

A Dream of Wants

A boy once said to God in a dream, "I've been thinking, and I know what I want when I become a man." He proceeded to give God his list: to live in a big house with two Saint Bernards and a garden, marry a blue-eyed, tall, beautiful woman, have three sons – one who will be a senator, one a scientist and one a quarterback. He also wanted to be an adventurer who climbed tall mountains ... and to drive a red Ferrari.

As it turned out, the boy hurt his knee one day while playing football. He no longer could climb trees, much less mountains. He married a beautiful and kind woman, who was short with brown eyes. Because of his business, he lived in a city apartment, took cabs and rode subways. He had three loving daughters, and they adopted a fluffy cat. One daughter became a nurse, another an artist, and the third a music teacher.

One morning, the man awoke and remembered his boyhood dream. He became extremely depressed, so much so that he became very ill. Close to death from a broken heart, he called out to God. "Remember when I was a boy and told You all the things I wanted? Why didn't You give me those things?"

"I could have," said God, "but I wanted to make you happy."

Are you living out what you thought you ought to have? Just count your blessings. Remember, God wants the best for us. Trust Him with your whole heart.

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