

# Attitudes toward God Scale-9

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The Attitudes toward God Scale-9: This measure assesses feelings of anger toward God as well as feelings of comfort associated with God. Feel free to use either or both subscales. This scale has not yet been published, but we have a manuscript to be submitted early in 2009. For now, please cite as part of this manuscript: Wood, B. T., Worthington, E. L., Jr., Exline, J. J., & Yali, A. M. (2009). *Attitudes toward God Scale-9: Psychometric development, refinement, and validation*. Manuscript in preparation.

<u>To what extent do you currently:</u>	Not at all	Extremely
C trust God to protect and care for you . . . . .	0	10
A feel angry at God . . . . .	0	10
A feel that God has let you down . . . . .	0	10
A view God as unkind . . . . .	0	10
C view God as all-powerful and all-knowing. .	0	10
C feel loved by God . . . . .	0	10
C feel supported by God. . . . .	0	10
C feel nurtured or cared for by God. . . . .	0	10
A feel abandoned by God. . . . .	0	10

A = anger toward God.

C = comforted by God

Both scales should be scored by averaging across items.

The ATGS-9 measure was adapted through several iterations from the Religious Comfort and Strain Scale cited in this manuscript: Exline, J. J., Yali, A. M., & Sanderson, W. C. (2000). Guilt, discord, and alienation: The role of religious strain in depression and suicidality. *Journal of Clinical Psychology, 56*, 1481-1496. The Religious Comfort and Strain scale may be a better choice if you also want to assess interpersonal strain associated with religion and/or guilt and fear associated with religion. It is fine to pick and choose subscales from either measure for research use; you don't have to use the entire measure.