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Colossians 1:10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work...

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John 10:32 Jesus ... "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

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Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

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Matthew 5:10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2nd Someday you will be REWARDED for enduring through unjust trials

James 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

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1 Peter 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

#3 Don't surrender to INTIMIDATION 14b

1st Do not be AFRAID of those people or fear what they say

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#4 Follow Christ alone as MASTER ^{15a}

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Luke 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

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Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

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4th Surrender to Christ as Lord INTERNALLY *in your hearts*

5th Focus on INTIMACY with Jesus Christ *sanctify Christ*

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

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If not, what does that mean for you?
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