



# SOLOMON: the God pursuit

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“GOD’S ABUNDANCE AND YOU”

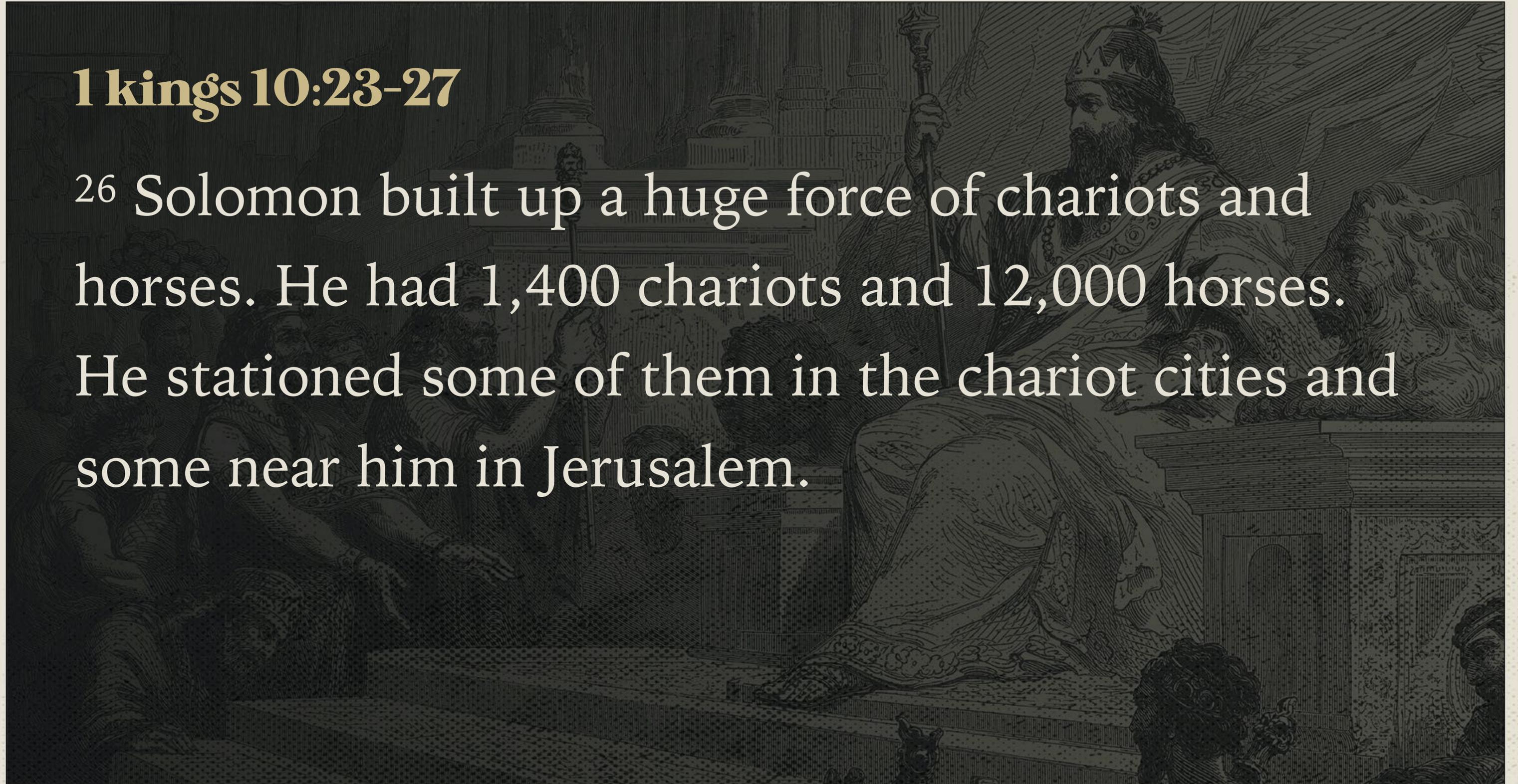
1 KINGS 10

## **1 kings 10:23-27**

<sup>23</sup> So King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on earth. <sup>24</sup> People from every nation came to consult him and to hear the wisdom God had given him. <sup>25</sup> Year after year everyone who visited brought him gifts of silver and gold, clothing, weapons, spices, horses, and mules.

