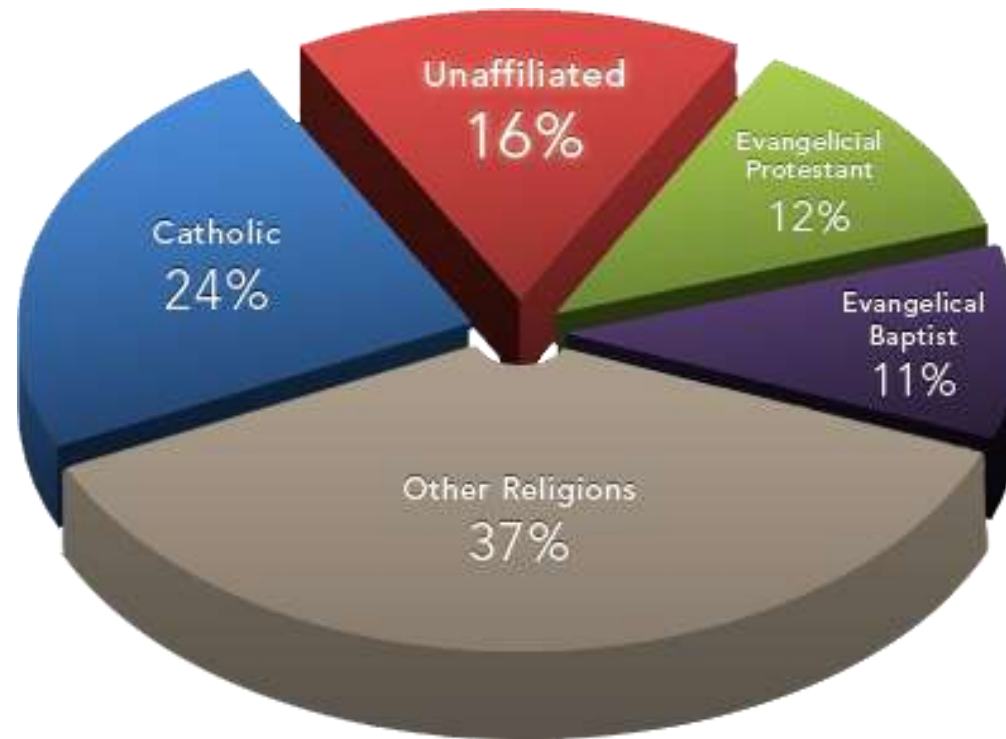




Do We Really Need God?



One American out of every six has no religious affiliation



**“Many of you have friends, acquaintances, and colleagues—even family members—who are not religious and for all practical purposes say they don’t need God. “**

