

*JESUS ANSWERS THE*

**BIG**

*QUESTIONS*



**We all encounter Big Questions as we travel through Life.**

- ★ **The baby: What's that and can I eat it?**
- ★ **The infant: Who's in control here?**
- ★ **The child: Why can't I do it?**
- ★ **The adolescent: Who am I, what do I believe?**
- ★ **The adult: Whose am I, where do I belong?**
- ★ **The mid-life adult: What have I achieved?**
- ★ **The senior adult: Where am I going after death?**

# Big Questions in Three Categories

- 1. Doctrinal Questions related to Absolute Truth.***
- 2. Ethical Questions in relationship to the Application in life of the doctrines.***
- 3. Apologetic and Polemic Questions that relate to the defence of the Truth.***

# **Apologetic Questions:**

**Apologetics answer questions within the context of society that attack the Word of God and The Faith.**

**Questions like:**

**Is there is a God?**

**Am I created or evolved?**

**Is God knowable?**

**What is the meaning of Life?**

# **Polemic Questions:**

**Polemics answers questions raised within the context of the Church and in the Word of God defending the Truth against error.**

**Questions like:**

**Is the Word of God inerrant?**

**Was Jesus, God in the flesh?**

**Does anyone have Free Will?**

**What does the Bible teach on ownership?**

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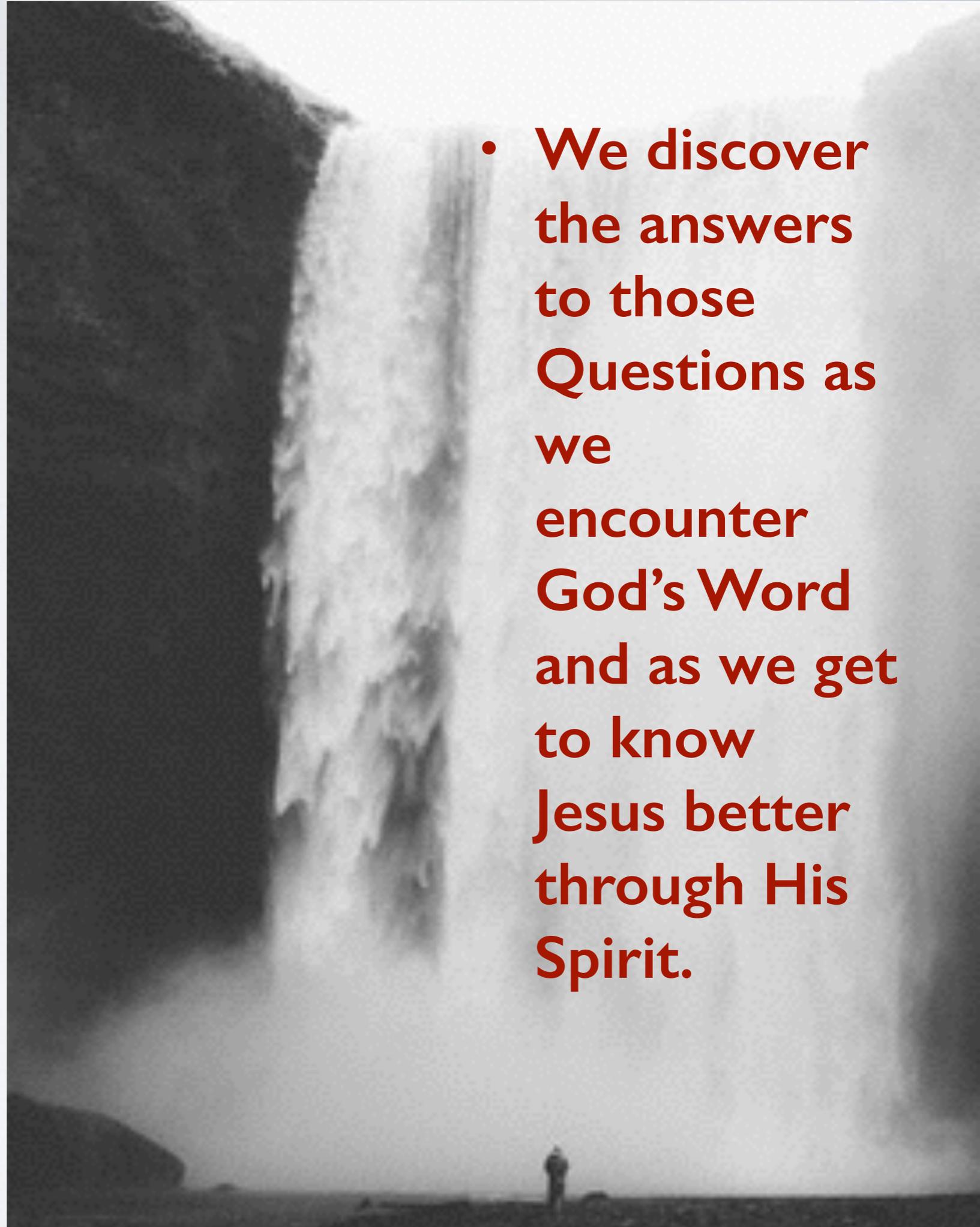


