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4. Four Contemporary Applications:

- a. Be the same morally righteous Christian person everywhere, with everyone.
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