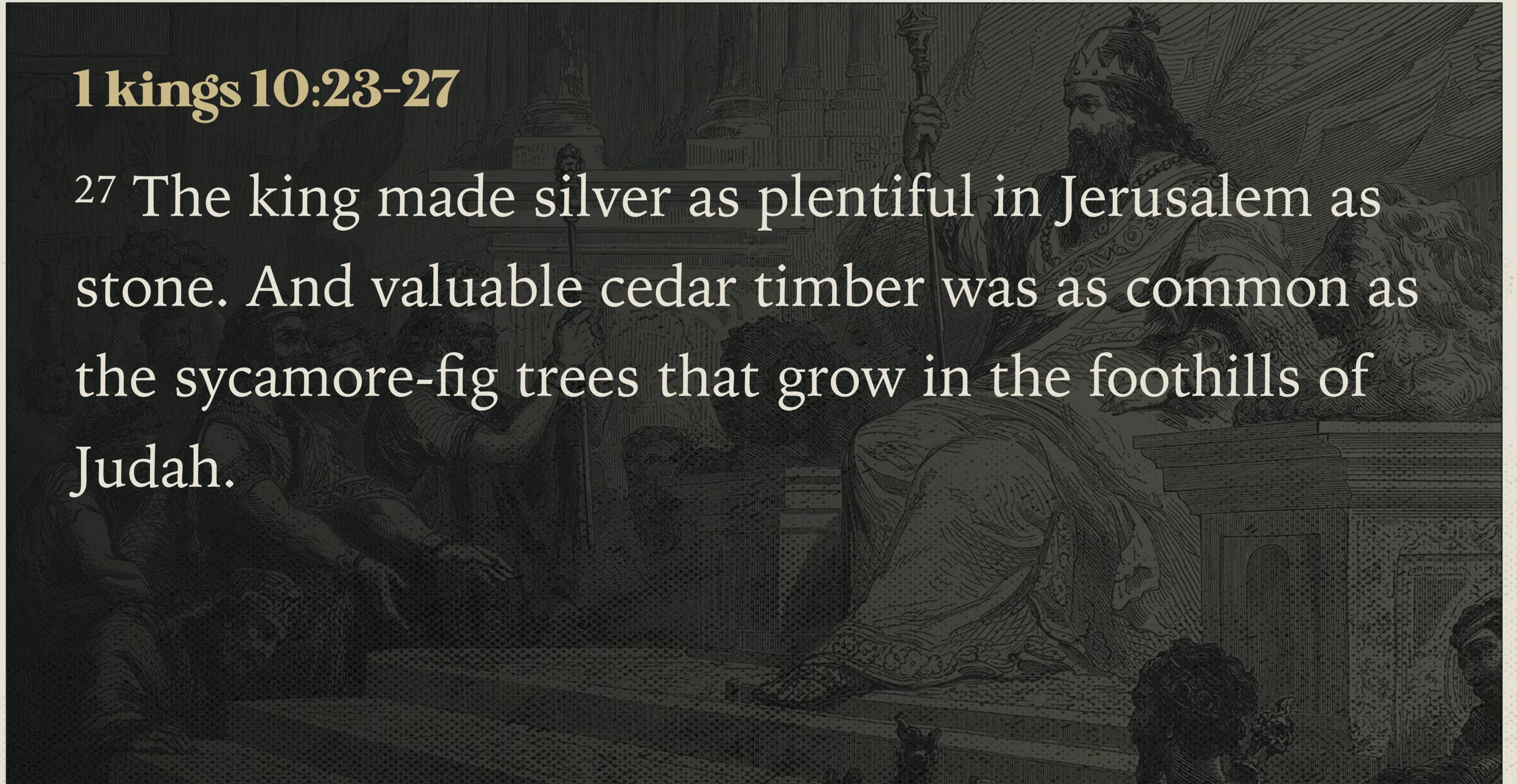
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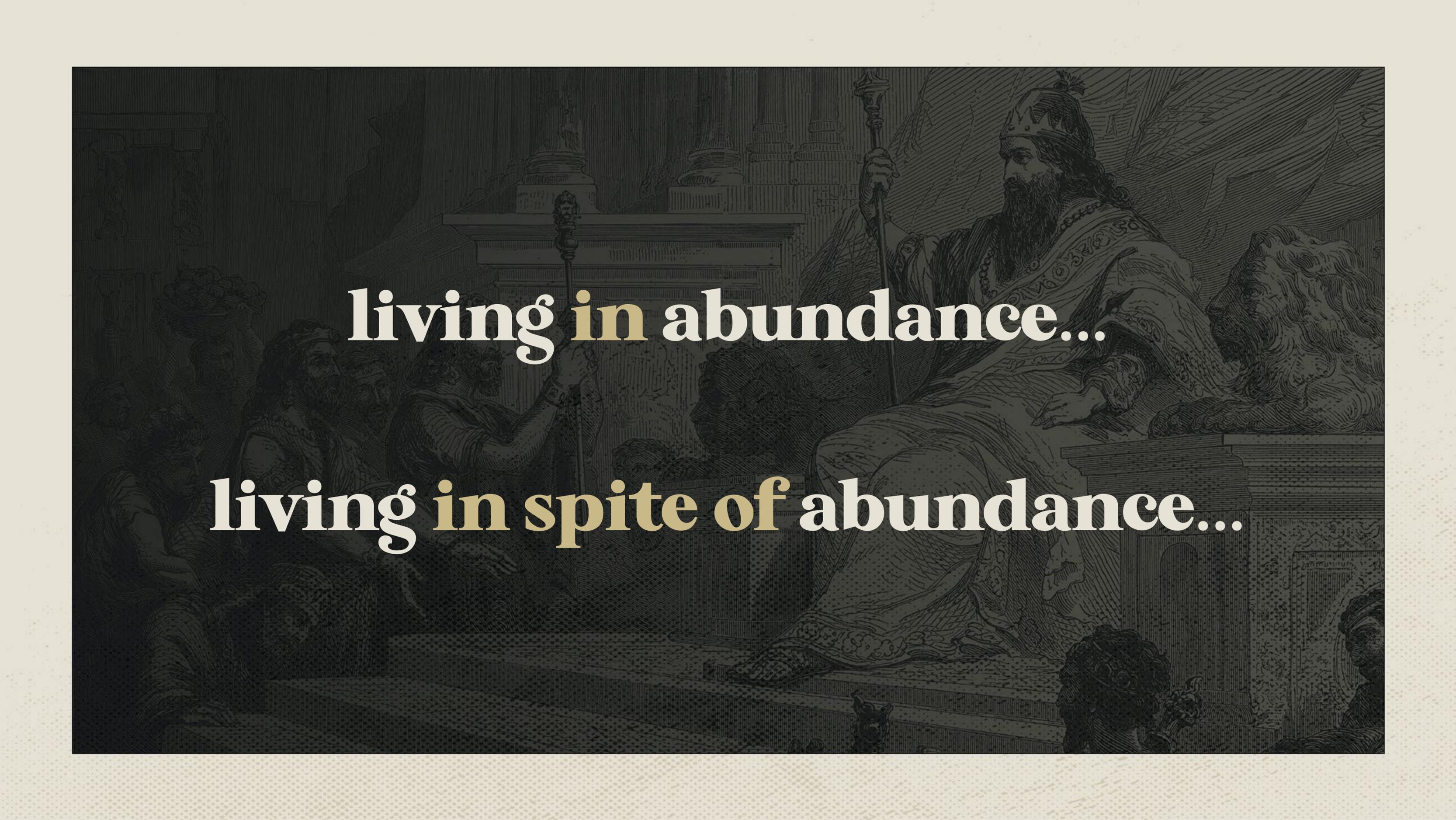
<sup>26</sup> Solomon built up a huge force of chariots and horses. He had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horses. He stationed some of them in the chariot cities and some near him in Jerusalem.