# Is anyone asking the Big Questions anymore?

1. It's too uncomfortable to think that hard.
2. It costs too much and it's not fun.
3. I have a life to live now.
4. I just couldn't be bothered and I don't care anyway. (Dangerous apathy)

- Jesus Raises the Big Questions of Life in His Word.
- Jesus Raises the Big Questions in our hearts as we encounter God's creation and society.
- Jesus Answers the Big Questions of Life in His Word.

- We discover the answers to those Questions as we encounter God's Word and as we get to know Jesus better through His Spirit.



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Today's Big Question from our  
Wordwise Reading:

**Series on “Whose Stuff is it?”**

WHO'S STUFF IS IT?



# SCRIPTURES AND THE BIG QUESTION

## **LUKE 16:1-2**

He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’”

**Principles of Stewardship:  
Managing the stuff that belongs to God.**

- I. v10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.**

**God is watching how you are faithful in the little things. Being faithful in the little things is a Big thing.**

2. **11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?**
- 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?**

**Everything is a test for Faithfulness.**

**Everything is a test for later responsibility, if you can get it right with God this affects everything else.**

**There are no small things where it doesn't matter!  
It always matters to someone.**

3. 13 “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

**You can only have one Master and one focus in this life when it comes to “Stuff”.**

## The confirmation of other passages of Scripture:

**Luke 14:25-ff (Matt. 10:34–39)**

**25** Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, **26** “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. **27** And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple...

**33** So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

## **I Corinthians 6:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?* <sup>20</sup> **For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body<sup>fn</sup> and in your spirit, which are God's.**

What are the implications for my life if I'm not the owner but just the manager?

...If the stuff belongs to God!.

I don't love things and use people,  
I love people and use things.

## I JOHN 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. **If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> **And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.**

2. I don't hoard stuff for myself here and now.

## MATTHEW 6:19-21

<sup>19</sup> **“Do not lay up *for yourselves treasures on earth,* where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> *but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,* where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

## The False Security of Hoarding.

Luke 12:13-21 The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup> Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, **“Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”**

## The False Security of Hoarding.

**<sup>16</sup> Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.**

**<sup>17</sup> And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. |**

## The False Security of Hoarding.

<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’  
<sup>21</sup> “So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

**3. I put stuff in heaven's bank.**

**I TIMOTHY 6: 17-19**

**<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> *Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.***

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 6-11

6 But this I say: He who **sows sparingly** will also reap sparingly, and he who **sows bountifully** will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one **give as he purposes** in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 **And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.**

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 6-11

**9 As it is written: He has dispersed abroad,  
He has given to the poor;  
His righteousness endures forever.”**

**10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower,  
and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed  
you have sown and increase the fruits of your  
righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in  
everything for all liberality, which causes  
thanksgiving through us to God.**

# I PETER 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

# Luke 16:15

*“if you don’t get what I’m saying...”*

15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. ***For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.***”

**Think about it.**

What can you do this week to demonstrate that you understand that all your “Stuff” belongs to God?

**Then do it...**

**S**TART DOING?

**M**ODIFY?

**A**CT UPON?

**S**TOP DOING?

**H**ELP SOMEONE WITH?