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1. Believers are Forgiven By God

Ephesians 4:32

**32 And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ's sake hath
forgiven you.**

2. Our Heavenly Father is Perfect

Matthew 5:48

**48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your
Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

**The word (*perfect*) implies full
development, growth into maturity of
godliness, not sinless perfection.**

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3. Our Heavenly Father is Merciful

Luke 6:36

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

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1. Spotless Sacrifice Compels Us to Serve God

Hebrews 9:14

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

2. Willing Sacrifice Compels Us to Love God

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

3. Ultimate Sacrifice Compels Us to Serve Others

Romans 14:15

15 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

4. God's Command Compels Us to Love Others

John 13:34

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

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- 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
- 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

1. Die to Desires

Colossians 3:5

- 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (KJV)
- 5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. (NASV)

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1. The Heart Defines

Matthew 12:34

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

2. The Mind Directs

Romans 1:28

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

3. The Mouth Divides

Ephesians 4:29

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

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1. Prayer Relieves Affliction

James 5:13

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

2. Jesus Delivers From Darkness

Colossians 1:13

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

A covetous man makes a god of his money; places that hope, confidence, and delight, in worldly good, which should be in God only. Those who allow themselves, either in the lusts of the flesh or the love of the world, belong not to the kingdom of grace, nor shall they come to the kingdom of glory. When the vilest transgressors repent and believe the gospel, they become children of obedience, from whom God's wrath is turned away.

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- **Enlightenment of Liars (v. 6-7)**

"We are sons of men, when we do ill;
sons of God, when we do well"

[Augustine, on Psalm 52];

Enlightenment of Liars

Ephesians 5:6-7

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

1. Knowing Truth and Not Following Has Penalty

Romans 1:18

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

2. Tradition of Men Spoils

Colossians 2:8

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.









Ephesians 2:1-9

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Ephesians 2:1-9

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