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<sup>27</sup> The king made silver as plentiful in Jerusalem as stone. And valuable cedar timber was as common as the sycamore-fig trees that grow in the foothills of Judah.



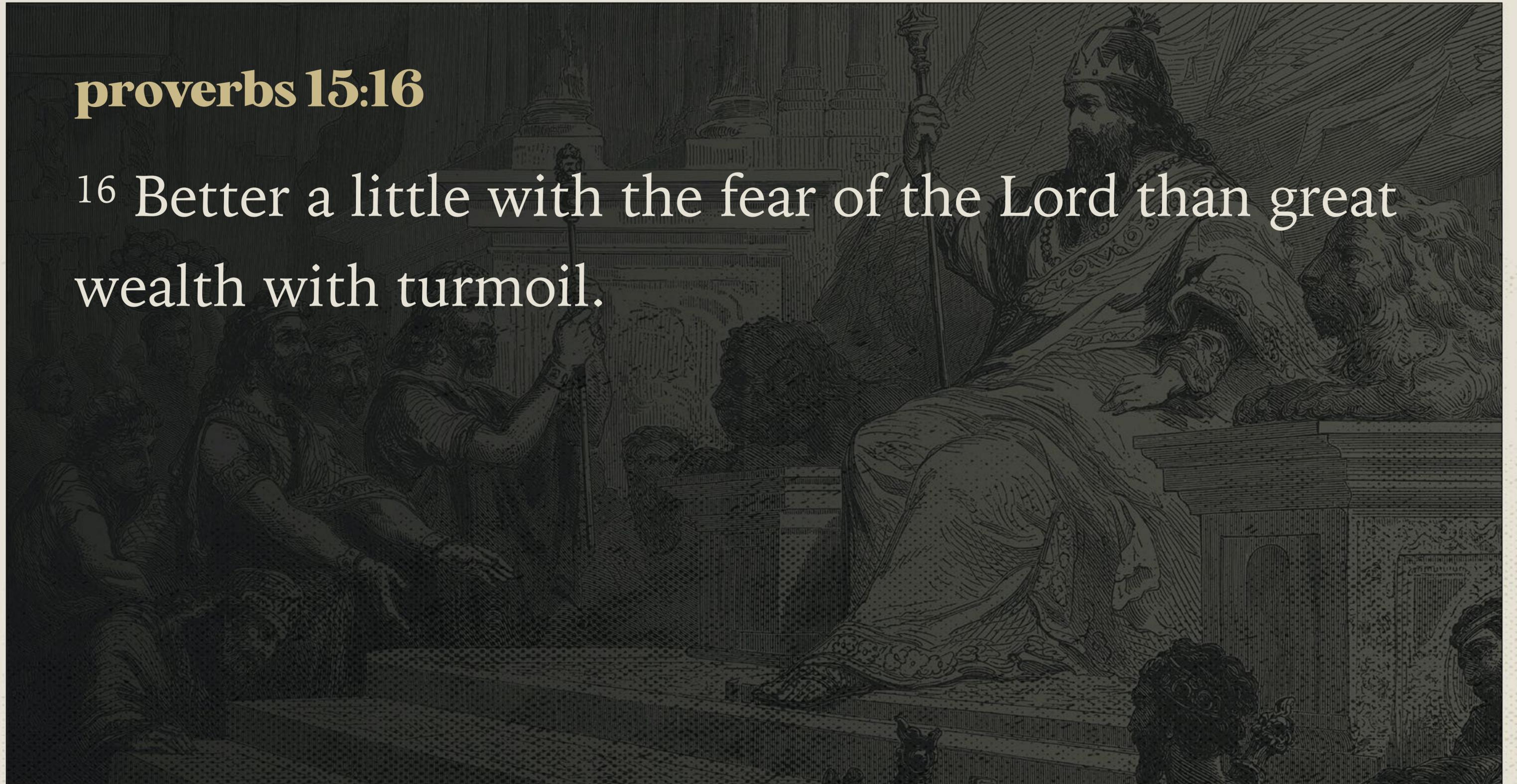


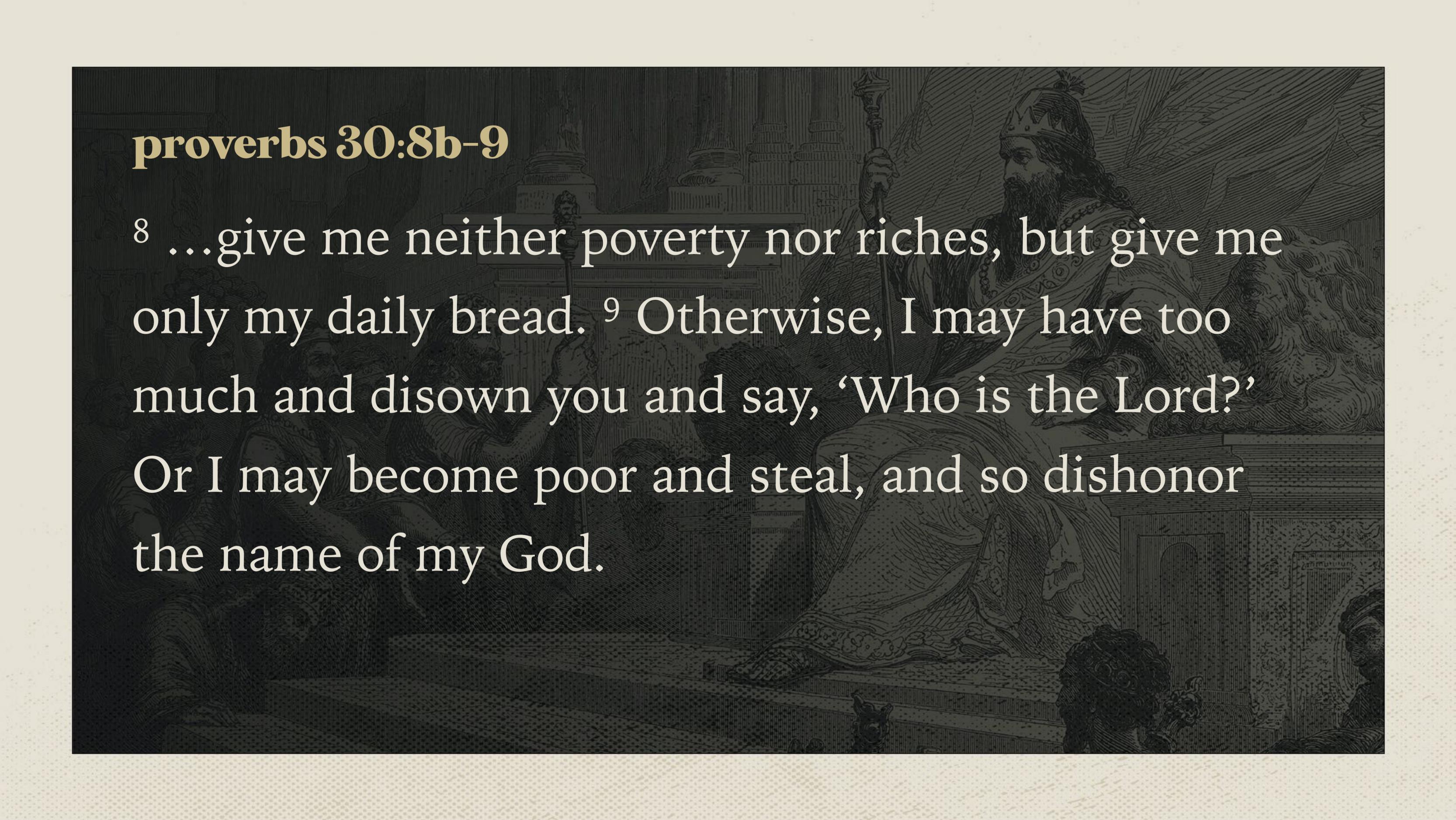
living **in** abundance...

living **in spite of** abundance...

