

# ***What do I say to Atheists?***

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Hello, I hope you are doing well.

A friend once asked me 'What do I say to Atheists?'

I don't think there is anything I can suggest you say to atheists. That's because each person has their own issues/objections keeping them from believing and yielding. So any discussion would have to be fluid and customized to that person.

Frankly, in the case of atheism, there is no magic explanation that would actually change minds. Atheism seems to be an intellectual exercise on the surface, but underlying this conclusion they have made is some past encounter or experience that leaves them concluding "I would NEVER believe in a god like that!"

The most powerful message is the reality of God's love in our lives, the 'Fruit of the Spirit' which came at the resurrection of Jesus. And, after all, this should be our lives every moment of every day. The first fruit listed is Love. This is not an accident. Love is patient, Love is kind. Love NEVER demands its own way. As we pray for others, we must first be praying that our own hearts would be so yielded to God that He can work in us to give us this love for others.

Showing the 'Fruit of the Spirit' is not anything we can do simply by deciding to. We must continuously be praising and worshiping and yielded to God simply for who He is - not because of anything he has done, or that we are asking Him to do. We ourselves must be humble before God. We cannot ever demand they listen, or believe. We do need to be patient and kind. And this means we must be seen in THEIR eyes to have this Fruit. If they don't see it in us, we don't have it.

Atheists are not reached by discussion or debate. Since they don't think God is real, the way to reach them is for us to have lives that are yielded to God - always. Then this becomes evidence that God truly does exist, and exists in this person's life.

It becomes totally God's hand that must work to reach an atheist. Our part is to be praying, loving God, showing the 'Fruit of the Spirit' because of our loving walk with Him.

I would suggest that you do not attempt to engage in a debate trying to prove God's existence. Because nobody can "prove" that, each person has a threshold where they will decide that they have accumulated enough information and experience to change their mind and then declare to themselves and God that God is real after all.

This is the same advice I would give anyone interested in challenging atheists.

So, certainly pray for them that God speak to them in their heart. That God make Himself evident to them, and then eventually be irresistible. This is another area like all the rest that the best (and only) thing we can do is to let God be God. We can trust Him to work. His promise is that He wants ALL men to be saved. So, pray, and show the 'Fruits of the Spirit' as evidence of God's work in us and you.

