The Search for Luck

What is luck? Many people hope for good fortune, or "luck." And they search for it in a variety of places.

"I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it," said Stephen Leacock, Canadian author and economist.

Luck is seldom the fickle lady she is often pictured as being. She is more apt to bestow her favors on the deserving than the undeserving. She is especially apt to smile on people who have developed a consuming interest in their work.

As an example, consider Alexander Graham Bell's wife. She was practically deaf. For months, he worked passionately to invent a workable hearing aid for her. Just as it seemed he had failed, his work led to the discovery of the principles for the telephone.

Luck had smiled – but on a very deserving, hard-working, dedicated man.

--Beecher Hunter