**proverbs 15:16**

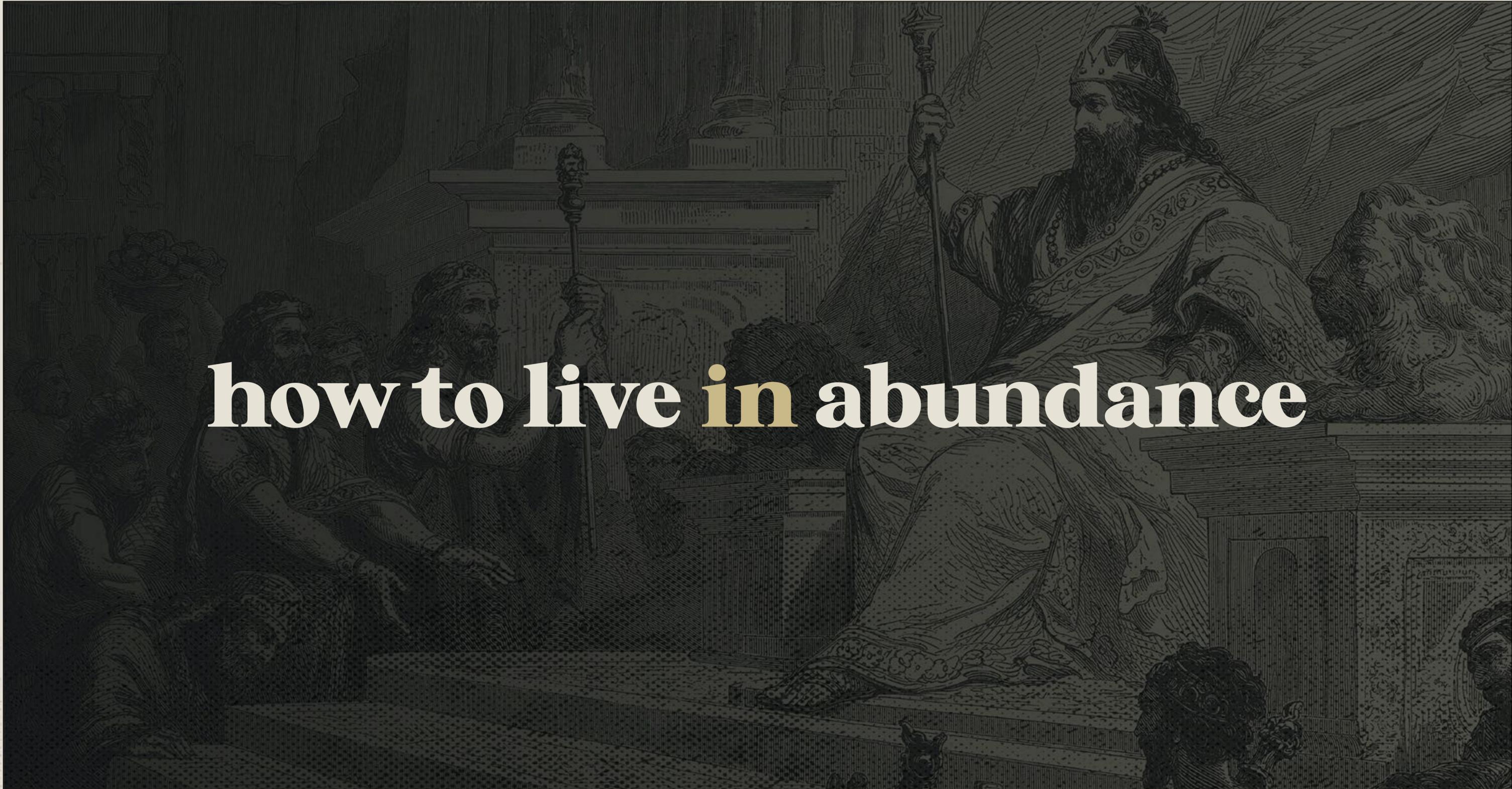
<sup>16</sup> Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.