**VIDEO**

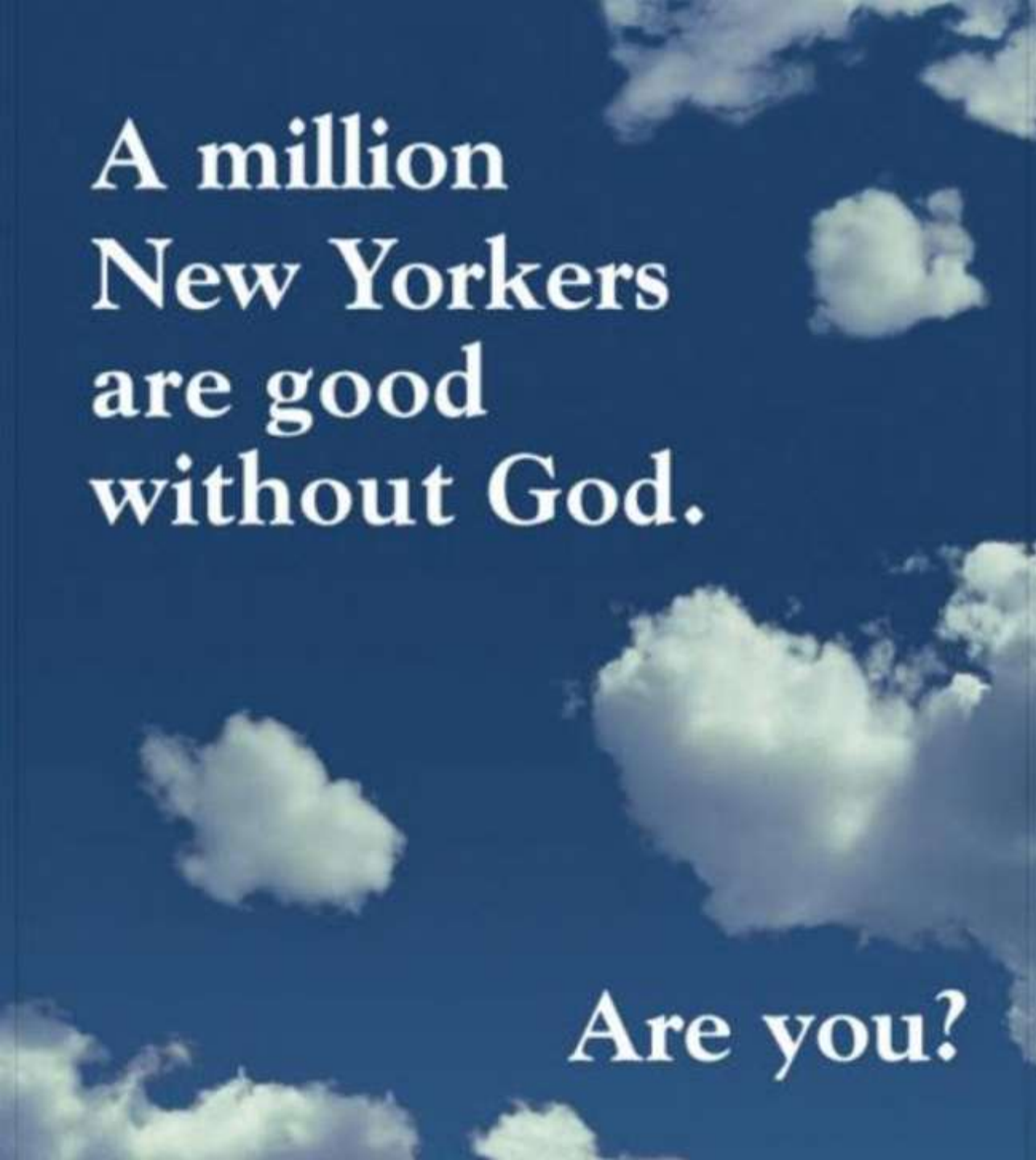
**LIVING WITHOUT RELIGION**



## And on Billboards...

You don't need God – to hope, to care, to love, to live.





A million  
New Yorkers  
are good  
without God.

Are you?

**BIGAPPLECOR.ORG**  
COALITION OF REASON

A group called the [Big Apple Coalition of Reason](http://BigAppleCoalitionofReason.org), which is a collection of atheist groups, says it wants to promote the idea that non-believers are just as capable of kindness and good deeds as religious people.

"We're saying these are good, ethical people," Coalition of Reason spokesman Michael DeDora told NBC New York. "They are atheists, but it's much more than that."

The posters, which say "A Million New Yorkers Are Good Without God -- Are You?" -- will appear in about a dozen subway stations starting next week. The campaign cost \$20,000, paid for by an anonymous donor. 10/20/09



**COULD TAKE WEEKS, MONTHS TO GET NYC  
SUBWAY SERVICE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN**

**ALERT ALERT**

# Photos Reveal Flooding, Damage to New York City Subway System

# NYC Subway Riders May Be Dealing With The Effects Of Hurricane Sandy For Years

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STREET 87









**The floodwaters that poured into New York's deepest subway tunnels may pose the biggest obstacle to the city's recovery from the worst natural disaster in the transit system's 108-year history.**



# Study: Less religious states give less to charity

Of the 10 least generous states, nine voted Democrat in the 2008 election; 8 of 10 most generous voted Republican

By JAY LINDSAY

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[BOSTON](#) — A new study on the generosity of Americans suggests that states with the least religious residents are also the stingiest about giving money to charity.



# Glenda Moore: Staten Island Mother Lost 2 Sons In Hurricane Sandy; Neighbors Refused To Help

“She was holding onto them, and the waves just kept coming and crashing and they were under,” Moore’s sister told the [New York Daily News](#). ““It went over their heads ... She had them in her arms, and a wave came and swept them out of her arms.”



Read more at <http://www.enstarz.com/articles/8837/20121102/staten-island-mom-loses-grip-children-2-toddlers-bodies-found.htm#Jtd4K12CyXhCt4CS.99>



**Religion is nothing more than behavior modification whereas Christianity produces life transformation**



**2 Timothy 3:1-6**

**1 But know this, that in the last days  
perilous times will come: 2 For men will be  
lovers of themselves, lovers of money,  
boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient  
to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving,  
unforgiving, slanderers, without self-  
control, brutal, despisers of good,  
4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers  
of pleasure rather than lovers  
of God, 5 having a form of godliness  
but denying its power. And from such  
people turn away! 6 For of this sort are  
those who creep into households and make  
captives of gullible women loaded down  
with sins, led away by various lusts,**



## Ponder this...

(1) Could those who claim to believe in God **but don't live like they really need Him**, be negatively influencing those who have no religious affiliation, those who say they don't need God.

(2) What would I say to someone who says they don't need God? What would I do? *Would I mock them? Laugh at them? Chastise them? Walk away from them?*

# 1. Do I Really Need God?



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a) Yes, You need God.

