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Here are some examples:

- What you love and what you hate reveal the kind of person you are.
- An atheist cannot find God for the same reason a thief cannot find a policeman.
- Few people are big enough to become small enough for God to use them.
- One snowflake isn't much by itself, but it takes a bulldozer to move them when they cooperate.
- To prevent truth decay, read your Bible every day.
- A man who is all wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.
- When we put our cares into His hands, He puts His calm into our hearts.
- God formed us; sin deformed us; Christ alone can transform us.
- Most worries are reruns.
- Creationist: “God made everything out of nothing;” Evolutionist: “Nothing exploded and turned into everything.”
- The secret of an unsatisfied life lies in an unsundered will.
- Whatever you dislike in another person, be sure to correct in yourself.
- A beautiful heart transforms the homeliest face.
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