

The Expectation Dilemma:
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For years I was taught to "expect a miracle". Creating an expectancy of great things also contributed toward developing a positive mental attitude. And, frankly, I achieved great results following this advice. And, then a few years ago I stumbled upon a new message, (which I thought was new) and found it to be somewhat conflicting, which was the idea of "detaching oneself from the outcome". I questioned this philosophy: "Wait a minute? If I expect the best, or expect a miracle, how do I also detach myself from the outcome?"

At first it seemed like a bit of a paradox to me. Confusion (almost always) leads me to gain clarity, so I sought answers to what I considered to be an "expectation dilemma". What I discovered is this: both statements "expect a miracle" and "detach yourself from the outcome" are essential valid and actually supportive of each other.

Expecting a miracle is building an important success-required muscle called faith. With faith all things are possible. We assume a "miracle" is something of divine intervention, which it likely is, but do you suppose for a moment that you may be the trigger for the divine intervention to begin it's "magic"? You can't light a fire unless you ignite a spark. Expecting a miracle is igniting the spark. After you've ignited your desire, you can then "detach yourself from the outcome" and let the Divinity of the Universe take over and your desire will fan into flame.

We do not always know precisely what the end result will be, and for that reason, we detach ourselves from the outcome.

In the latest issue of the Achieve Your Goals newsletter I spoke of an Author by the name of Florence Scovel Shinn. Because I thoroughly enjoyed her book, *The Power of The Spoken Word*, I decided to purchase every other book she had written. Her books are filled with pages and pages of wisdom. I encourage you to get her book(s) and devour every priceless syllable. (I've provided a direct link to Amazon.com and Florence's work at the bottom of this article). Here's a short story from Florence's classic book "The Game of Life" that relates to positive expectations:

"A woman found it necessary to look for an apartment during the year when there was a great shortage of apartments in New York. It was considered almost an impossibility, and her friends were sorry for her and said, "Isn't it too bad, you'll have to store your furniture and live in a hotel." She replied, "You needn't feel sorry for me, I'm a superman, and I'll get an apartment."

She spoke the words: "Infinite Spirit, open the way for the right apartment." She knew there was a supply for every demand, and that she was "unconditioned," working on the spiritual plane, and that "one with God is a majority."

She had contemplated buying new blankets, and she "the tempter", the adverse thought or reasoning mind, suggested, "Don't buy the blankets, perhaps after all, you won't get an apartment and you will have no use for them." She promptly replied (to herself): "I'll dig my ditches by buying the blankets!" So she prepared for the apartment -- acted as though she already had it.

She found one in a miraculous way, and it was given to her although there were over two hundred other applicants.

The blankets showed active faith.

Florence goes on to say....

Getting into the spiritual swing of this is no easy matter for the average person. The adverse thoughts of doubt and fear surge from the subconscious. They are the "army of the aliens" which must be put to flight. (end of excerpt)

So, you see, creating an attitude of positive expectancy creates miraculous results. But, as a word of caution, don't get caught up or attached to a specific result, and lose sight of the reality that there is still Divine Intervention. Florence Scovel Shinn teaches the skill of using the power of word to ask for what you want and include the words "by Divine Right" in your goal statements. If your goal outcome is not by Divine Right (some call this God's Will), you may realize an equal or greater result or another result that is for your greater good.

Dr. Wayne Dyer sums it up extremely well with one of his laws of success with this one line: "Be open to everything and not attached to anything."

(Amazon.com's link to view Florence Scovel Shinn's books is:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/search-handle-form/104-1374670-7219116>)

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