



PRAYER LIFE | The Eggs Expedition

1. Spend several days thinking about your hopes and dreams for yourself, your family, and your church.
2. List them on a piece of paper and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to eliminate any selfish requests that are not according to God's will.
3. Now write each prayer on a piece of paper and cut it into the shape of an egg to symbolize your willingness to let God "hatch" it out in His own time.
4. Hide the prayers away in a safe place, showing your trust in God to do whatever He thinks is best with those prayers when the time is right.
5. Take them out after several months or years. You will be amazed at how God has been working for you!
6. Consider those prayers that have not yet been "hatched." Are they still a deep desire of your heart? Then put them back and wait. Evidently, God's timing has not yet come.
7. Make a nest of eggs, one for each member of your family. Write the name of a loved one on each egg. Under the name, write one desire you have for that person. Turn over the egg and write a promise that you are claiming for that person. Put your eggs prayers away and let them hatch.
8. Make a nest of goals for yourself. What kind of person would you like to be? What would you like to accomplish for God? Write one goal or dream on each egg. On the back of the egg, write a promise that you are claiming for yourself. Put your eggs goals away and let God hatch them in His own time.
9. Do a Bible word study on the word wait. Using a concordance, make a list of Bible verses in which wait or waiting is used. Read one each day. Read it in several versions. What does that verse have to say to you about your eggs prayers? Write down the thoughts that come to you.
10. Divide a sheet of paper into three columns. In the first column, write the name of a Bible character who had to wait for an answer to his or her prayer. In the second column, list the request that was made. In the third column, put the length of time between the asking and the receiving.

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