YOU NEED HIS HELP



# 1. Do I Really Need God?

a) Yes, You need God.

YOU NEED HIS HELP

YOU NEED HIS LOVE

# 1. Do I Really Need God?

a) Yes, You need God.

YOU NEED HIS HELP

YOU NEED HIS LOVE

YOU NEED HIS WORD

# 1. Do I Really Need God?

a) Yes, You need God.

TO SATISFY THE LONGING  
IN YOUR SOUL



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## **Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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## 2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

# 1. Do I Really Need God?

a) Yes, You need God.

TO SOLVE OUR IDENTITY

**Without God one cannot really  
know himself!**



# 1. Do I Really Need God?

a) Yes, You need God.

TO HAVE HOPE

**Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup>And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

**John 10:10 (NKJV)**

...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

## 2. Why Do I Need God?



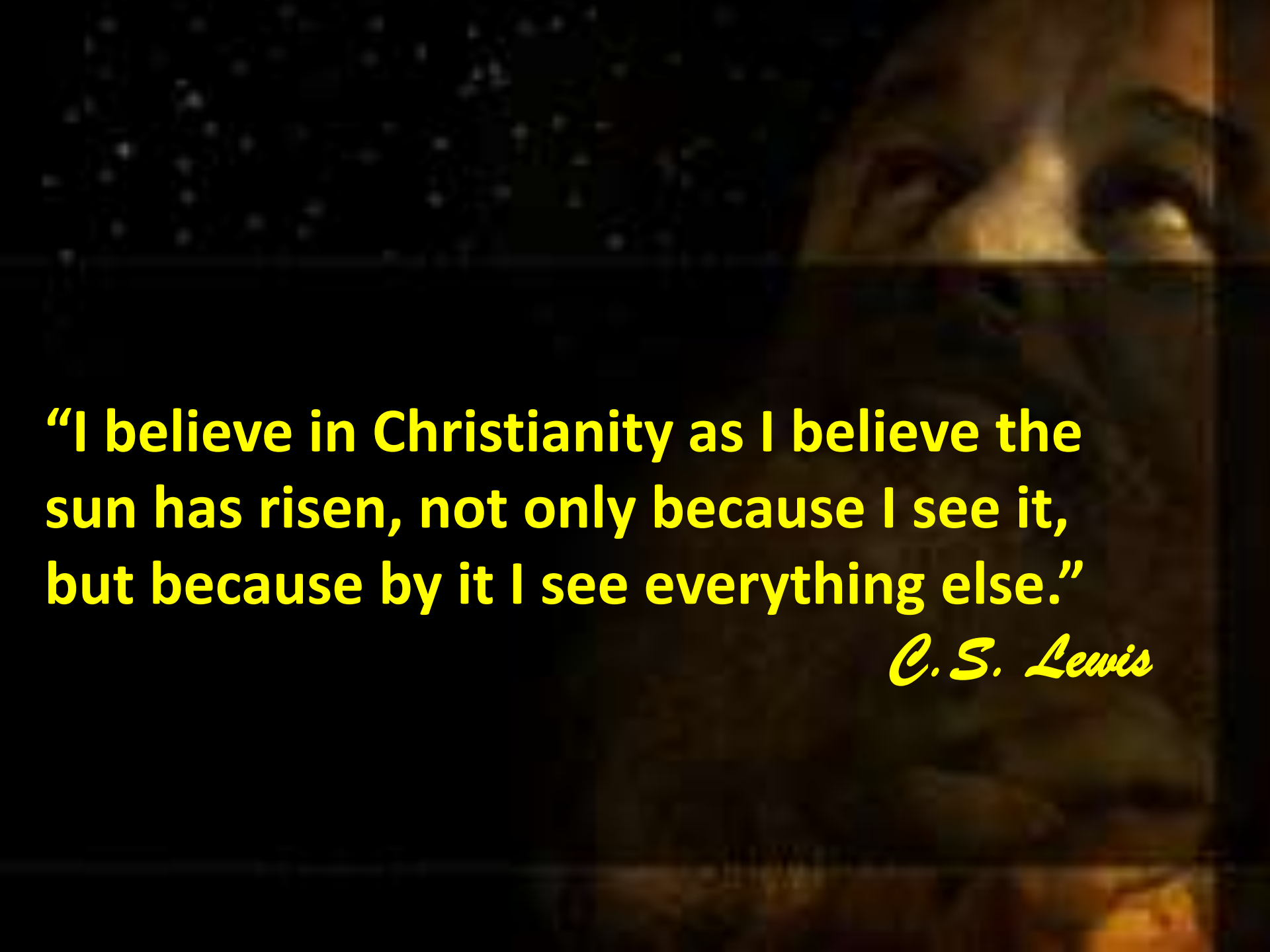


There are certain things I cannot fix!

