

## Transform Your Wishes

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"If Wishes were Horses, Beggars would Ride." That begins the English proverb and nursery rhyme. I thought it odd then, as I do now. For wishes tend to be unrealistic dreams; maturity requires more. And in youth, through family, state, religion in some proportions, the child learns to build a plan on those wishes.

Education, employment, marital status, material possessions, can only come to those who take those steps to transform their wishes into things the individual can put their hands on, measure, enjoy, manipulate, fertilize, maybe use to peek into the unknowable.

Wishing to have a graduate degree, happy marriage, success, wealth, does not begin to turn these 'pie-in-the-sky' goals into realities. They are certainly reasonable, achievable to everyone, must be made concrete in the day-to-day dedication to some tangible goal.

It is the wise, maybe miraculously fortunate, individual who traversed a life-time of useful employment and never had to make any change.

So this advice to the young: Learn to work and study at the same time, all the days of your life, for the forks in the road to success can be as varied as the snowflakes that fall; yet each fork has the same appearance.

We each did not "wish" our way here to the Windsor Gardens today.