

And God said, “No”

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I asked God to take away my pride,
And God said, “No”. He said it was not for Him to take away.
But it was for me to give it up. Proverbs 29:23

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
And God said, “No”. He said that her spirit is whole,
Her body is only temporary. Mark 5:23 – 42
Matthew 18:25

I asked God to grant me patience,
And God said, “No”. He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation;
Patience isn't granted – it is earned. Hebrews 10:36

I asked God to give me happiness,
And God said, “No”. He said that He gives us blessings,
And that happiness is strictly up to me. Psalms 126:5

I asked God to spare me pain,
And God said, “No”. He said that suffering draws you apart from worldly cares,
And brings you closer to me. Romans 8:22 -25

I asked God to make my spirit grow,
And God said, “No”. He said I must grow on my own,
But He would prune me to make me fruitful. Luke 12:22 – 31
Hebrews 11:1 – 3
Matthew 6:25 – 30

I asked God if He loved me,
And God said, “Yes – I gave my only son to die for you” John 3:16

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me,
And God said, “Ahhh – finally, you have the idea!” John 15:13
Proverbs 18:24



Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

Mark 5:23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. **24** And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. **25** And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, **26** And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, **27** When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. **28** For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. **29** And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. **30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? **31** And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? **32** And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. **33** But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. **34** And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. **35** While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? **36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. **37** And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. **38** And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. **39** And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. **40** And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. **41**

And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. **42** And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

Matthew 18:25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Psalms 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. **24** For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Luke 12:22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. **23** The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. **24** Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? **25** And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? **26** If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? **27** Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **28** If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? **29** And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. **30** For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. **31** But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **2** For by it the elders obtained a good report. **3** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? **26** Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? **27** Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? **28** And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: **29** And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30** Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

