

7. **You Work It Out** It is not only true physically (2 Thess 3:10) “*that if any would ____ work, _____ should he _____,*” but spiritually that (Phil 2:12) one must “*_____ your own _____ with fear and trembling.*” These two scriptures show that there are things God won’t do for us. Ours is a day and age of extremely spoiled people who actually believe they are “entitled” to the fruits of someone else’s labors and this includes both the secular and the religious.
8. **God’s Part – Our Part** Perhaps this mindset is why people want God to intervene in their religious lives and take care of even the most whimsical little problems for them. Religious charlatans have long promoted this notion. They can dupe the vulnerable with promises of divine intervention, for a fee, of course. True Christianity is (1 Cor 3:9) that “*we are _____ together _____ God.*” This means that God does His part and we do ours. Many shift everything they can get by with onto the other fellow. This is ungodly. (Gal 6:5) “*For _____ man shall bear his _____ burden.*”
9. **What God Requires From Us** In the Mars Hill sermon Paul (Acts 17:24-25) eloquently stated that God is not “*worshipped with _____ hands, as though he _____ any thing.*” How could the Divine Creator who “*giveth to all _____, and _____, and _____ things*” need anything we have to offer? God doesn’t need anything from us but our fidelity and respect. (Ps 100:3) “*The LORD he is _____: it is he that hath _____, and not we ourselves.*”
10. **Does God Actually Need Our Money?** God had Moses remind Israel (Ex 19:3-5) that “*I bare you on _____ wings*” in delivering you from the Egyptians. He said, “*if ye will _____ my voice indeed, and _____ my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar _____ unto me above all people: for _____ the _____ is _____.*” God owns it all. It isn’t man’s to give to God. Man is only an erstwhile steward. Yes, we should ever (1 Tim 6:18) be “*ready to _____, willing to communicate,*” always remembering that this “sharing” with others is a demonstration of our caring and love and not reimbursement to God.
11. **Try, Try, Try Again** (Gal 6:9) “*And let us not be _____ in _____ doing: for in _____ season we shall _____, if we faint not.*” This means that we cannot allow the discomforts of aging, the trials of life, or the pains of declining health to diminish our efforts. (2 Cor 4:16) “*We faint not; but though our _____ man _____, yet the inward man is _____ day by day.*” Never give up; never quit. Ever “*press toward the _____ for the _____.*” It is (Phil 3:14) “*the high _____ of _____ in Christ Jesus.*” Paul said (2 Thess 2:14) that we are “*called----by our _____.*” Don’t try to delegate back to God what he delegated to you in the first place. We are “called” to serve.
12. **The Quandary** Two points of view: (#1) I believe God has provided everything we need, both material and spiritual, and that it’s now up to me to exert my best efforts in response. (#2) I believe God has only partially provided what I need materially and spiritually and that I can’t make it without additional, on-going divine accommodation. Does (Phil 4:13) the statement “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*” disprove #1 and prove #2? ____ Do I believe (2 Pet 1:3) that God “*hath given unto us _____ that pertain unto _____ and _____?*”
13. **A Faulty Assumption** God will remove every burden, solve all problems, and make me happy if I will only trust, pray, and practice right things. (Rom 8:28) “*We know that _____ things _____ _____ for _____ to them that _____ God.*” Do we understand that this means our ultimate spiritual good, not erstwhile physical satisfaction? ____ God never promised to remove temptation, only to (1 Cor 10:13) “*make a way of _____.*” He never promised financial security or good health but gently reminds (1 Tim 6:6) that “*godliness with _____ is great _____.*”
14. **Familiar Case Studies** Three times (Mt 26:39-44) Jesus prayed, “*O my Father, if it be _____, let this cup _____ from ____: nevertheless not as I will, but _____.*” Three times (2 Cor 12:7-9) Paul petitioned that his “*_____ in the flesh*” be removed. Were they sincere? ____ Do their requests seem humanly legitimate? ____ Did God answer them? ____ What was his answer? ____ Has God left us alone? Does He not expect us to handle our daily problems? ____