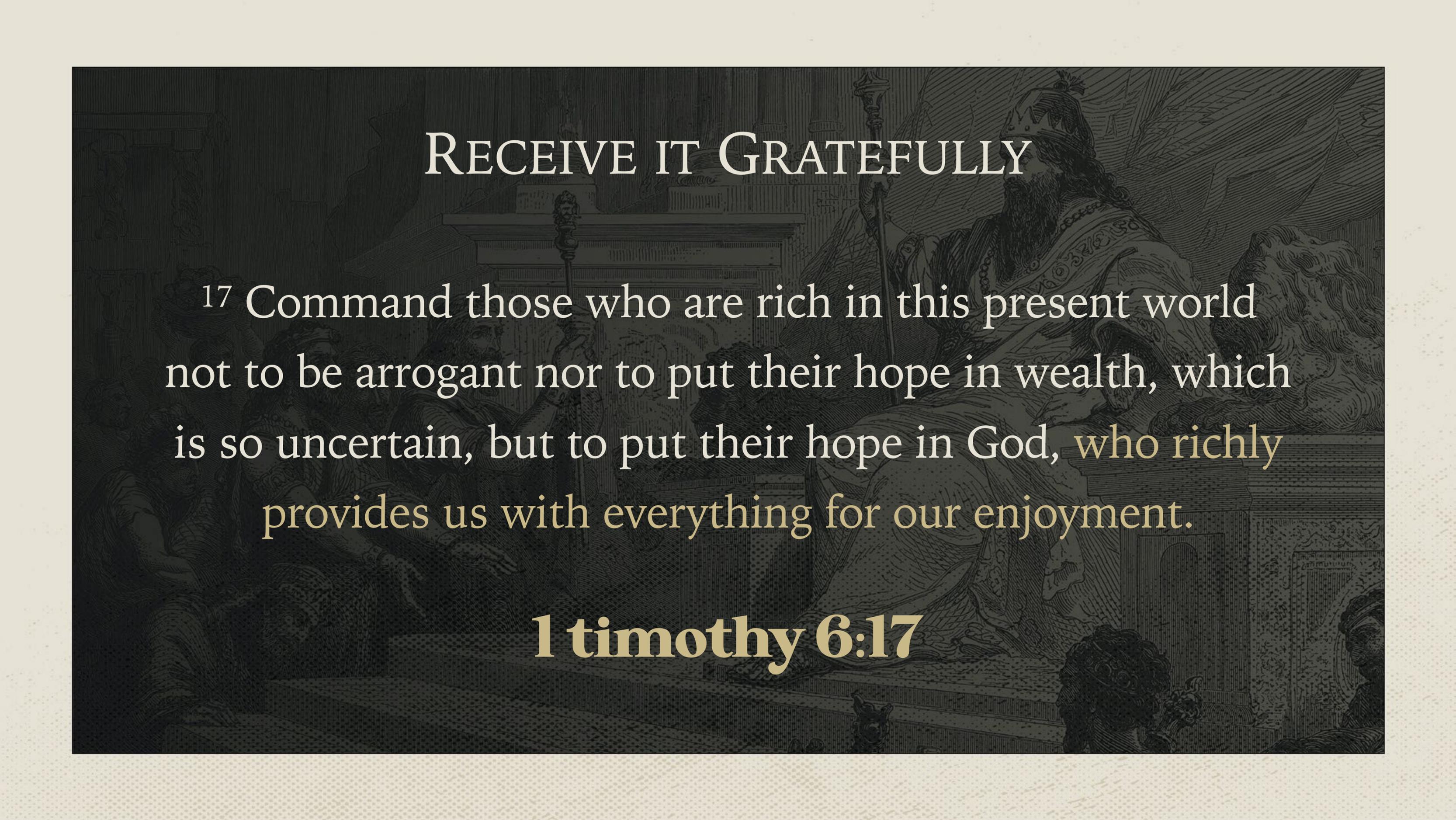


**proverbs 30:8b-9**

<sup>8</sup> ...give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. <sup>9</sup> Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.



