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21 “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

22 On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’

23 But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

Matthew 7:21-23 ^{NLT}

*³Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient.
We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and
pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated
each other. ⁴But—“When God our Savior revealed his
kindness and love, ⁵he saved us, not because of the righteous
things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed
away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life
through the Holy Spirit.*

Titus 3:3-5 ^{NLT}

⁶He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.” ⁸This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

Titus 3:6-8 ^{NLT}

¹⁵“If you love me, obey my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

John 14:15-17 ^{NLT}

*And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.
For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for.
But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings
that cannot be expressed in words.*

Romans 8:26 ^{NLT}

*¹⁹Don't you realize that your body
is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you
and was given to you by God? You do not belong to
yourself, ²⁰for God bought you with a high price.
So you must honor God with your body.*

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 ^{NLT}

*⁷A spiritual gift is given to each of us
so we can help each other. ⁸To one person the
Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another
the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.
⁹The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to
someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.
¹⁰He gives one person the power to perform miracles,
and another the ability to prophesy.*

1 Corinthians 12:7-10a ^{NLT}

He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

1 Corinthians 12:10b, 11 ^{NLT}

*²²But the Holy Spirit produces
this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness,
and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

Galatians 5:22, 23 ^{NLT}

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¹I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom: ²Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. ³For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

2 Timothy 4:1-4 ^{NLT}

¹⁰That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas to Berea. When they arrived there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. ¹²As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men.

Acts 17:10-12 ^{NLT}

¹Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. ²This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. ³But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

1 John 4:1-3 ^{NLT}

24 “I called you so often, but you wouldn’t come.

I reached out to you, but you paid no attention.

25 You ignored my advice and

rejected the correction I offered.

26 So I will laugh when you are in trouble!

I will mock you when disaster overtakes you—

27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm,

when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone,

and anguish and distress overwhelm you.

28 “When they cry for help, I will not answer.

Though they anxiously search for me,

they will not find me.

29 For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD.

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Proverbs 1:24-30 ^{NLT}

*³¹Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit
of living their own way,
choking on their own schemes.*

*³²For simpletons turn away from me—to death.
Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.*

*³³But all who listen to me will live in peace,
untroubled by fear of harm.”*

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*“We entered the land you sent us to explore,
and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with
milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces.
²⁸But the people living there are powerful, and their towns
are large and fortified. We even saw giants there,
the descendants of Anak . . .*

Numbers 13:27b-28^{NLT}

³⁰But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. “Let’s go at once to take the land,” he said. “We can certainly conquer it!” ³¹But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed.

*“We can’t go up against them!
They are stronger than we are!”*

Numbers 13:30, 31 ^{NLT}

³²So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: “The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. ³³We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!”

Numbers 13:32, 33 ^{NLT}

¹³The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say . . . ¹⁸So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him?

²⁰We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:13, 14, 18-20

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