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Isaiah 64:6a (NIV) – “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags”.

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“**heart**” = Greek *kardia* - “heart, mind, character, inner self, will, intention, center”; word study explanations include: “the affective center of our being”, our “capacity for moral preference”, the “desire producer that makes us tick”

Philippians 3:7-11 (NIV) – “But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead”.

John 15:18,20 (NIV) – “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master’. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also”.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (NIV) - “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They

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do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever”.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NIV) – “No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize”.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV) – “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”.

1 Corinthians 15:54,58 (NIV) – “When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory’. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain”.

Luke 23:43 (NIV) – Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise”.

“**paradise**” = Greek *paradeisos* – “park or garden”; used in the Septuagint for “Garden of Eden”

Isaiah 51:3 (NIV) – “The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing”.