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- Religion of human achievement vs. faith of Divine accomplishment.



I. What Does a Transformed Heart Look Like?

“poor in spirit”

“mourn”

“gentle”

“hunger and thirst”

“merciful”

“pure in heart”

“peacemakers”

“persecuted”

II. Test to Know You Have a transformed Heart (Matthew 6,7)



a. Test #1 Secret spiritual discipline

Matthew 6:1-18

Giving

Prayer

Fasting.

Matthew 6:1

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them.

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b. Test #2 Investments

Matthew 6:16-24

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c. Test #3 Trust

Matthew 6:25-34

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Matthew 10:37-39

7 “The one who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and the one who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.³⁸ And the one who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.³⁹ The one who has found his life will lose it, and the one who has lost his life on My account will find it.

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Matthew 5:10-12

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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