

God Said No!

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, *“No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.”*

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, *“No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.”*

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, *“No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.”*

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, *“No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.”*

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, *“No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.”*

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, *“No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.”*

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, *“No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.”*

I asked God to help me love others, as much as He loves me.

God said, *“Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.”*