

On February 22nd, 2009 and thereabouts, I prayed for two weeks about anything and everything, and concluded with prayers on 8 specific topics of my life and asked God to answer my prayers. These are the one year results:

God greatly improved my understanding of Him, His character, and how the spiritual world works. God brought me through many trials that led me to have a deeper faith in Him. My ability to pray, empathize, and relate to others showed vast improvement. God blessed Etoonin' by putting me on a six month cartooning streak that many people enjoyed. God improved my writing / graphical abilities. God changed my viewpoint about distributing Etoonin' so that I will not periodically destroy the Etoonin' mailing list. God led me to a career path that I remain committed to, Graphic Design, believing this the best way to a new career and prosperity that I could find. God sustained me through part-time employment as I worked through issues of career planning. Financially, God sustained me through very difficult, lean times while giving me the ability to formulate a spending plan and plan ahead. God gave me a financial mentor that I trust to work with. Through the process of obtaining wisdom, God led me to the decision to reduce housing costs by selling my condo. While I can not vouch that this plan is the final plan, I do feel comfortable selling and trying to establish a rental situation with other Christian men. God guided my health and helped me give up sugar for 4 months and lose 25 lbs. While I later regained that amount, the ability to give up sugar was a monumental turning point. I gave up drinking soda of any kind and replaced that with water intake. I took a marked interest in eating fruit while giving up sugar, and started eating more vegetables. I started eating more protein, especially chickens. I prayed regarding Bipolar Disorder too, and God led me to define strong boundaries for myself about what it constitutes to be sick. These boundaries rest in place so that I need not feel guilty about my illness nor feel like I should do more when I'm sick. He also led me to believe that anxiety is a condition caused by demonic activity and not specific fearful events in my life. This reframes the solution to getting rid of the demons rather than endlessly regurgitating each situation that causes me anxiety. Saving the best topic for last, I prayed about marriage. I asked God to bless me whatever my lot, and He has helped me to understand my path regarding marriage. First I came to realize that some of my strong misconceptions about women must be dropped in favor of observing women for who they really are. I also came to seek wisdom in selecting a wife, and realized that it is not as easy as falling in love with the first woman I see. It requires examining her character, personality, dreams, goals and other pertinent details, beyond just emotions, to determine compatibility and who is a good fit to be my wife. This has been one year out of my thirteen year walk with God, those were my prayers and this is how God answered.

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