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- 2. Am I humble toward God and others? Or do I carry a sense of entitlement or pride in myself? 5:3
- 3. What, if anything, breaks my heart and causes sorrow? 5:4
- 4. Am I self-controlled in my attitudes toward people and myself? 5:5
- 5. Am I hungry and thirsty for righteousness? 5:6
- 6. Am I merciful toward people that are in error? 5:7
- 7. Is my heart pure enough to see God? 5:8
- 8. Do I bring peace or division in relationships? 5:9
- 9. Am I experiencing persecution? Does it produce joy or despair? 5:10-11
- 10. Is my life giving light to all? 5:15
- 11. Do people give glory to the Father after observing my life? 5:16
- 12. Am I harboring anger toward anyone? 5:22
- 13. Have I insulted anyone? 5:22
- 14. Do I consider any other person as worthless? 5:22
- 15. Is there a brother or sister that has something against me? 5:23-24
- 16. Is there lustful intent in my heart? 5:28
- 17. Is there anything in my life that is causing me to sin? 5:29-30
- 18. Am I resisting instead of serving evil and difficult people? 5:38-41
- 19. Are my possessions availabe to those in need? 5:42
- 20. Can I pray for my enemies? 5:44
- 21. Am I concerned about performing righteousness to be seen and praised by others? 6:1-2
- 22. Am I praying, fasting, and giving to be seen by men or to be obedient to God? 6:5-24
- 23. Am I serving my money or is it serving me? 6:24
- 24. What does my spending say about my heart's condition? 6:21
- 25. Am I anxious of worried? 6:25-34
- 26. Am I seeking the things of the world or God's kingdom and righteousness first? 6:33
- 27. Am I conscious of the logs and specks in my eye when I look at others? 7:1-5
- 28. Am I holding other people to a standard that I am not willing to be held to myself? 7:1-2
- 29. Am I asking, seeking, and knocking for good things from heaven? 7:7-11
- 30. Am I looking for and desiring an easy way over the path of obedience to God? 7:13-14
- 31. What good fruit is coming from my life? 7:17
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