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Bottom Line Up Front

- God has created and equipped us for a purpose; this is your **Calling**.
- His **Commands** lead us to a principle-based life in relationship with Him.
- The Holy Spirit guides us through counsel and when needed, **Conviction**.
- Our response and willingness to **Consecrate** our lives decides whether we will experience the abundant life Jesus came to provide.
- There is no reward in life or death, for the man who lives out the disobedient and cowardly response of compromise when God expects consecration.
- We either respond to God, full send, or pridefully ascend our way to the throne of our own life as we arrogantly and unwittingly negotiate the terms of our long slow death.
- So, as men of free will, who God has empowered with choice, what will OCUPY our lives?

TERMS AND CONCEPTS



Incoming Call: God

TERM: Calling – What God made you to do.

CONCEPTS:

- Each person has one
- You have an equipping for this purpose
- While yours might be like another person's, your calling is for you
- There is often many purposes (Callings) in a person's life. Including spreading the Gospel, parenting, you work, etc.
- Don't mistake your choices for God's calling. These are not the same.

Ephesians 2:10: "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

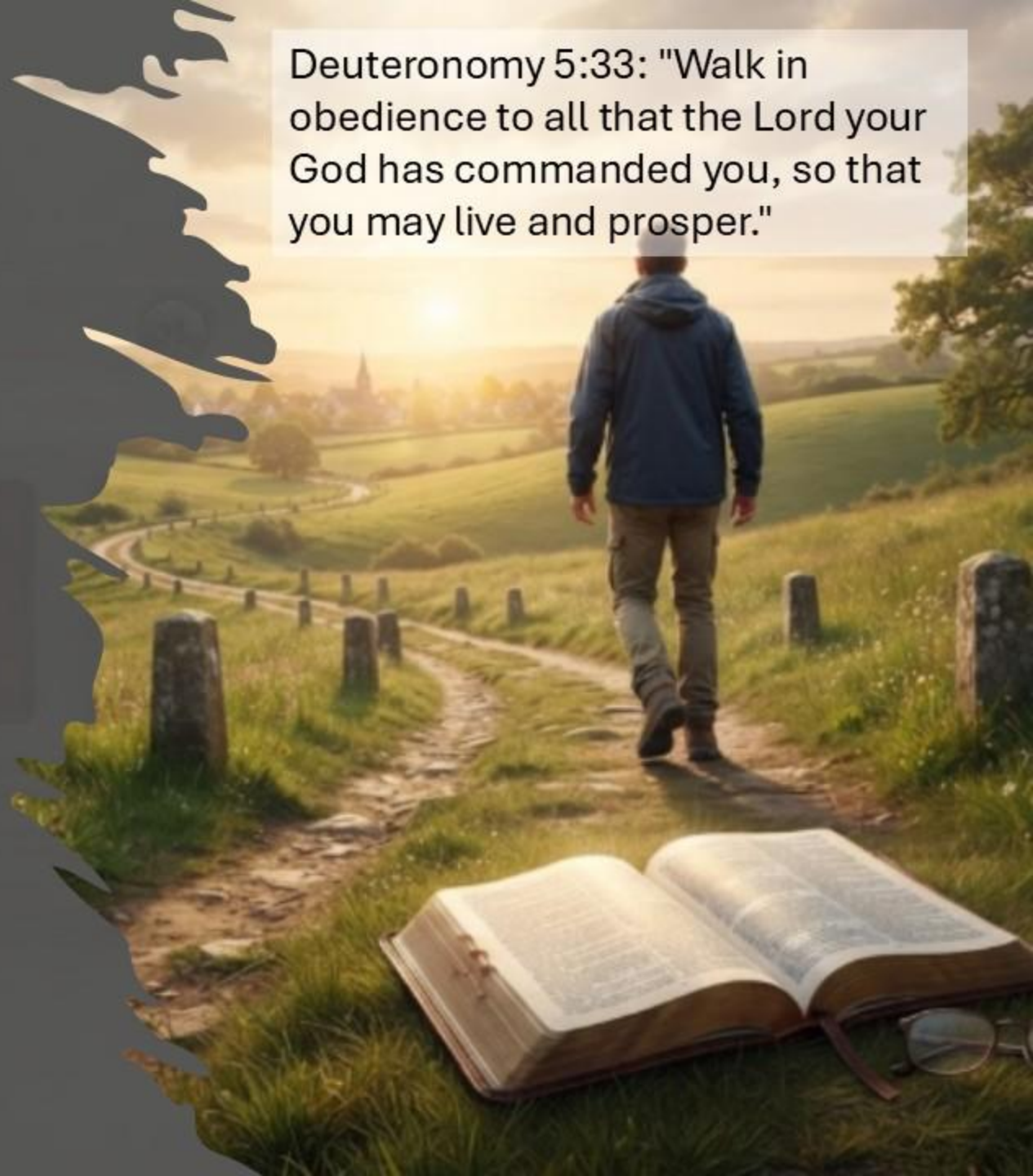


Not Optional

TERM: Commands – Gods directives to us.

CONCEPTS:

