

Expecting Enough?

A poor young artist called her aunt one day to let her know that she was leaving on a trip to try to sell her wood carvings of sea birds to the owner of a gift shop at a fashionable resort. She asked her aunt to pray that her venture would be successful. Her aunt assured her that she would pray for the largest order she had ever received.

That evening, the young artist called her aunt back. With great exuberance, she told her aunt what had happened. Not only had the gift-shop owner purchased all of her carvings, but the owner of a chain of gift shops had ordered as many carvings as she could make. She was filled with wonder at how abundantly God had answered prayer. "Now," she said to her aunt, "pray that I can fill his order!"

Her aunt wisely replied, "The Lord doesn't open a door for us unless He expects us to walk through it successfully. When you pray for rain, don't be surprised when you get a cloudburst."

As you go about your duties in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home today, are you praying for God to meet a need in your life? Are you expecting a bare-minimum, meager-but-satisfactory answer? Or are you expecting an abundant, more-than-enough supply? Our God is a generous Giver!

After all, prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His highest willingness.

--Beecher Hunter