

Lies We Believe About God

I. **Lie: “God is not _____; He will _____; _____; He might not handle things as well as I would.”**

II. **Some indicators that we might be living out of this lie:**

A. We will do what we think is best in a situation rather than _____
_____ for His will or His direction.

B. We will be _____ of what might happen or what might be ahead. _____ even torment over various circumstances may be characteristic of our lives.

C. We feel _____ for everything; feel like “it all depends on me” or “if I don’t take care of this, it won’t happen.”

D. We harbour some _____ towards God for not coming through in past situations. We feel _____ by Him.

E. _____ is a major issue. We will try to control the situations and the people around us so that we don’t get hurt again.

III. **At the root of this lie is _____ with God.**

A. Not my way –

IV. There are some fundamental misconceptions (other lies) *behind* this lie.

- A. "My way is the best way". This thinking is the fruit of _____.
1. _____ – Every way of a man is right in *his own eyes*
 2. _____ – There is a way that *seems* right to a man but its end is the way of death.
 3. _____ – "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."
 4. _____ – "Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. *For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.* For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness";
- B. "Difficult or painful things are not from God" – Because of this inability to understand how God works and His process in our lives, we interpret trials and hard situations to mean God has abandoned us or dropped the ball and hence is untrustworthy. The _____ is that God's way IS often difficult or painful. But in the end, it brings _____ and builds _____ in us, and we become more like Jesus through it all!
1. _____ – Jesus learned obedience through the things that He suffered
 2. _____ – "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."
 3. _____ – "And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope."

V. Back to the lie that God is not trustworthy or that He will drop the ball, let's look at what the Word says. Jesus said in John 17:17 that the Father's Word is truth.

- A. _____ – “There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel -- that will stand.”
- B. _____ – “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”
- C. _____ – “The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, ‘Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand’”
- D. _____ – “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,' Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”
- E. _____ – “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will”

VI. False “validation” of the lie; worldly wisdom that helps us to accept and believe it:

- A. “God helps those who help themselves” –
- B. “God will give me the desires of my heart” –

VII. Ministry to break the power of the lie in our lives

- A. _____ the sin of believing this lie.

- B. Confess any _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____ and
_____ we've been operating in as a result of it.

- C. _____ all who reinforced this lie in our lives. Especially release
_____ from all judgements we have held against Him.
Forgive _____ for misjudging Him and for operating in the
pride, self-protection, etc.

- D. Receive _____ forgiveness for believing a lie, for misjudging
Him, and for all the rubbish we were holding onto and operating in as a
result of believing this lie.

- E. _____ and break the power of this lie over yourself. Break
_____ with this lie and choose to come into agreement
with God.

- F. Choose to accept and receive the truth that _____
_____.