

Trusting is Better Than Wishing

David wanted a dog. He wanted a dog so much that the first thing he did every evening when the newspaper came, was to lay it out on the floor and look through all the ads under "Pets for Sale."

David wanted a small dog because they had a small house and a big dog would not have been happy there. There were ads for small dogs, but the little dogs were so expensive that his family could not afford to pay that much.

One day, David was telling his mother how much he wished he had a dog and how unhappy he was that he couldn't have one. Mother quietly asked God to show her how to help David. She knew that wishing, wanting, and unhappy thoughts do not come from God, so they are error. These error thoughts were trying to make David believe that God was not present with him, and that He wasn't giving him everything good. Mother shared these thoughts with David so he could see that error was telling him lies. David said that he would stop listening to error's lies, and instead he would trust that God would give him all good things.

David had an idea. "You know, Mom, I could start earning money for my dog by doing extra chores for you." Mother said that was a great idea. It was better for David to begin working for money to buy a dog instead of sitting around wishing he had one, and being unhappy that he didn't.

Mother had a couple of chores David could begin right away. He felt really good inside when he was doing them because he was working things out in the right way.

That evening, his mother wrote a letter to some friends. In the letter, she told them how much David wanted a dog. In a few days, when an answer came back from the friends, it contained some good news. They had been praying to know that God was caring for their little Pomeranian. They could not take her with them to their new home that was far away across the ocean. Now their prayer had been answered! They knew David would take good care of her. They wanted to give her to David for his very own.

David was so happy and thankful that he had turned to God for an answer to his need to have a dog. God had blessed the people giving the dog, and also David was blessed to get the dog. David knew that working and loving—not wishing and wanting—is the prayer that brings results.



Luke 12:32 "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."