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1. The Antidote

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2. Division

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Matthew 10:34-39

Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your enemies will be right in your own household! If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it

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Luke 14:25-28

A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. But don't begin until you count the cost.

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Galatians 5:16-17

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

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John 1:4-5(NLT)

The Word gave life to everything that was created and His life brought light to everyone. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it.

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3. Unity

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Philippians 2: 1-2 (NKJV)

**Therefore if there is any consolation
in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if
any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded,
having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

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4. Jesus

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Philippians 2:6-8

Jesus Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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Galatians 3:13

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree”.

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Philippians 2:9 (NKJV)

Therefore God also has highly exalted
Him and given Him the name which is above every name.

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Romans 2:8 (NLT)

But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.

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James 4:6 (NLT)

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

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Philippians 2:10-11 (NKJV)

**That at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and
of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

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Colossians 1:15 NIV

**The Son is the image of the invisible
God, the firstborn over all creation.**

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