

The Old-Fashioned Doll

When Danielle was young, she lived in a city where she could go to Christian Science Sunday school every Sunday. Now she lived in a town where there wasn't a Christian Science church. Therefore she and her mother would study the Lesson-Sermon that was in the Quarterly at home. They knew that nothing could take away their right to learn about God. They were very grateful for the Bible and *Science and Health* that brought them the truth about God and his love for them.



Danielle wanted to own a real old-fashioned doll for as long as she could remember. The only way to get such a doll was to buy one from a doll collector. The price of even a tiny one was more than they could pay. Although Danielle understood why she could not get one, she still cried with disappointment for she wanted a doll very much.

Mother told Danielle that it was time for her to learn to trust God with her desire for a doll. She needed to try to stop thinking about a doll, and instead desire only to have what was right for her. She needed to be willing to trust God, good. God is Love. He provides His children with everything that makes them happy.

Danielle stopped crying and said she would begin to pray with these truths. Before Mother turned out the light, she said that she was going to pray, too. She said that she was going to be guided to do whatever God wanted her to do.

A few days later, Mother was at a dinner party with friends. She mentioned to some of the guests that she had been thinking about how she could possibly buy an old-fashioned doll for Danielle. It was then that one of the guests said that she had a fifty year-old doll up in her attic, and she would be most happy to give it to Danielle. None of her grandchildren had any interest in it. Mother thanked the woman and said that she would be very happy to take the doll for Danielle.

The next day, Mother went to get the doll. She was so excited to see that it was lovelier than any she had looked at before. It was exactly what Danielle wanted. Mother told the friend that she felt this had certainly been the direct answer to the prayers she and Danielle had been praying—to be willing to let God guide them to whatever was right for them. The friend said that she was so happy and grateful that she was able to share this doll with someone who would love and treasure it.

When Mother took the doll home, Danielle could not believe how beautiful it was. She and Mother talked about how things had worked out in a way that they had never expected. They were so thankful that they had put themselves completely in God's hands.

S&H 1: 10-12 "Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be molded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds."

Matthew 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."