There are certain things I cannot control!

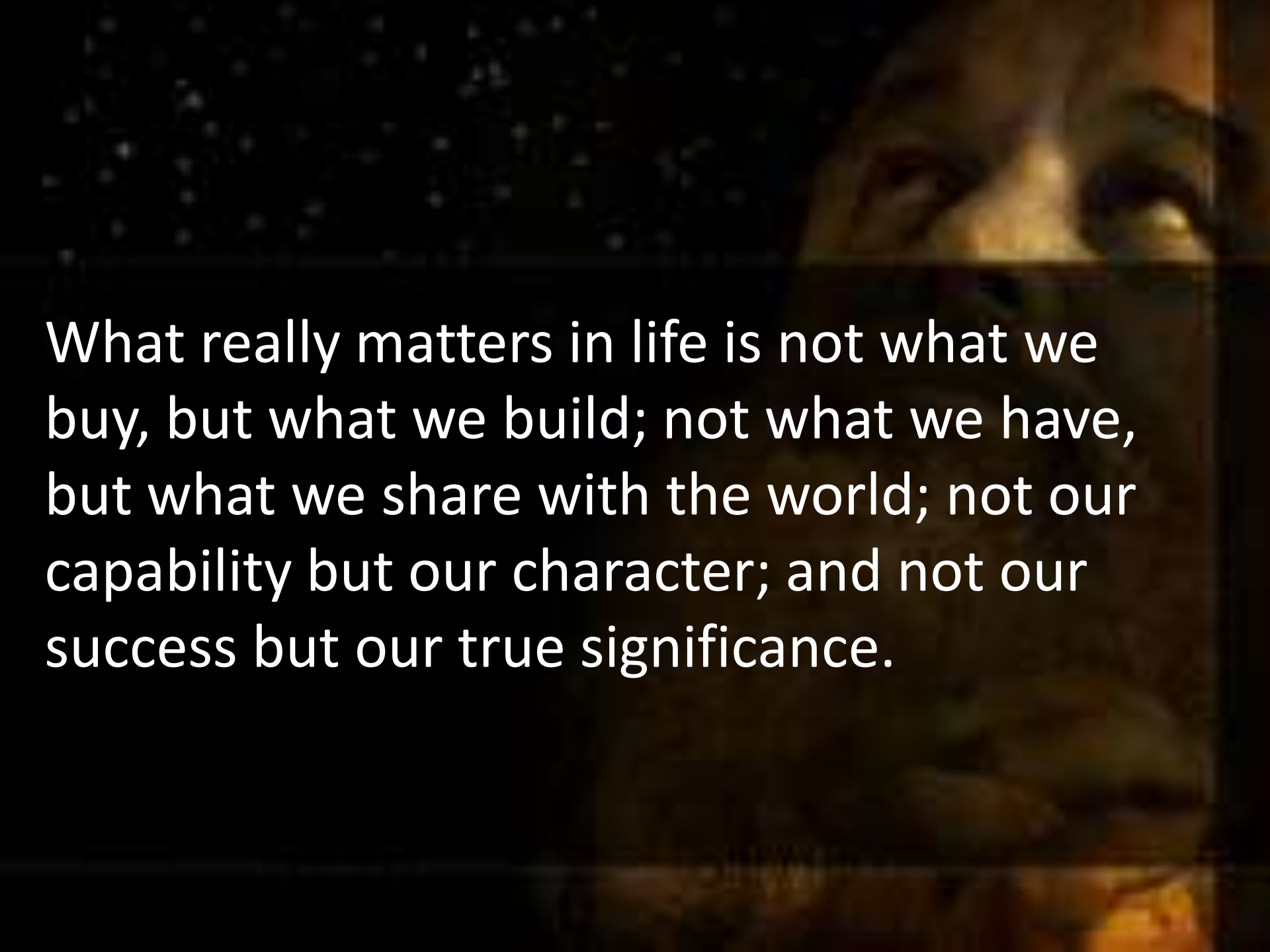
There are certain things I do!





**“I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”**

*C.S. Lewis*



What really matters in life is not what we buy, but what we build; not what we have, but what we share with the world; not our capability but our character; and not our success but our true significance.

### **3. What demonstrates My need for God?**







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**a) Nothing Demonstrates  
Dependency Like Prayer!**



### **3. What demonstrates My need for God?**

**b) Things that foster  
dependency upon God**



## 4. The Benefits of Living Dependently Upon God

Real love, real joy, real peace...

Jesus **said**

I have come that you may have  
life, and have it to the full.



**May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in  
believing, so that by the  
power of the Holy Spirit you  
may abound in hope.**

**Romans 15:13**