

Article: Expect a Miracle

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As I sat at my desk, staring at a blank page, I couldn't think of one single thing to base my article on for my chapter newsletter. Finally, I gave up and headed upstairs to bed. Along the way, I saw a booklet I'd received but hadn't read. "Expect a Miracle—Make Miracles Happen" by Norman Vincent Peale.

I picked it up and began to read and knew I had to share this with my friends. I realized this principle is what has given me the peace to persevere through all the family "challenges," and realized I should be applying this to not only my personal life, but also my writing life.

The miracle principle is based on six words: "Expect a miracle—make a miracle happen." I've known people who are negative. Everything bad seems to happen to them. They pronounce doom and gloom and they can really sap my energy. Nothing I say changes a thing. If I make a suggestion, there's a reason it won't work. You know the type of personality I'm talking about?

After reading the booklet, I have decided that from now on when anyone preaches doom and gloom, I'm just going to say, "Expect a miracle." I believe in miracles. They happen every single day. Perhaps they aren't as spectacular as the burning bush or the parting of the Red Sea, but they exist. If a person expects the worst to happen, it will! But, what if a person expects the best to happen? Having a positive outlook and expecting wonderful things brings joy and happiness. I believe in this principle. I live it.

But, I haven't applied it to my writing life. I've been so busy putting my personal life in perspective, that I've neglected to carry the principle through to all aspects of my life. From now on, I will sit down to write with the expectation that the words will flow and they will be good. I will approach submitting my manuscripts with a positive attitude, await the release of my books with a positive attitude. I will expect a miracle—and make a miracle happen.

How about you? How have you been approaching your writing life?