

What I Wish For My Girls

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Another Perspective

Every father wants the best for his children. I have two lovely daughters, and I love them dearly. Here are some things that I wish for them:

I wish them to be friendless – **IF** friendship with the world leads to the loss of their soul (**1 Corinthians 15:33**). Godly, moral friends are a wonderful thing, but the wrong friends will pull one to their side in the pursuit of sin (**Proverbs 1:10-16**).

I wish for them to be poor – **IF** they cannot resist the love of money, and it leads them to sin (**1 Timothy 6:10**). Money is not inherently wrong, and financial security from a well-managed life is a good thing; but wealth for wealth's sake can foster materialism. My daughters can go to heaven if they are poor, but they will be lost if they love the world and the things in it (**1 John 2:15-16**).

I wish for them to be unfashionable – **IF** to be fashionable means that they dress like the world (**1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4**). Nothing is so beautiful as a modestly dressed girl who displays a gentle and quiet spirit. And nothing is as repulsive as a gaudy girl who chooses the attire of a harlot (**Proverbs 7:10**).

I wish for them a single life – **IF** they think it is necessary to marry a man who will lead them away from the Lord. I pray that my girls will marry godly men who want to love them as Christ loved the church, and who want to be the head of the house, leading my daughters and their children to the Lord (**Ephesians 5:22-29, 6:4**). But I would rather them live a single life than to choose a hateful, unfaithful, undisciplined man who will not lead the home.

My list may seem strange, but it is not. What I want is for my daughters to have good friends, to be secure, to be pretty, and to be married. But I want them to go to heaven more.

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