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*But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> "You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> "But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you. <sup>42</sup> "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. <sup>43</sup> "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the chief seats in the synagogues and the respectful greetings in the market places. <sup>44</sup> "Woe to you! For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it."*

Luke 11:37-44 (NASB)

### 1. True Christian conduct.

*For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.*

Colossians 1:9-12 (NASB)

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect .* Romans 12:2 (NASB)

*But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

James 1:22 (NASB)

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB)

*They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.*

Titus 3:2 (NLT2)

*"It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."* Matt. 15:11 (NASB)

*If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.*

Romans 12:18 (NASB)

*"You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? <sup>17</sup> "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.*

Matthew 7:16-18 (NASB)

*Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.*

Colossians 3:2 (NASB)

*Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.*

Philippians 4:8 (NASB)

### 2. Atheist conduct.

*therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.*

<sup>4</sup> *"They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.*

<sup>5</sup> *"But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments. <sup>6</sup> "They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup> and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men.*

Matthew 23:1-7 (NASB)

*The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God," They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; There is no one who does good.*

Psalms 53:1 (NASB)

*The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.*

Psalms 10:4 (NKJV)