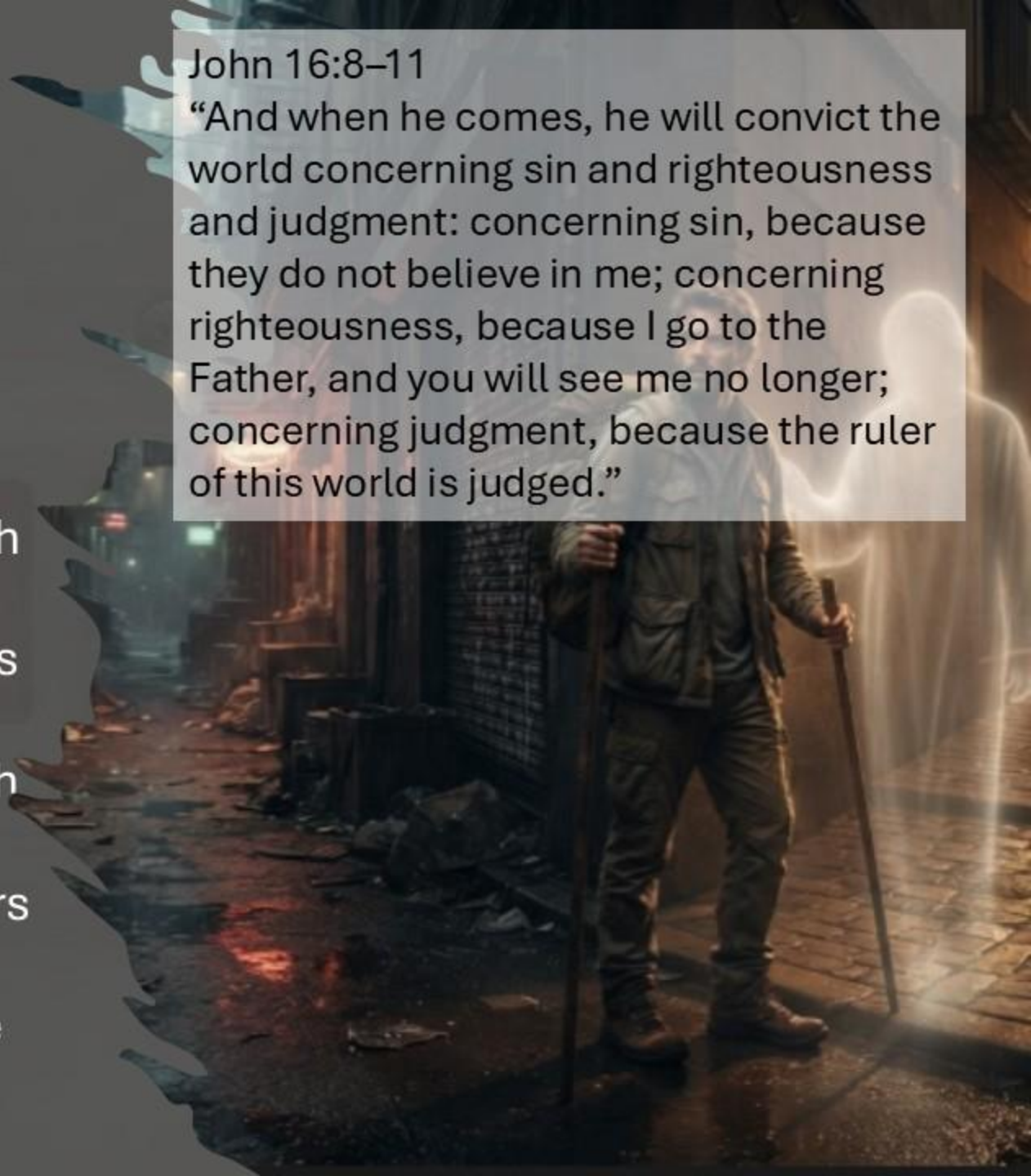
- Commands are publicly known
- Documented for reference
- Not optional
- For every believer
- Given to us to live out a life that empowers us to accomplish God’s purpose for us.
- Do not change



This Is Personal

TERM: Conviction – The Holy Spirit bringing sin and/or the need to change to your attention.

- CONCEPTS:
- Not publicly known. It's personal
- Always bring you back into alignment with God's word
- Also, guidance that should not be seen as optional
- For every believer, but situational for each person
- Given to us to live out a life that empowers us to accomplish God's purpose for us.
- Change based on where you and God are in His pursuit to aid you.



