

Hope Deferred

What Does Your Heart Good...?

“That did my heart good”

What Do You Hope For... ?

or look forward too ?

Fun / Enjoyment

Rest / Relaxation

Time off / Holidays

A Meal-Out

Concert / Film

A Match

A- Home

A- Partner

A- Job

Good- Health

Divine Intervention

How do react when.. what you hoped for doesn't work out?

*Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.*

Proverbs 13: 12

What Happens When Hope is Deferred



Proverbs 13:12a

- ▶ Hope deferred makes the **heart sick** (NIV)
- ▶ Hope that is delayed makes you **sad**. (ERV)
- ▶ Unrelenting disappointment leaves you **heartsick** (MSG)
- ▶ When hope is crushed, the **heart is crushed** (GNT)



Hope deferred makes the heart sick



Proverbs 13:12

- ▶ It's possible to end up like that, simply... due

Selfishness

Self-Centred

Self-Pity

- ▶ It's possible to end up like that due... to **other's**

Deferred does not imply a revising of what was promised, but literally, *“something long drawn out”*



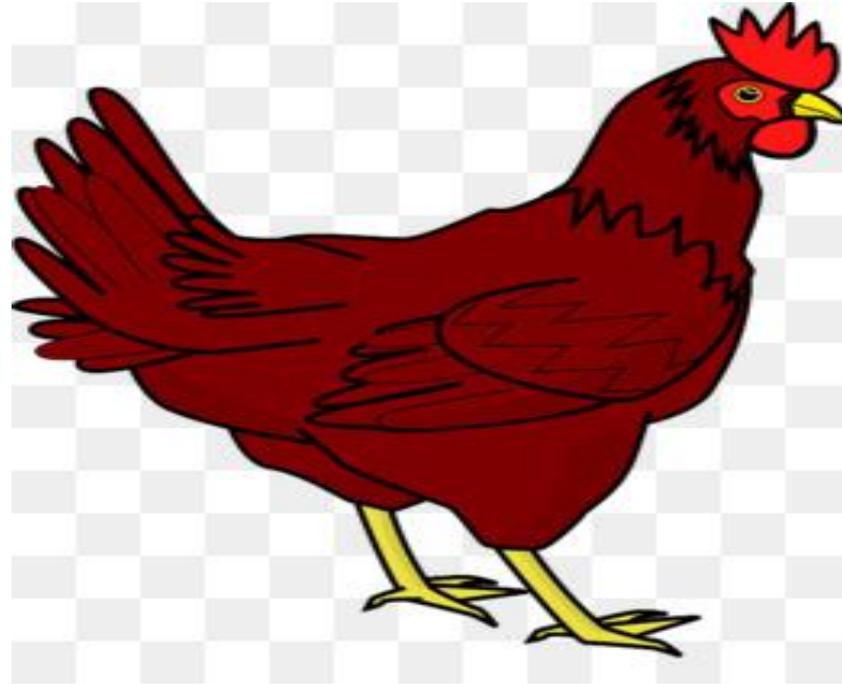
“A Longing Fulfilled”

Proverbs 13:12b

- ▶ but a longing fulfilled is a *tree of life*. (NIV)
- ▶ but a wish come true *fills you with joy*. (GNT)
- ▶ but a sudden good break *can turn life around*. MSG
- ▶ but wishes that come true are like eating fruit *from the tree of life*. NCV

Tree Of Life used here purely psychologically meaning ...
“the reviving of drooping spirits”

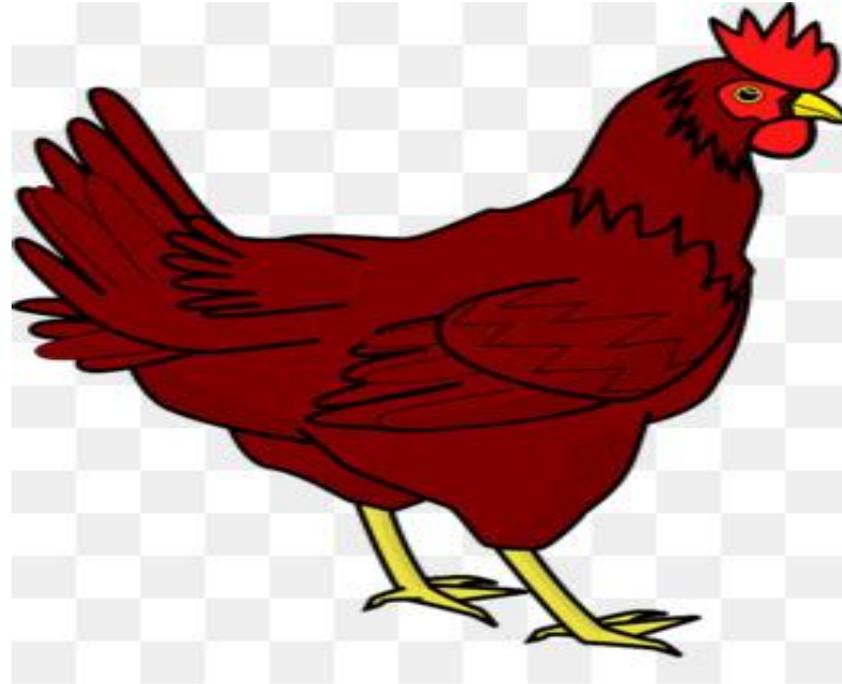
The Little Red Hen



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- ▶ Once upon a time there was a little red hen who lived on a farm. Early one morning she woke up and went outside. There she found some corn. “Who will help me plant the corn?” said the little red hen.
- ▶ “Not I,” said the bull. “Not I,” said the cat. “Not I,” said the rat. “Oh very well, I’ll do it myself,” said the little red hen – and so she did!
- ▶ “Who will help me grind the corn?” said the little red hen. “Not I,” said the bull. “Not I,” said the cat. “Not I,” said the rat. “Oh very well, I’ll do it myself,” said the little red hen – and so she did!
- ▶ “Who will help me bake the bread?” said the little red hen. “Not I,” said the bull. “Not I,” said the cat. “Not I,” said the rat. “Oh very well, I’ll do it myself,” said the little red hen – and so she did!
- ▶ “Who will help me eat the bread?” said the little red hen. “I will,” said the bull. “I will,” said the cat. “I will,” said the rat. **“Oh no you won’t. I’ll eat it all myself,”** said the little red hen – and so she did!

I'll do it myself say's the little red hen



Self- Motivation



“Fulfilling A Longing”

Self- Motivated

Tree of life:. At the simplest level , graceful figures of God’s sources of renewal temporal and spiritual

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- ▶ wishes that come true are like eating fruit *from the tree of life.*

What can I do to help myself ?

What can I do that will bring me joy?

What can I do to help myself spiritual?

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Self-Motivated

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