying for a roller coaster life. It’s what I’ve lived for about 20 years. It’s been nuts.” Chapter 9, p, 9

5. Use what you have

We have been given tools to use in life. We have prayer. People have hope in God. Some people wish for great things to happen. You also have legs, arms. And ambition. Use them.

“I want stuff now! I feel time is like a puzzle. There are so many pieces. My wife found a piece she was missing months later. She had already moved on. I have never really heard of having too many pieces. It’s slow, methodical, and calculated. How do you approach a puzzle? It takes time. We try and make pieces fit. Just use what is given. My wife can’t go back and put the piece in. That puzzle is gone. She can’t use it in a new puzzle either. Just use what you have.” Chapter 9, p, 10

6. Prayer and wishes practice a way through.

Think about it? We think of ways to win life’s race. Sometimes we pray for direction. Other times we wish to succeed. When we use these things, we are practicing the answer. Think about it.

“I feel that prayer and wishes are a way through or around things. Time can take us through the answers we seek. Yet, at times, we just need to get by them. The “why” just might be buried in the past. We will never know. That’s why fearing things is so silly. Be single forever? Who says. Fear of a plane crash so you don’t fly? Who says? Will you really live life in a box just because of fear or failure. Will you hide and be pessimistic because there is no answer. Life means your living. Don’t be the walking dead just existing. Practice living!” Chapter 8, p, 12