John 16:8–11
"And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

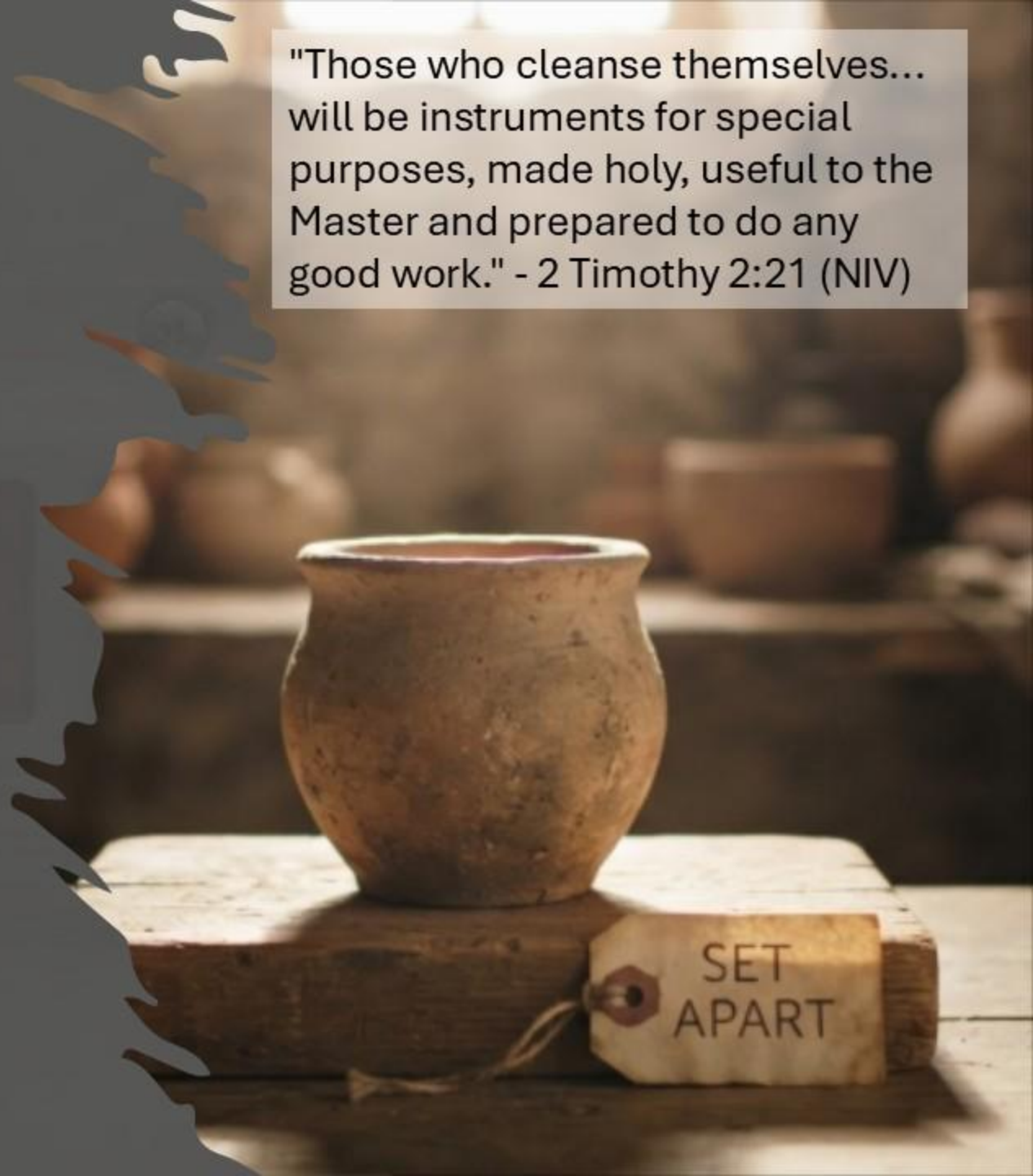
Focus

TERM: Consecration – Set aside for use by God.

CONCEPTS:

- You are to be consecrated to the Lord. Set aside for His use.
- What part of your life is consecrated?
  - Your Marriage?
  - Your Money?
  - Your Kids?
  - Your Work Life?
- What part is held back and set aside for your use? To please you and your objectives?

"Those who cleanse themselves... will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work." - 2 Timothy 2:21 (NIV)



Do It .. To It

TERM: Obedience – Hearing God's word/voice and doing what He says.

CONCEPTS:

- Obedience is binary, you either are obedient or you aren't
- Slow-Bedience is disobedience.
- Not considerate of your circumstances
- Has consequences when not prioritized
- Should be applied to God's commands guidance from the Holy Spirit
- Attitude matters when being obedient
- Likely.. Not convenient.. Which is not a factor of consideration.



James 1:22 (NIV)
"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

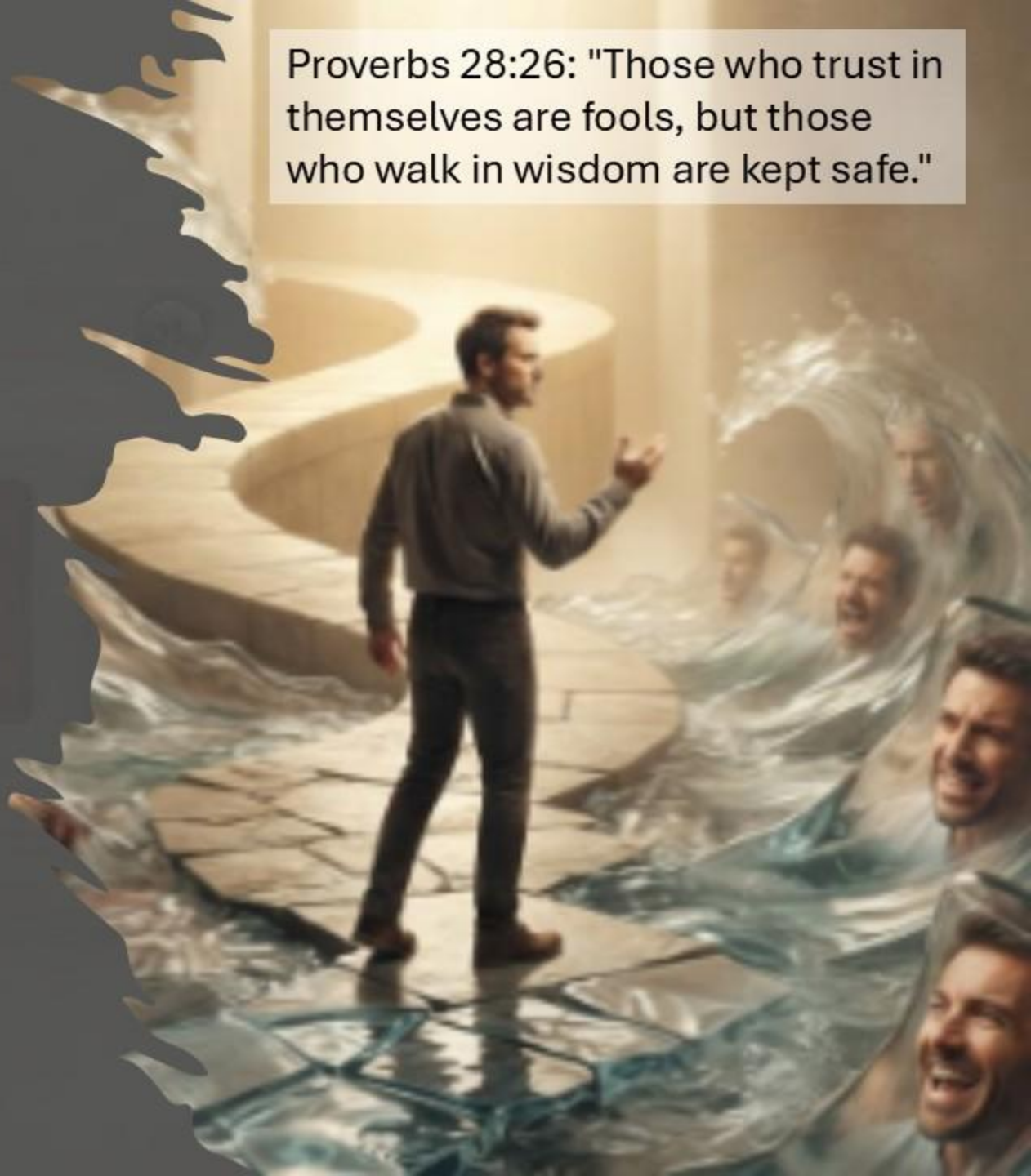
Right In The Feels

TERM: Feelings – Emotional responses to our thoughts, experiences, circumstances, and perceptions.

CONCEPTS:

- Influence our decision making
- Do not come from the Lord
- Are typically fixated on self (the flesh)
- Every human has them
- Should be seen as untrustworthy
- Change all the time
- Can be manipulated by spiritual forces and other humans

Proverbs 28:26: "Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe."



