

## ALL BURDEN, NO HELP

A female monologue (with a silent fellow actor/husband)  
followed by a letter to humanity from God that declares His help

Based on Luke 11:46

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Okay, dear, so I've made up your honey-do list. I know you will want to do every item on it because things really need to be done....and....you love me so!

(Pointing to the list in husband's hands)

The gutters need to be cleaned or we'll have roof rot. As long as you are up there, the skylights and solar panels could use a good cleaning too. We do make more electricity with clean solar panels!

But before you do that, you'd better spray the weeds. But be careful, we don't want water from the roof to wash off all the weed spray.

Even more important than that, the bathrooms need cleaning and the kitchen is a mess.

Of course, it would make sense to have you cook dinner before you clean up the kitchen. Might as well do that in the right order.

Didn't I just hear the buzzer on the dryer?!?! Your shirts need to be pulled out right away or you'll have to iron them.

There's a few more things on the list....

(Husband drops list from what appears to be just one sheet and the list (taped together) falls all the way to the floor)

But, no pressure, just as long as they are all done today.

Whew! Just making that list was hard! Thanks, Honey! Now that I'm done with that, I think I'll go finish reading that novel that "\_\_\_\_\_" recommended.

(NOTE: The above list is all demands with no help. The letter from God that follows does not eliminate the demands, but it does provide help for when we fail to meet them.)

Dear humankind,

Because you ARE dear to me, and because I know what is best for you...  
I have a few things that I need you to do.

In the past, I've asked you to do the same things the Israelites were to do.  
You know, things like those mentioned in Genesis through Deuteronomy:

- 1) All of those laws that help you to get along with other people and honor me.
- 2) And, of course, the most famous of them, the 10 commandments.

That list can get pretty long, so it may help you if I summarize what I'd like you to do by mentioning the two greatest commandments –

- 1) Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and
- 2) Love your neighbor as yourself

Now I have noticed that you are even having trouble making headway with this condensed list. So, I want you to know that I'd like to help. You see, Jesus has done (perfectly, I might add) not only all of the list for the Israelites, but also the condensed list. So, when (not if) you fail, and you request a "pass" for your failure, just ask me and I'll look at his record instead of yours.

If there is any other way that I can help, please ask me. I do want our relationship to thrive!

Love,  
God

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