

“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?”
- ✓ “What do you expect of me?”
- ✓ “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.”
- ✓ “I want you to receive a fine education.”
- ✓ “I want you to be successful.”
- ✓ “I want you to prosper financially.”
- ✓ “I want you to make your mark among men.”
- “I want you to be like me.”

But it should be something like this:

- ✓ “I want you to be honest, just, compassionate and responsible.”
- ✓ “I want you to make the world a better place.”
- ✓ “I want you to be morally pure and upright.”
- ✓ “I want you to be a person with character and integrity.”
- ✓ “I want you to be happy and to promote the happiness of others around you.”

What includes all of the preceding and more would be this: **“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, are you listening?

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