

A Hot Pink Bicycle

A little girl desperately wanted a new bicycle. She had been playing with a neighbor girl who had a new bicycle, and more than anything, she wanted to trade in her “baby bike” for a real “big girl” model like the one her friend rode.

When she asked her parents for a new one, they both said, “Wait until your birthday.”

Two weeks later, the little girl saw a picture of a bicycle in the newspaper. She stared at it in awe. The ad read, “Three speeds. Gear shifts. Light and easy to handle. Hand brakes. In many colors. The works!”

She asked her parents if they might visit the store where the bike was sold and they agreed. To her delight, she found the bicycle came in hot pink!

“But don’t you want a bike just like your friend has?” Mom asked with a smile. “No way,” the little girl replied. “I’ve got something better in mind!”

Like that little girl, we can look back with thanksgiving that God did not answer certain prayers. His answer reflected something better that we hadn’t known about, or thought to request.



Praying “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done” need never be a prayer of passivity. Instead, it can be a powerful prayer of submission and faith. We want God’s best, but at the same time, we recognize that only He knows what that may be.

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