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1. Love for God:

Psalm 42:1

¹ As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God.

Psalm 73:25

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven *but You?*
And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides You.

Luke 10:27

²⁷ So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

Rom 8:7

⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

2. Repentance from Sin:

Psalm 32:5

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Prov. 28:13

¹³ He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

Rom. 7:14

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

2 Cor. 7:10

¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

1 John 1:8-10

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

3. Genuine Humility:

Psalm 51:17

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise.

Matt. 5:1-12

¹ And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

⁷ Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

⁸ Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

¹² "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

James 4:6, 9

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

⁹ Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom.

4. Devotion to God's Glory:

Psalm 105:3

³ Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

Psalm 115:1

¹ Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

Is. 43:7

⁷ Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Is. 48:10

¹⁰ Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

Jer. 9:23, 24

²³ O LORD, I know the way of man *is* not in himself; *It is* not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

²⁴ O LORD, correct me, but with justice; Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.

1 Cor. 10:31

³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

5. Continual Prayer:

Luke 18:1

¹ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

Eph. 6:18

¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

Phil. 4:6

¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

1 Tim. 2:1-4

¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,

² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

James 5:16-18

¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would

not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

6. Selfless Love:

1 John 2:9

⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

1 John 3:14

¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.

1 John 4:7

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

7. Separation from the World:

1 Cor. 2:12

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

James 4:4

⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 John 2: 15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 5:5

⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

8. Spiritual Growth:

Luke 8:15

¹⁵ "But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

John 15:1-6

¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

³ "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

⁴ "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

⁶ "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

Eph. 4:12-16

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

9. Obedient Living:

Matt. 7:21

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

John 15:14

¹⁴ "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

Rom. 16:26

²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith--

1 Pet. 1: 2, 22

² elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

1 John 2:3-5

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

10. Hunger for God's Word:

1 Pet. 2:1-3

¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

11. Transformation of Life:

2 Cor. 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.