

# An Interview With God

*"Come in," God said to me, "so, you would like to interview Me?"*

*"If you have the time," I said.*

He smiled and said, *"My time is called eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"*

*"None that are new to you."*

*"What's the one thing that surprises you most about mankind?"*

He 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."*

His hands took mine and we were silent.

After a long period, I said, *"May I ask you another question?"*

He replied with a smile.

*"As a Father, what would you ask your children to do for the new year?"*

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

*"To learn that it takes years to build trust, and a few seconds to destroy it.*

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

*"To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. There will be others better or worse than they are.*

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

*"To learn that they should control their attitudes, otherwise their attitudes will control them.*

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

*"To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.*

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

*"To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.*

*"To learn that while at times they may be entitled to be upset, that does not give them the right to upset those around them.*

*"To learn that true friends are scarce, he/she who has found one has found a true treasure.*

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

*"To learn that they are masters of what they keep to themselves and slaves of what they say.*

*“To learn that they shall reap what they plant; if they plant gossip they will harvest intrigues, if they plant love they will harvest happiness.*

*“To learn that true happiness is not to achieve their goals but to learn to be satisfied with what they already achieved.*

*“To learn that happiness is a decision. They decide to be happy with what they are and have, or die from envy and jealousy of what they lack.*

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

*“To learn that those who are honest with themselves without considering the consequences go far in life.*

*“To learn that even though they may think they have nothing to give, when a friend cries with them, they find the strength to appease the pain.*

*To learn that by trying to hold on to loved ones, they very quickly push them away; and by letting go of those they love, they will be side by side forever.*

*“To learn that even though the word **“love”** has many different meanings, it loses value when it is overstated.*

*“To learn that they can never do something extraordinary for Me to love them; I simply do.*

*“To learn that the shortest distance they could be from Me is the distance of a prayer.”*