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4. Cleanse your _____ .
5. Purify your _____ .
6. Be afflicted, mourn.
7. _____ yourself.

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He resisteth the proud, but giveth grace
unto the humble.

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1. Submit to God.
2. Resist the devil.
3. Draw nigh to God.
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5. Purify your hearts.
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