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**IGNORE THE IMPORTANT**

Matthew 23:23–24 (NLT) <sup>23</sup> ***“What sorrow awaits** you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. **Hypocrites!** For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but **you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith.**”*

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*You should tithe, yes, but **do not neglect the more important things.** <sup>24</sup> **Blind guides!** You **strain your water** so you won’t accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!*

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**STRENGTH!**

Exodus 15:2 (NLT) <sup>2</sup> ***The LORD is my strength** and my song; **he has given me victory.** This is my God, and I will praise him— my father’s God, and I will exalt him!*

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**UNCLEAN?**

Luke 19:1–9 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> *Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. <sup>2</sup> Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a **chief tax collector, and he was rich.** <sup>3</sup> And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, **for he was of short stature.***

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<sup>4</sup> *So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, **He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, **for today I must stay at your house.”*****

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<sup>6</sup> So he made haste and came down, and **received Him joyfully.** <sup>7</sup> But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to **be a guest with a man who is a sinner.**" <sup>8</sup> Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I **give half of my goods to the poor;**

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and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I **restore fourfold.**" <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "**Today salvation has come to this house,** because he also is a son of Abraham;

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Romans 14:14 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that **there is nothing unclean of itself;** but to him **who considers anything to be unclean,** to him it is unclean.

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Luke 9:53–56 (NKJV) <sup>53</sup> But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, **do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?**"

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<sup>55</sup> But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "**You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.**" <sup>56</sup> For the Son of Man did not come to **destroy men's lives but to save them.**" And they went to another village.

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## ONLY ONE GOD

1 Corinthians 8:4–7 (NLT): So, what about **eating meat that has been offered to idols?** Well, we all know that an idol is **not really a god and that there is only one God.** There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords.

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*But for us, **There is one God**, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is **one Lord**, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live. However, **not all believers know this.***

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*Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and **their weak consciences are violated.***

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