

## What Do You Want Of Me?

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Surely every child reared by parents has entertained such questions as these: "What do you want of me?" or "What do you expect of me?" or "What will it take on my part to please you?" And the first answer ought NOT to be any of these: "I want you to make the top grades in your class," or "I want you to receive a fine education," or "I want you to be successful," or "I want you to prosper financially," or "I want you to make your mark among men," or, even, "I want you to be like me." But it should rather be something like this: "I want you to be honest, just, compassionate and responsible," or "I want you to make the world a better place," or "I want you to be morally pure and upright," or "I want you to be a person with character and integrity," or "I want you to be happy and to promote the happiness of others around you," or, what includes all of the preceding and more, "I simply want you to become and then be a Christian for the rest of your life." A shorter way of saying that is this, "I want you to go to heaven." Parents, children, are you listening?

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