READ 1 KINGS 21:4

Have you ever wanted something someone else had so badly that you missed out on meals, sulked, and pouted because you couldn't stop thinking about it? It's easy to look at someone else and think they have a perfect life or everything you've ever wanted, but that's never the whole story. And what does focusing on that get you anyway?

What is something you've been wanting for a long time that someone else has?

What is something YOU have that you know someone else wants?

Instead of focusing on what you want, think of how you can help your friend get their wish. What can you do to help them?

When you think about and try to help someone else, how does it make you feel? Hopefully happy! And when you're happy for someone else, you can't be sad about what you don't have!

THANK God for all He HAS given you.



MY NEW Wish List!

DAY 2

READ 1 TIMOTHY 6:9-10

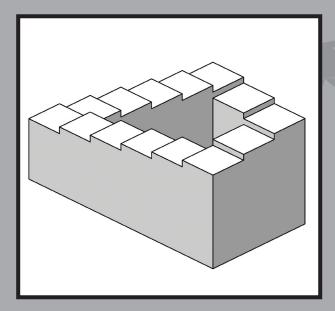
When do we make lists of all the things we want?

At the very least, you probably make a wish list at Christmas and before your birthday, right? And sometimes you might make a list of things you'll buy with your allowance or when you save enough money. There's nothing wrong with making a list, but sometimes focusing on what we want all the time keeps us from being content with what we have already.

Make a new wish list. This time make it a list of wishes you have for those around you. Maybe you know your mom really needs a new car because hers keep breaking down. Or maybe your brother really wants to make the football team. Make your list, then hang it somewhere you'll see it often, and use it as a way to pray for and focus on others.

ASK God to help you see what others need instead of what they have.





READ JAMES 4:2

Wanting something you can't have can send you in circles: you want what's not yours, so you try to take it, but you end up in trouble, which means you certainly won't get what you want. It's like you're stuck in an endless staircase.

Using a pen or even just your finger, trace along the stairs and figure out how you'd get to the top. You never can, right? It's the same way with some of our wants. The more we try to take what we want—to get to the top—the more likely we are to actually be heading to the bottom. Instead, we need to turn our desires—what we want—over to God. We can pray and ask Him to give us the right desires—ones that line up with what's best for us.

LOOK to God to fill all your desires and dreams!

DAY 4

READ PROVERBS 28:25

Have you ever watched little preschoolers playing? When they want a toy, what do they do? They just take it! And before you know it, an all-out war has broken out or there's lots of loud crying over a ball or a stuffed animal.

Maybe that's what we look like to God when we want each other's stuff and get into arguments and even end friendships because we're jealous. We probably look like little kids fighting over a silly toy. Instead, God wants us to trust Him with our needs and wants.

Then instead of spending our time fighting with others, we can spend our

time focused on things that really matter!

Make a caution sign out of construction paper and tape it to your favorite toy. All week long, when you see the caution sign, use it as a reminder to trust God to meet your needs instead of fighting over things you want.

KNOW that God has promised to meet your needs!



