

## *Defeating 5 Giants in Your life!*

- Some say that they don't believe in God because they cannot **see** God. But it can be said that--to have an excuse not to believe in a Creator God--you'd have to be **completely blind**--unable to see **anything**.
- Some say that they don't believe in God because they cannot **hear** Him speak audibly. But it can be said that to be able to really deny a Creator God's existence, you'd have to be **deaf**--unable to hear **anything**.
- Some say that they don't believe in God because He doesn't **seem tangible** to them--they can't **touch** Him, **feel** Him, **"taste"** Him, or **"smell"** Him. But it can be said that to reject a Creator God's existence on this basis, you'd have to be **completely insensitive**--unable to touch, feel, taste, or smell **anything**.
- Some say that they don't believe in God because of **death**. But it can be said that--to not believe in God for this reason--you must **not be alive**--you yourself must be **dead**, or at least you must be brain "dead"—it can be said that you do not comprehend **the miracle of life**.
- Some say that they don't believe in God because of **suffering**. But it can be said that to deny God's existence, using this as a alibi and leaving the topic un-investigated, you'd have to be experiencing **mental "suffering"** and/or **apathetic, intellectual laziness**.
- Some say that they don't believe in God because of the presence of evil. But it can be said that to hold this belief would require a comprehensive **LACK of knowledge and understanding of good and evil**.
- Some say that they don't believe in God because they believe in **Evolution**--which we are just animals who have evolved from lower life forms. But it can be said that--to use this as an excuse for denying God's existence--you'd have to **BE a lower life form**.
- Some say that they don't believe in God because an "Intelligent Designer would never have designed such a crazy world." But it can be said that--to seriously use this as a reason--you'd have to BE **crazy**, or you'd have to totally **ignore**, or be **ignorant of, design**.
- Some say they don't believe in God because of a combination of the above factors--perhaps all of them. But it could be said, then, to have ample reason and/or excuse to believe such things, you'd have to be **a lower life form who's blind, deaf, insensitive, mentally handicapped or un-knowledgeable of certain things, crazy, not diligent, and yes--DEAD**.
- Of course, we all know there's no such person. When a person looks at Creation, he or she should clearly see that there is a Creator. Then, upon investigating God's Word many of our more complicated questions are answered, as well as our simple ones. Then, upon maturing as a Christian and praying for wisdom and discernment, even MORE of our questions are answered. At that point, the Christian has learned to trust in God--rather

than rely on one's own finite and fallen reasoning ability.

So why are people so determined to deny God's existence and His will for their lives? Simply put, it is because of the heart. People have motives for denying God a place in their lives. They "love the darkness rather than the light." Though their bodies are not dead, the Bible says the unsaved souls are "spiritually dead" and must be raised again to new life by the Work of Christ. Therefore Christians must pray for a work to be done in their hearts by God, as the Bible tells us He can.

### **Romans 6:11**

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- As Christians we have died to sin when we count Christ as our Savior. We are not to allow sin to remain in our lives. To do this takes a lot of discipline in today's world. You and I must always be on guard – an alert for sin that will tempt me or you at any time. What I see, what I hear, what I taste, what I smell, and what I touch.
- My senses can carry me towards God through obedience or away from Him towards Satan.

### **James**

#### **1:14**

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

#### **1:15**

Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

### **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

### **1 Samuel 17:32-51**

1. **Taste** – The Bible says to taste and see that the Lord is good. As Leaders, our relationship with Christ is critical. We have to be absolutely in love with Christ, and our leadership flows out of an outpouring of that love.
2. **Smell** – In reality the smell of sin should not be on us. We have liberty in Christ, but we also set the standard. Some may not agree with that, but it is the truth. You can get very close to a fire and not get burned...but you will smell like smoke. Many people will be turned off to Christ, because of the smoke in our lives.
3. **Seeing** – To lead we need a personal vision. What is driving you? Where is God leading you? What is your personal goal? What is your plan? What are your goals?
4. **Hearing** – We need to learn to listen and hear God...and we need to learn to listen and hear people. So many people are willing to listen, but they don't hear. People want to be heard.

5. **Touch** – We need to touch people...be encouragers...find people doing good things and point it out. Look for opportunities to touch others...a phone call, a smile, a note...these things make a huge difference in the lives of others.

Going back to the words of James 1:14-15....notice the succession – DESIRE---  
ENTICEMENT---SIN (WHICH IS DESIRE CONCEIVED).

Sin ultimately leads to death and eternity away from God.

I choose this day...Obedience!