

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

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#9 = "I DO NOT NEED GOD."

1 Peter 3:15

THE ARGUMENT = "I don't need God."

THE ANSWERS

1. Realize what they are _____ saying.

- a. When someone says, "I don't need God," it usually means one of these three things:
 - i. **Self-sufficiency** = "I can take care of myself."
 - ii. **Self-satisfaction** = "My life is not lacking anything."
 - iii. _____ = "I don't trust religion or religious people."
- b. Most people that hate God, refuse to believe in God, or have animosity towards anything or anyone religious are people that have been _____ by religion.
- c. It is common for people to be hurt by other people and blame God.
- d. When you realize that their statements are coming from a place of hurt and pain, it helps you to have _____ on them and treat them as Christ would.
- e. Ask them, "What makes you say that?" Or, "What are your reasons for feeling that way?"
- f. Ask them if they have church/religious history. Ask them if they were hurt by someone that was supposed to be trusted as a religious person.

2. Explain that we all _____ someone or something.

- a. Everyone has a god. Most of the time, the god they serve is _____.
- b. To say that Christianity is a crutch and non-believers don't need a crutch is misleading at best. Our world is full of people that deny God and have a dependence upon alcohol, drugs, sex, money, power, materialism, or other people.
- c. _____ itself can be a crutch for the person that is addicted to living their own morality or those who don't want to face the reality of sin, judgment, or God.
- d. _____ isn't about feelings; it is about truth. Whether you feel like you need God or not, that doesn't change the fact that you need Him.
- e. If there is no God or if you are god, then right and wrong are just personal preferences.
- f. If there is no God, then there is no ultimate _____.
- g. Ask questions like, "How do you find meaning in life? What gives you hope?"

3. Use Pascal's Wager.

- a. "A wise person should live as though God exists – because if He does, you gain everything; if He doesn't, you lose little or nothing." – Blaise Pascal
- b. If we are right and God is real, we go to _____ forever. If we are wrong and God is not real, we die and go to the ground.
- c. If they are wrong and God is real, they go to _____ forever. If they are right and God is not real, they die and go to the ground.

Belief / Reality	God Exists	God Does Not Exist
You Believe in God	Infinite Gain — Eternal life, forgiveness, purpose, and joy with God forever.	Finite Loss — You may give up some temporary pleasures, time, or comfort, but gain a moral, meaningful life.
You Do Not Believe in God	Infinite Loss — Separation from God; loss of eternal life.	Finite Gain — You may enjoy some temporary freedom or pleasure in this life, but it ends at death.

- d. You may not think you need God now, but what about when you die?
- e. It is easy to say that you do not need God when things are going well, but when you face death, illness, or guilt, the _____ falls apart.

4. Explain that we were made with a desire for _____.

- a. You may not think you need God, but God is seeking you because He loves you and wants you to know His love.
- b. The desire to be known and loved or to love something comes from God and shows His _____ on our design.
- c. When we deny God's existence or say we do not need Him, we are turning away from the purpose we were created for and we are turning to something else.
- d. When someone rejects God, they do not stop worshipping; they just replace Him with something else that cannot _____.
- e. God gives us purpose and meaning that no pleasure can provide.

We all need God, whether we see it now or not!
Remember that what someone says comes from their heart. Have _____!