

## What is God Saying to Me About God, Life, and Man?

1. Christians bear the Lord's name and thus are expected to abide by His teachings, which is why their bad behavior is seen as hypocritical and gives God a bad name, 6:1.
2. Becoming a Christian doesn't relieve you of any legitimate obligations; in fact, it's supposed to make you honor those obligations even more, 6:1-2.
3. God's way of seeing things often runs completely contrary to the way we're taught to see things, e.g., God tells slaves to respect their masters, especially if they're fellow Christians and He tells Christian masters that their slaves are beloved brethren—thereby telling all masters not to mistreat their slaves, 6:1-2.
4. We're not supposed to despise those with complete authority over us; instead, we're to show them every respect, 6:1-2.
5. The Bible contains the words of our Lord Jesus Christ; it is His voice we hear when we study it, 6:3.
6. The teaching of Christ (the entire Bible) is not meant to be studied, it's meant to be lived; it's designed to produce godly people, 6:3.
7. There are only two sources of wisdom and truth, Christ and everyone else: those who turn from the wisdom and words of Christ think they know a lot and are proud to argue about it. But in the end they know nothing because their minds are corrupt and destitute of the truth, 6:3-5.
8. Which of these two brings you happiness, pursuing a godly life but only possessing the bare necessities of life or having great material wealth? The overwhelming answer is, owning great material wealth, which is why many desperately want to be rich. They don't realize that the love of money leads to many sorrows, 6:6-10.
9. Why are Christians content, even if they only have the bare necessities? Because they finally understand two things:
  - (1) The true nature and meaning of material possessions, i.e., they can be a tremendous blessing but only up to a point, and
  - (2) The true nature and meaning of godliness, i.e., being godly enables you to see what is truly important and where contentment and material possessions ultimately come from: God, which is why those who pursue godliness are content with the material possessions of a sandwich and a shirt, 6:6-10.
10. The eternal life that God has given us is meant to be lived on purpose and out loud, the way Jesus did: even in the face of certain death before Pontius Pilate Jesus did not waver from a godly life; He lived it on purpose and out loud until the end. We are supposed to live ours in the same manner until the Lord's return, 6:11-14.
11. Everything owes its life to God; He gives life to ALL things, which means He also controls when things die, 6:13.

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12. There are many powers and authorities in this world; some of them make us tremble. But God is the only true Sovereign, King, and Lord whose power is beyond all powers...and amazingly He looks after us, 6:15-17.
13. God is alive and He wants a relationship with you; He wants your trust and He wants to provide for you, 6:17.
14. If you're wealthy, God wants you to use the wealth He gave you to bless yourself *and* others, 6:18.
15. When we become wealthy, we can start to think that we're god-like but we fail to realize that our wealth came from God. And since we think we're the ultimate authority and in control of our own destiny, we begin to build an empire here on earth which eventually turns to dust, not realizing that we should've built an empire for the life to come, 6:17-19.
16. As a Christian, you possess true knowledge but the world's false knowledge can steal it from you. That is, the words of the Christian faith (contained in the entirety of the Bible) tell you everything you need to know about God, Life, and Man. But the world also has an opinion on everything under the sun, an opinion that sounds so true and so right but it's completely contrary to God's wisdom, 6:20-21.