

# God As A Vending Machine?

	<b>“Vending Machine” Spectrum</b>			<b>Trust</b>
Label	<b>Word of Faith</b>	<b>Prosperity</b>	<b>“Religion”</b>	<b>Trust/Truth</b>
Belief	God empowers me to create the “good life” now if I have faith	God promises the “good life” now if I have faith and just ask.	God promises the “good life” now if I do the right things	God promises love/perfect plan now--“good life” in eternity
Vending Machine Status	God made me my own vending machine if I have enough faith. <b>Pray/Create</b>	God is my vending machine if I have enough faith. <b>Pray/Receive.</b>	God is a vending machine but I need exact change. <b>Pray++/Receive</b>	God is not a vending machine. His promise is his love and eternity. <b>Pray/Trust</b>
Goal	Blessings Now	Blessings Now	Blessings Now	Knowing God
Implication of “Unfair” Life	I don’t have enough faith and need to try harder (or God isn’t who he says He is)	I don’t have enough faith and need to try harder (or God isn’t who He says He is)	I haven’t done the right things and need to try harder (or God isn’t who He says He is)	God’s plan is perfect. “Unfair” is a blessing--a chance to be obedient/love God/know Jesus