

The New Piano

Singing was one of the things that Wendy liked to do best. She would sing with her friends when they went hiking in the mountains and she would sing along with the radio when it played a song that she knew.

It was a very happy day for Wendy when a big truck pulled up in front of her house and the men lifted out a huge wooden box. This was the day that the beautiful new piano was to arrive. Wendy couldn't wait for it to be moved into the living room so she could make music on it. She had wanted a piano for many years.

The first weeks with the piano were exciting. It was fun getting to know her new piano teacher. It was fun to play little tunes for her friends. And she really liked to listen to the music that Mother and Dad made on the piano. But after a few months, Wendy practiced on the piano less and less; in fact, some days she totally forgot about the beautiful piano. When mother would remind her to practice, Wendy would make a grumpy face and say that she was sorry that she forgot.

Wendy knew that error was making her not practice. She wanted to practice and she certainly could see that learning to play the piano was a blessing for her. Her dad told her that Mrs. Eddy talked about practice in *Science and Health*. She also told us that we need to improve the talents that God gives us. Playing the piano was a really special talent to have. But if we always ask God to forgive us when we don't do something, then we may start thinking that we can get out of doing things by always asking God to forgive us. Wendy realized that she needed to appreciate her God-given talent for playing the piano and stop listening to the error that told her not to practice.

And do you know what? After Wendy began to know the truth and stopped listening to the error about practicing, she never again said that she was sorry that she didn't practice. Instead, she really loved practicing, and she found that she was getting better at her piano playing everyday.

She got so good at the music that she wrote a little song about singing in the mountains and how the mountains sang back. She also surprised her family by learning to play one of the hymns from the Christian Science Hymnal. Everyone stood around the piano and sang the hymn while Wendy played beautifully on her lovely piano.



S&H 6: "The talents He gives we must improve. Calling on Him to forgive our work badly done or left undone, implies the vain supposition that we have nothing to do but to ask pardon, and that afterwards we shall be free to repeat the offence."

Isaiah: 55:12 "Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."