



Be Careful What You Pray For

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Introduction

Alicia Black, daughter of the Reverend Curtis Black, is newly remarried to a man who she thinks will make her happy for the rest of her life. After all, JT Valentine is an attractive, charismatic pastor just like her father, and is founder of a church that has 5,000 members. But what Alicia doesn't know is that JT is a lot like her father in other ways too—such as his interest in money, power & women. When the truth comes out, though, will Alicia overlook her husband's indiscretions, or will she realize just what it is she wants for her own future?

Questions for Discussion

1. Were you surprised that Alicia agreed to marry again so soon after divorcing her first husband? Why? Do you think she was truly in love with JT or did she marry him because of how successful he was as a pastor?
2. Curtis doesn't like JT from the very beginning or at least not after he learns that he wants to marry his daughter. Why is that? Do you think Curtis was right for trying to warn Alicia?
3. Were you surprised to learn that one of JT's main mistresses was old enough to be his mother? Have you ever dated a much younger man? If you are a guy, have you ever dated a much older woman? If so, how was it different from dating someone your own age?
4. Were you surprised to learn that Alicia was old friends with one of JT's mistresses?
5. How do you feel about Levi overall? It is true that he is more of a "bad boy", but could you see him and Alicia getting together in the future? Would you want to see that happen? Why or why not?
6. Have you ever had a friend like Carmen, one who would never think twice about betraying you? If so, please share your particular experience and the outcome.
7. Did you think JT was just as bad as the "old" Curtis or worse? If so, why and in what ways?
8. Do you think Alicia was well within her rights when she made such a surprising announcement to the entire congregation? How would you handle a cheating husband, particularly if he was wealthy and powerful?
9. Were you surprised by the ending? If not, who did you expect Alicia to be with and why?
10. Do you think Alicia has finally learned her lesson? Does she realize that material wealth and other possessions don't mean a thing if a person is completely unhappy?
11. What do you think Alicia's life will be like from this point on?
12. What message do you believe this novel conveys?

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