

The God Test

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Seems like we all (at one time or another) have questions for God. "Why is life not fair? Where were you when I needed you? Why can't I win the lottery?" and so on.

Perhaps instead of focusing on the inquiries we have for the Infinite Almighty, we should consider what questions He may or may not have for us hapless humans. So here is a little list that should give you a good start on studying for **heavenly quiz day**...(I even added Scripture back-up to help make the point!)

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation. "If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." (Matthew 5:41)

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home. "Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' (Luke 15:1-2)

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe. "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. (Matthew 5:42)

God won't ask about your social status; but He'll ask what kind of class you displayed. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but He'll ask if they dictated your life. "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. (Matthew 6:24)

God won't ask what your highest salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:23)

God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but He'll ask if your overtime work was for yourself or for your family. "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (1 Timothy 5:8)

God won't ask how many promotions you received, but He'll ask how you promoted others. "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16)

God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23)

God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but He'll ask what you did to help others. "And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?" (Matthew 5:47)

God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend. "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12)

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others. "But I have not used any of these rights. And I am not writing this in the hope that you will do such things for me. I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of this boast". (1 Corinthians 9:15)

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors. "To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)

God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character. "In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness." (Matthew 23:28)

God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but He'll ask how many times they didn't. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor". (Exodus 16:20)

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell. "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (Matthew 25:21)

Questions:

1. Which of these questions apply to me most?
2. Is it easier for me to question God, or be concerned about His questions? Why?
3. Which of the above verses do I need to memorize?