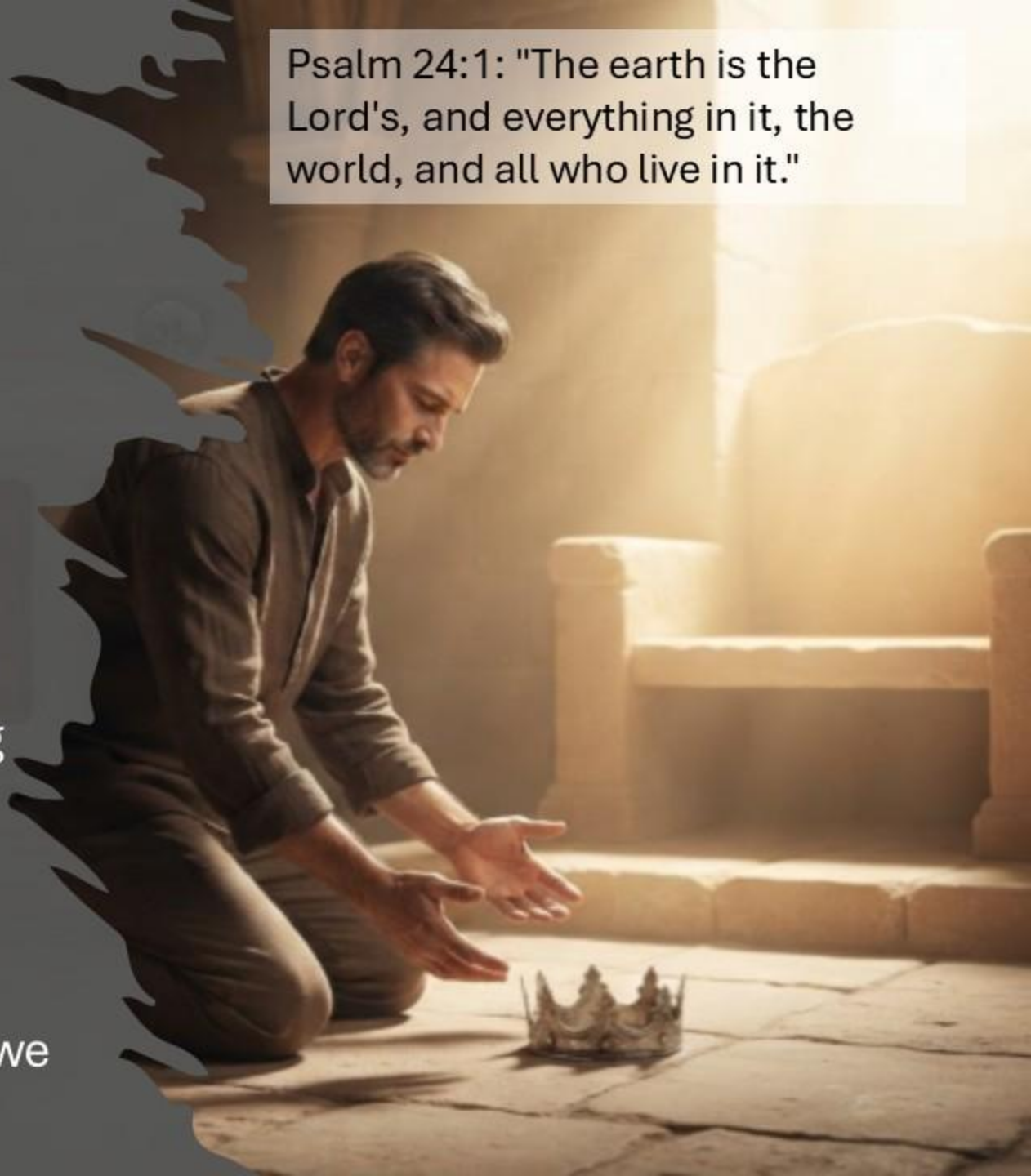
There is Only One King

TERM: Lordship – Absolute ownership, authority, and rule of God over a person's life - and the corresponding surrender of that life to Him.

CONCEPTS:

- Not a negotiable position. He is or you are.
- The position our flesh is always seeking
- The enemy’s objective is to be our lord
- Requires daily submission
- Pride rejects the lordship of God
- The position we say we give God when we make a confession of faith

Psalm 24:1: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."



