

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."