



*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... finally you have the idea.*