

Think Twice About Second Choices

Seeking your dreams is vital but hard – you pay a price. But the price of letting them go may be higher. Consider this:

A woman who aspired to be a singer settled for her fallback career choice and attended medical school. She became a skilled, conscientious – if not inspired – doctor. Now she regrets the lack of music in her life and often sings quietly as she treats her patients.

By accepting that medical-school admission, the doctor kept another young woman from attending. That woman was left with her second choice and attended law school rather than medical school. She became a competent – if not enthusiastic – attorney while dreaming of what she could have done as a doctor.

By accepting the law-school admission, the lawyer kept a young man from becoming an attorney. He went into business – his second choice – where he's productive but not a leader. He wants more for his daughter. He points to their doctor as a role model, who often sings as she treats patients; she seems so fulfilled.

Of course, holding on to your dreams won't always make you happy – or clear the way for others to reach their dreams.

But it might be worth a try, mightn't it?

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter