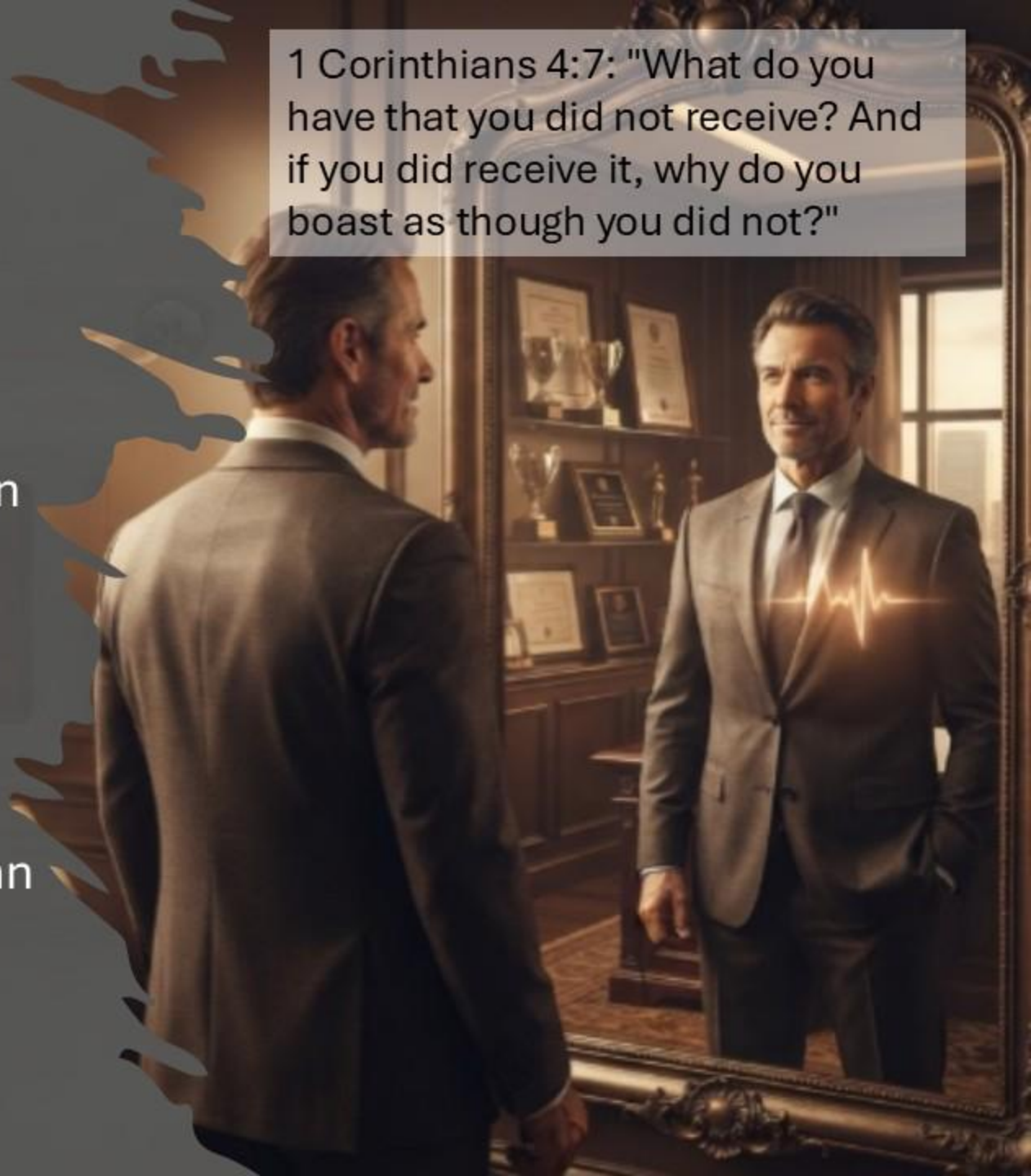
Self-Made Man

TERM: Entitlement – What a pride filled spirit would say you are owed

CONCEPTS:

- Modern life feeds the notion that certain things in life are owed to us
- What you deserve, as a sinner, is the total, unthrottled wrath of God. Jesus' blood is why you have hope
- Good things are gifts from God and should be received with gratitude, not an attitude of "I earned that"
- Focused on self, not God. Focused on this life, not our relationship with God

1 Corinthians 4:7: "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"



THAT NEXT LEVEL STUFF





"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness!'" - Matthew 7:21-23 (BSB)

Check That Box

- Religion — Founded on performance. If you do well in men's eyes and you're considered to be doing well overall.

- Relationship — Founded on like-mindedness with God and obedience. Invest in your relationship with God and you carry His mind on matters, and it brings you joy to do His will - regardless of what men think.

- Religious box-checking is easier than relationship. It brings affirmation from man, edifies self, and feeds our pride.

Question: Are you walking out a religion or a relationship?



"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." - Matthew 6:24 (BSB)

Fit Him In

- We have built our lives, like a puzzle.
- So many small pieces, put together to make a vision we've had in our mind and hearts.
- Did that vision come from God? Did it come from the world? Is it a mix?
- Are we just fitting God in the spare room we have in our lives or is He the center that everything else is built around.



"But when you present a blind animal for sacrifice, is it not wrong? And when you present a lame or sick animal, is it not wrong? Bring it to your governor! Would he be pleased with you or show you favor?' says the Lord of Hosts." — Malachi 1:8 (BSB)

Give What You Want

- Are you asking from God, what you aren't willing to give yourself?
- You want protection, provision, intervention, grace, mercy, blessing, healing, vision, etc. The very best of everything God is and has to offer
- Are you willing to give the very best of who you are and what you have to offer?
- PE: 10/4/26: We haven't discovered Gods will for our life because we aren't willing to do it… and He knows it.



Galatians 6:7-8: "Do not be deceived: God is not to be mocked. Whatever a man sows, he will reap in return. The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

You’re Not Excused

- Your excuses don't excuse you.
- Your whining and prioritizing the world aid the enemy's mission to pull the brethren from the Lord - because you do it, they feel they can too.
- Example - David (2 Samuel 11:1): "In the spring, at the time when kings march out to war, David sent out Joab and his servants with the whole army of Israel… but David remained in Jerusalem."
- What was David’s excuse? The outcome was a dead man (Uriah), a dead child, and a permanent sentence of the sword on David's house.
- Christ's blood makes you righteous before God - it does not exempt you from the consequences of sin in this life.

What Is Your Why

- Why did you even start a relationship with God?
  - It was a choice
  - What did you want from your relationship with Him
  - You agreed to make him the Lord of your life
  - Did you think you could be your own God while pretending to serve the God
- PE: 10/4/26: We haven’t discovered Gods will for our life because we aren’t willing to do it… and He knows it.



Self-Deception

- Are you living some version of Christianity that falls short of God's expectation?
- Are you a hearer of the word and not a doer?
- Are you checking that box of religious activity that makes you feel good at night when you compare yourself to others?
- Are you asking God what He wants you to do and doing it, or are simply doing what everyone else does?



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- What part of your life is OCUPADO? Not available for God to influence?
  - Your marriage?
  - Your money?
  - Your career?
  - Your parenting?
  - Your healing?

- Why are you choosing fear, disobedience, pride, convenience… over God's desire for you?



Terms and Conditions

What is your response to the Holy Spirit addressing issues in your life?

Do you..

- Respond quickly
- With a happy heart
- Accept the life changes it may mean

Do you..

- Ignore that prompting
- Negotiate the terms of your compliance
- Reason away your total disobedience



What Difference Does It Make?

Failing To Follow Commands

We reap what we sow

Galatians 6:7-8 says that sowing to the flesh produces corruption, while sowing to the Spirit produces life.

Our lives become unstable

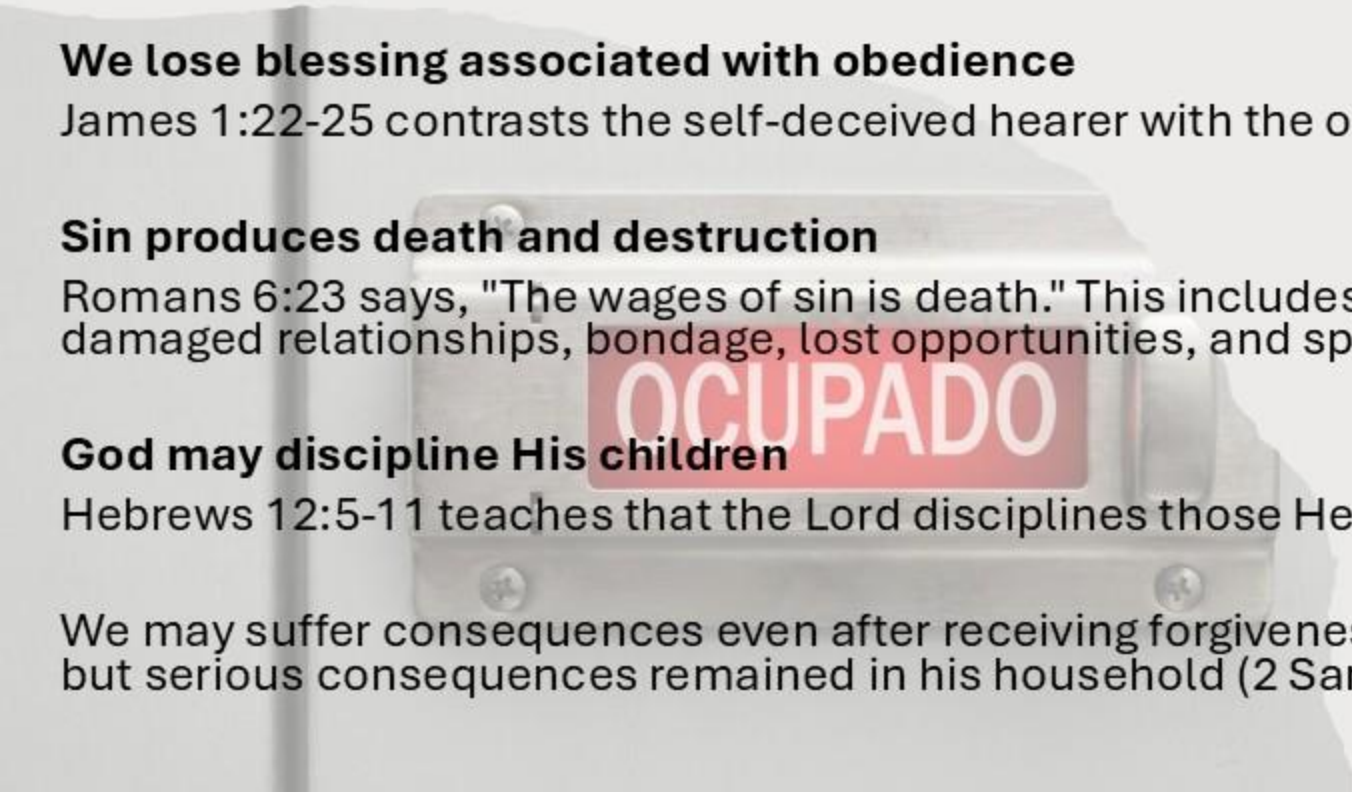
Luke 6:46-49, Jesus compares the person who hears but does not obey to a house built without a foundation. When pressure comes, "the destruction of that house was great."

We lose blessing associated with obedience

James 1:22-25 contrasts the self-deceived hearer with the obedient doer, who "will be blessed in what he does."

Sin produces death and destruction

Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death." This includes sin's destructive effects before final judgment: damaged relationships, bondage, lost opportunities, and spiritual decline.



God may discipline His children

Hebrews 12:5-11 teaches that the Lord disciplines those He loves so they may share in His holiness.

We may suffer consequences even after receiving forgiveness. David was forgiven after his sin with Bathsheba, but serious consequences remained in his household (2 Samuel 12:9-14).

What Difference Does It Make?

Resisting The Holy Spirit

We grieve the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:30 says, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God." The immediate context includes falsehood, uncontrolled anger, theft, corrupt speech, bitterness, and unforgiveness.

We quench His work

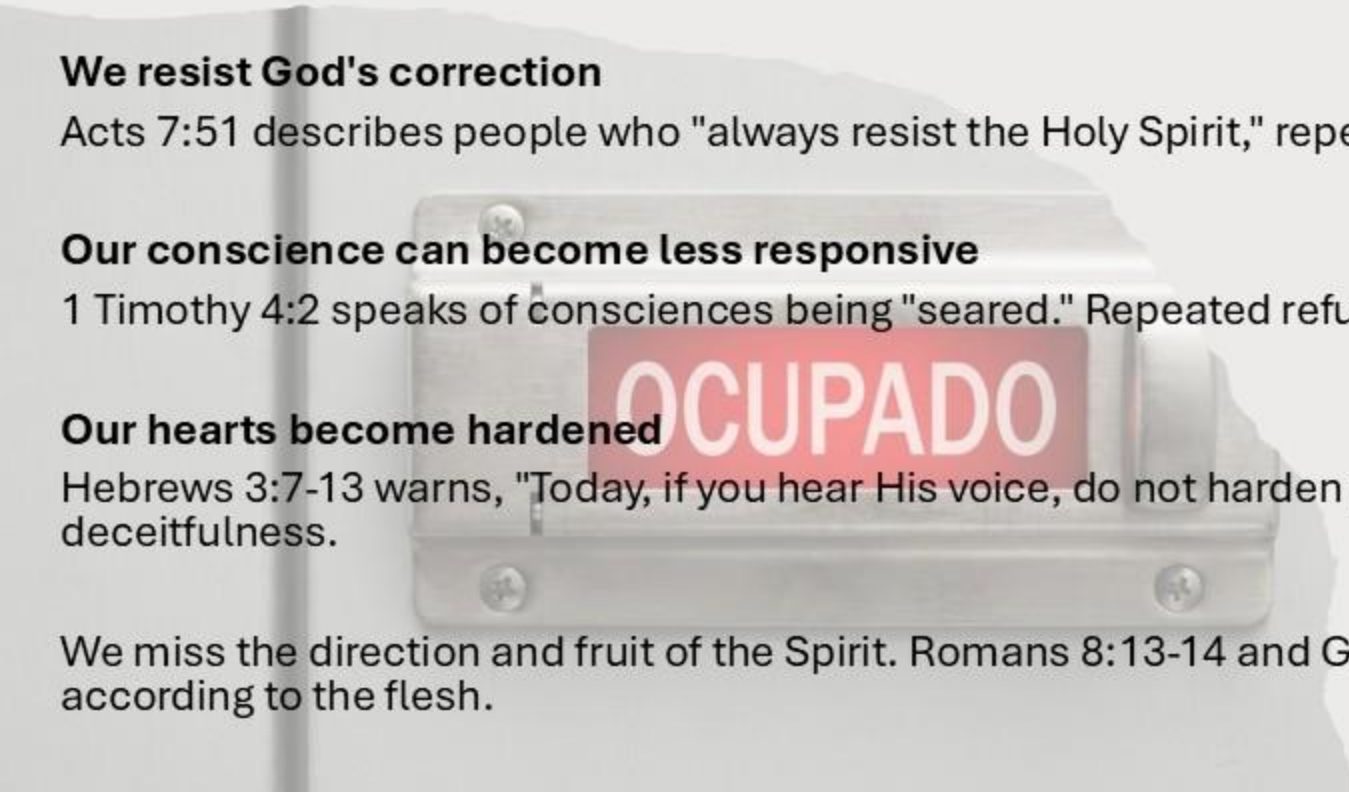
1 Thessalonians 5:19 says, "Do not quench the Spirit." The image is of suppressing or extinguishing a fire.

We resist God's correction

Acts 7:51 describes people who "always resist the Holy Spirit," repeating the rebellion of earlier generations.

Our conscience can become less responsive

1 Timothy 4:2 speaks of consciences being "seared." Repeated refusal can make what once convicted us feel normal.



Our hearts become hardened

Hebrews 3:7-13 warns, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." It connects hardening with sin's deceitfulness.

We miss the direction and fruit of the Spirit. Romans 8:13-14 and Galatians 5:16-25 contrast being led by the Spirit with living according to the flesh.

What Difference Does It Make?

Refusing To Consecrate Ourselves

We remain unprepared for special use

2 Timothy 2:20-21 says the cleansed vessel becomes "holy, useful to the Master, and prepared for every good work." The implication is that an uncleansed vessel is not prepared for that use.

We withhold acceptable worship

Romans 12:1-2 describes offering our bodies as living sacrifices, followed by transformation and discernment of God's will. Refusing the offering obstructs the transformation.

We cannot discern God's will clearly while conforming to the world

Romans 12:2 connects a renewed mind with the ability to "test and approve" God's good, pleasing, and perfect will.

We become unfruitful

John 15:4-6 teaches that fruit comes from abiding in Christ; apart from Him, we can do nothing of lasting spiritual value.

We may be set aside from an assignment. Saul remained king for a time, but his disobedience cost him God's intended future for his kingship (1 Samuel 13:13-14; 15:22-28).

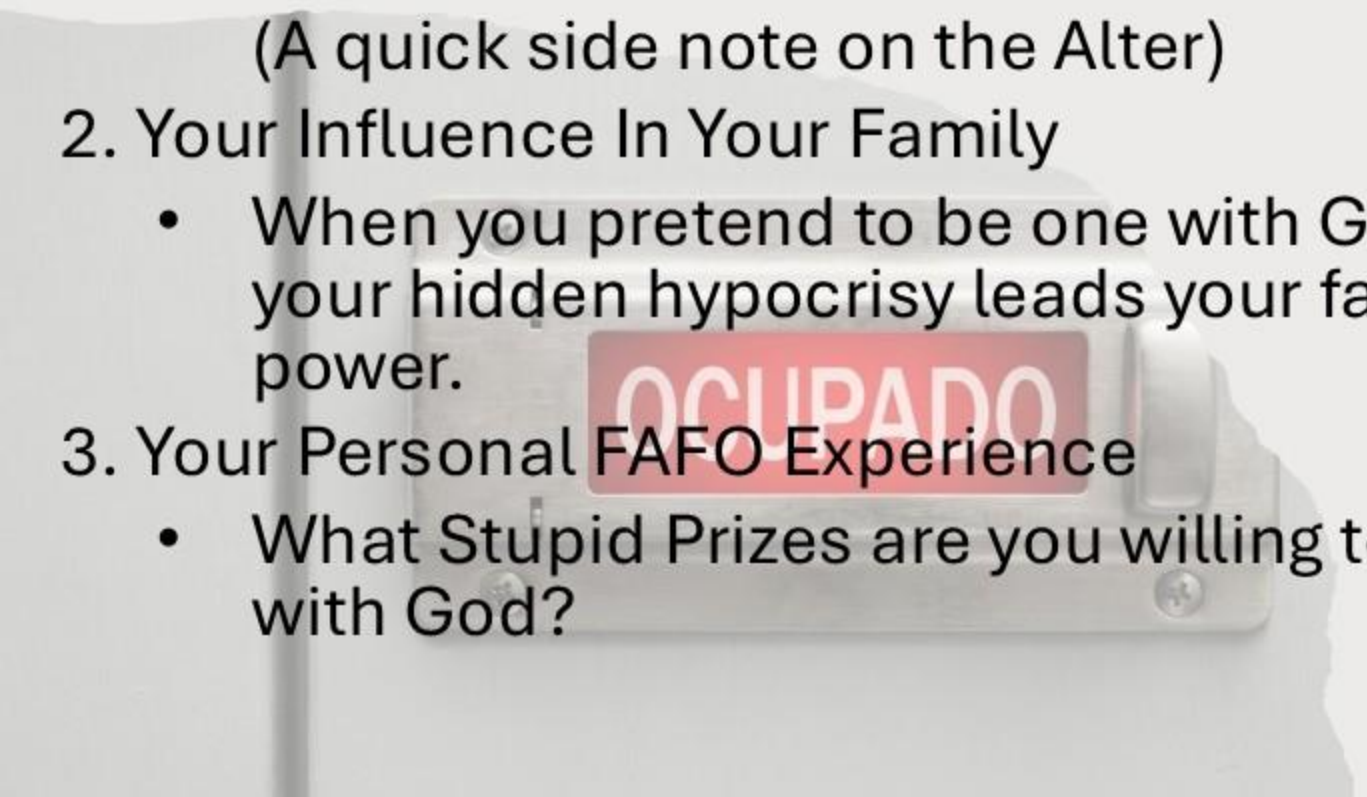
We offer God less than His rightful place. Malachi 1:8 and 13-14 condemn offering God the defective sacrifice while deliberately withholding the acceptable one.

Divided loyalty eventually reveals its true master. Matthew 6:24 says no one can serve two masters.

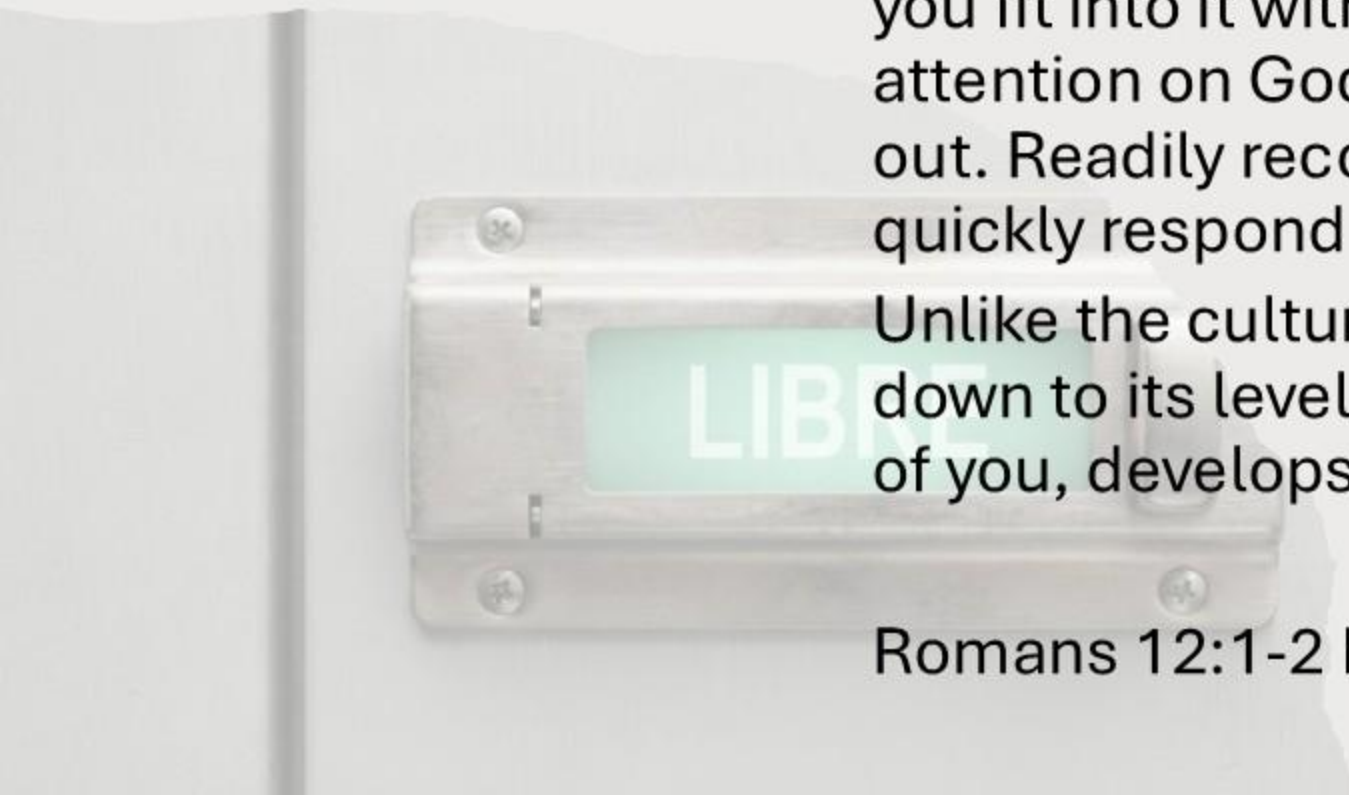
What Difference Does It Make?

1. Your Influence In The Church
   - Someone else will do it..
     - No.. They just might not.
     - And.. If they do.. They just might suck at it.

   (A quick side note on the Alter)
2. Your Influence In Your Family
   - When you pretend to be one with God, and you lack the power of God, your hidden hypocrisy leads your family to believe that God has no power.
3. Your Personal FAFO Experience
   - What Stupid Prizes are you willing to endure for playing Stupid Games with God?



What Do You Want From Me Man?



“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.

Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

Romans 12:1-2 MSG

Renew Your Mind



"Then he told them what they could expect for themselves: "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat—I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self.

What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? If any of you is embarrassed with me and the way I'm leading you, know that the Son of Man will be far more embarrassed with you when he arrives in all his splendor in company with the Father and the holy angels.

This isn't, you realize, pie in the sky by and by. Some who have taken their stand right here are going to see it happen, see with their own eyes the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:23-27 MSG

A Question In Progression

God commands - His will is made known.

The Spirit convicts and guides - His will becomes personal.

We choose - obey, delay, negotiate, or refuse.

Repeated choices form character - obedience softens us; resistance hardens us.

Character shapes consequences - fruitfulness and usefulness, or bondage and loss.

Living That LIBRE Life!

- Do I want you serve more in Church? No
- Do I want you to give more money in offering? No
- Do I want you to stop drinking beer? No
- Do I want you to stop cursing at bad drivers? No
- Do I want you to stop smoking those cigarettes? No
- Do I Want you to start praying three times a day? No

What I am asking you to do.. is what God asks you to do…
Nothing More, Nothing Less.

- If He has commanded you to do it.. Do it.
- If He has asked you to start doing it.. Start doing it.
- If He has asked you to stop doing it.. Stop doing it.

You’ve Got This.. Because.. He’s Got You

God calls and commands - He reveals what He wants us to do.

Grace supplies willingness - God works within us to desire His purpose (Philippians 2:13).

Grace supplies ability - His power operates through our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Grace provides timely help - we approach God's throne to receive what we need when obedience becomes difficult (Hebrews 4:16).

Grace trains and transforms us - it teaches us to reject ungodliness and live obediently (Titus 2:11-12).

Grace sustains the work - we labor faithfully, yet recognize that God's grace is accomplishing the work through us (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Grace produces fruitful obedience - God provides everything necessary for us to abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

The central principle is:
God's grace does not merely forgive us when we fail; it gives us the desire, strength, instruction, and help required to obey.


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