

Getting What You Expect

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Someone very wise once said, "You don't get what you deserve, you get what you expect. Think about it. If people truly got what they deserved then bad things wouldn't happen to good people and rich men wouldn't get away with murder."

That same person also said, "You've got to believe it before you can see it."

And I said, "Pardon me, but don't you have that backwards? Don't you mean, you've got to see it before you can believe it?"

"No," he said, "if you can't envision something, it can't happen for you. Conversely, if you *expect* good things to happen, then you're far more likely to achieve your goal. Every possibility in the world is already out there waiting for you, but you have to first envision it and embrace it and then claim it as your own. You could be walking through an orchard overflowing with ripened fruit, free for the picking, but if you don't see the fruit, if you believe you have no right to take the fruit, or if you are unaware that the fruit is edible, you could very well pass it by and go hungry. You have as much right to receive your good as anyone else on the planet, and your ability to achieve it is only limited by your own acceptance and expectation.

Those individuals who attain fame and fortune, fulfilling careers or true love, do so in large part because they expect it. Their thoughts, their plans, the people and things they are attracted to, the job opportunities they pursue, are all in alignment with their achieving that ultimate success. They are no more deserving than you are, they simply have a clear vision of where they are going and what they expect to achieve.

So, my dear, I would ask you, 'Where are you going? What are your goals? What is it you wish to achieve?'"

"Ah," I said, "that is the sticking point, isn't it? If only I knew, perhaps I would have already arrived."