

Be Reasonable in Your Expectations

Father advised us to be pragmatic in the evaluation of our decision-making, but it also applies to our self-evaluation.¹ ‘Pragmatic’ means “dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations”².

Another way we use the term ‘pragmatic’ in our conversational speech is to say, “be reasonable”. This means that we make sensible choices or do things sensibly, taking into account our abilities and the circumstances we are in. ‘Sensible’ and ‘reasonable’ are also words that are applicable to the expectations we put on ourselves, as well as the decisions we need to make.

Father gave us some very sound advice on those things because we tend to be too hard on ourselves. He’s advised us to ‘go easy’ on ourselves in the past,³ but are we listening to him and working with his ‘easy yoke’ and ‘light burdens’? Or, are we unduly putting religious and legalistic pressures on ourselves which aren’t warranted.

Father said:

*“You are once again cautioned to simplify and fortify. Do what you can to make life easier and less complicated. Evaluate what you need to do as opposed to what you would like to do, and **be reasonable in your expectations** by considering your limitations mentally, emotionally, and physically. Remember that condemnation is your enemy.”⁴*

To be reasonable in our expectations, we need to be reasonable with ourselves by dealing with issues that need to be resolved, rather than letting them get out of hand. Orderliness in personal affairs is definitely a virtue for sons.

Father said:

*““This is a time to **deal with issues that need to be resolved**. You will be able to find ways to put in order that which has been out of order or in need of correction. You will have a tendency to project out and try to anticipate the outcome, but it would be good for you to settle down and trust Me for the results. I will not let you down,” says the Lord.”⁵*

Notice how simple and non-legalistic Father is in his expectations of us.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – “Be Pragmatic in Your Evaluations of Yourself” (22-6-2025)

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