

# Interview with God

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I dreamt I had an interview with God.

"Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?"

"If you have the time," I said.

God smiled and said: "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered:

*"That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.*

*That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.*

*That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future.*

*That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..."*

God's hands took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked . . .  
"As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile:

*"To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.*

*To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who.*

*To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!*

*To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.*

*To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.*

*To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.*

*To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.*

*To learn that when you run away from your problems, others, even those you love, will run away from you.*

*To learn that money can buy everything but happiness and peace.*

*To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different.*

*To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them ... and likes them anyway.*

*To learn that as you confront your weaknesses, you inspire others to do the same, then all can be free to be open and honest. Truth does set a person free.*

*To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."*

I sat there for awhile enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for his time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer."