

Justin Bieber Would Be a 'Terrible,' 'Stupid' Person Without God

Over the last year, pop superstar Justin Bieber reinvented himself around his relationship with God, telling *GQ* that without the Lord, he would be a "terrible, terrible person."

"I feel like that's why I have a relationship with Him, because I need it. ... Like, when I'm by myself and I feel like I have nothing to lean on? Terrible. Terrible person," Bieber tells the magazine.

"If I was doing this on my own, I would constantly be doing things that are, I mean, I still am doing things that are stupid, but ... It just gives me some sort of hope and something to grasp onto, and a feeling of security, and a feeling of being wanted, and a feeling of being desired, and I feel like we can only get so much of that from a human," he continued.

Bieber is set to headline the V Festival in England along with Rihanna, Sia, David Guetta and more. He's also featured in *Zoolander 2* with Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson.

Bieber's comeback has been widely chronicled, um, religiously. His *Purpose* album puts his faith front and center, with single "Love Yourself" continuously topping *Billboard's* Hot 100 chart.

Before his return to faith, though, manager Scooter Braun says he was afraid for Bieber's life.

"As I started to see it going in the wrong direction, I started to prepare," Braun tells *The New York Times* of Bieber circa 2013. "I honestly at that time felt, if he toured, he could die."

But not anymore. As part of his 2 Corinthians 5:17 transformation, Bieber is even engaging in a bit of spiritual warfare.

He told *GQ* focusing on his flaws and negativity is, “exactly what the devil wants. He wants us to not be happy. He wants us to, you know, not live the life that we can truly live.”

As for God, Bieber finds himself wanting to draw closer to his Creator.

“The whole thing with religion is you present yourself holy and bring your offerings so that God can bless you, when the whole point of the relationship [should be], ‘No, I’m gonna do this because he loves me,” Bieber said.

“I’m gonna do this because he’s amazing and not because [I] have to, [but] because [I] want to.’ That’s the whole thing with religion that’s been throwing off the people. It’s not a ‘have to.’ It should be just like a personal relationship. Like, ‘Hey, I love you because you first loved me.’”