



Title: Noble Plans

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“May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. May He remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests” (Psalm 20:1-5).

What a great prayer! It covers it all, doesn't it? Protection, help in time of need, to remember the sacrifices we've made, give us the desire of our heart and make our plans succeed; He calls that victory. It's victory of the best kind!

“May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.” What is the desire of your heart; what are your plans? This is a wide open blessing, not even limited by impossibility, offered up to the God through whom all things are possible. What desire is worthy of that? “Lord, I always wanted a Corvette,” seems small here, doesn't it? Solomon was offered this—a blank check of blessing. He could have asked for wealth and power—what so many men equate with having it all—but, he asked instead for wisdom. That was something even wealth and power could not provide. He asked for something only God could give. What is the God-worthy desire of your heart? What is something only He can do? That your sons and daughters would walk humbly before God, that their feet would be firmly placed on the path God has planned for them, that they would be everything they were created to be? Now, that's God-worthy. That your marriage would be strong and the days you get to spend with your wife would be blessed with happiness? Such desires are worthy to be expressed to God because only He can grant them.

So, what plans are God-worthy? In Isaiah it is written, “The noble make noble plans and by noble deeds they stand” (Isaiah 32:8). Seeing that your family is provided for is a noble plan. Seeing that they fear God and walk in His ways is a noble plan. To remain faithful to your family and to God all of your days is a noble plan.

God's grace is extended to us freely by His will; yet, there is a thought included in this prayer of blessing that we should not ignore: “May He remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.” What sacrifices have you made; what offerings have you given? Are they God-worthy? His blessings to us—His desires to bless us—aren't tied to anything we can give Him. He just simply loves us. So, maybe, the most noble plan or God-worthy desire is for us to live a life of gratitude.

Men, God has a blank check of blessing with our name on it. What God-worthy amount will you write in?