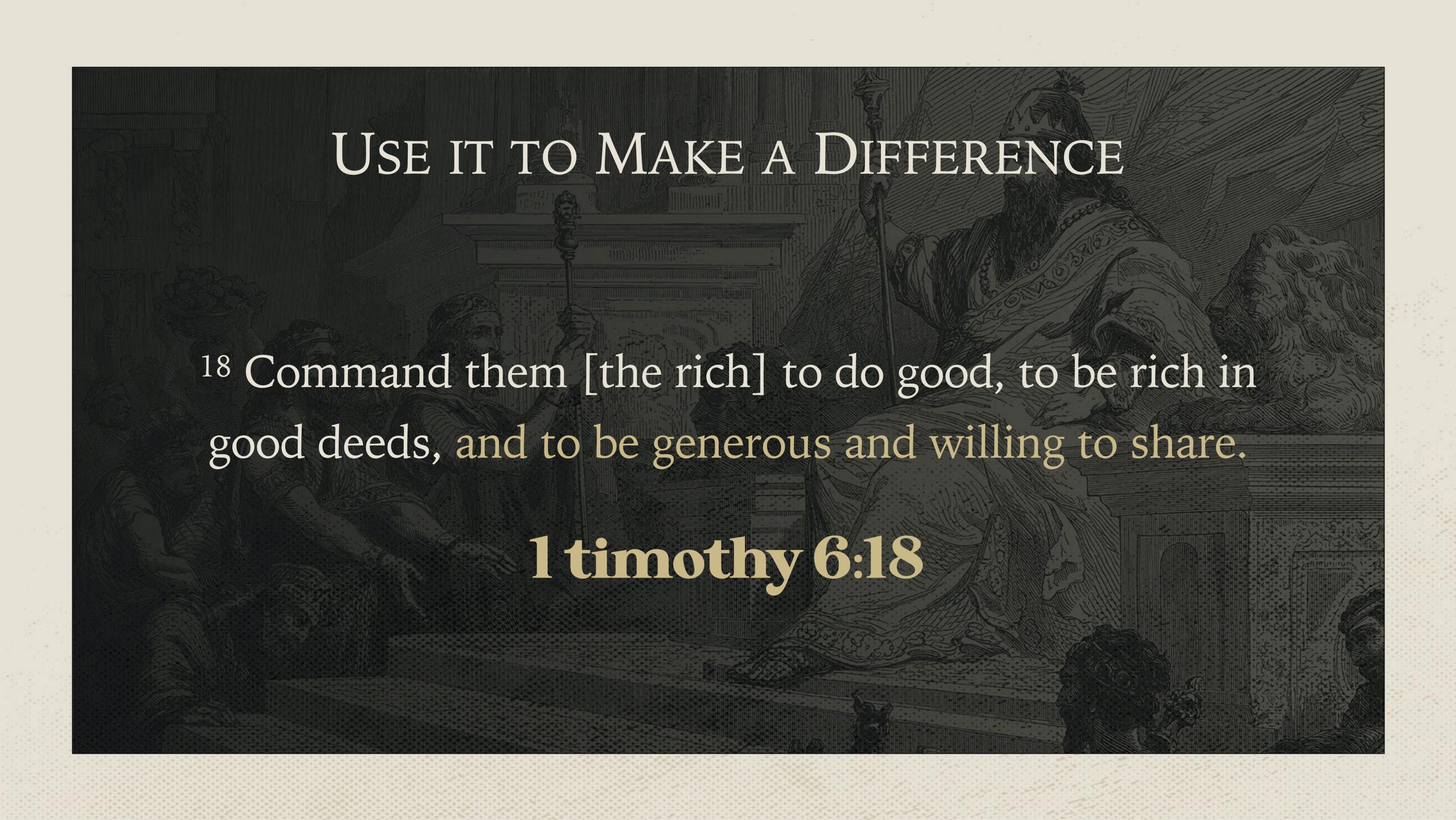
**how to live **in** abundance**



# RECEIVE IT GRATEFULLY

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

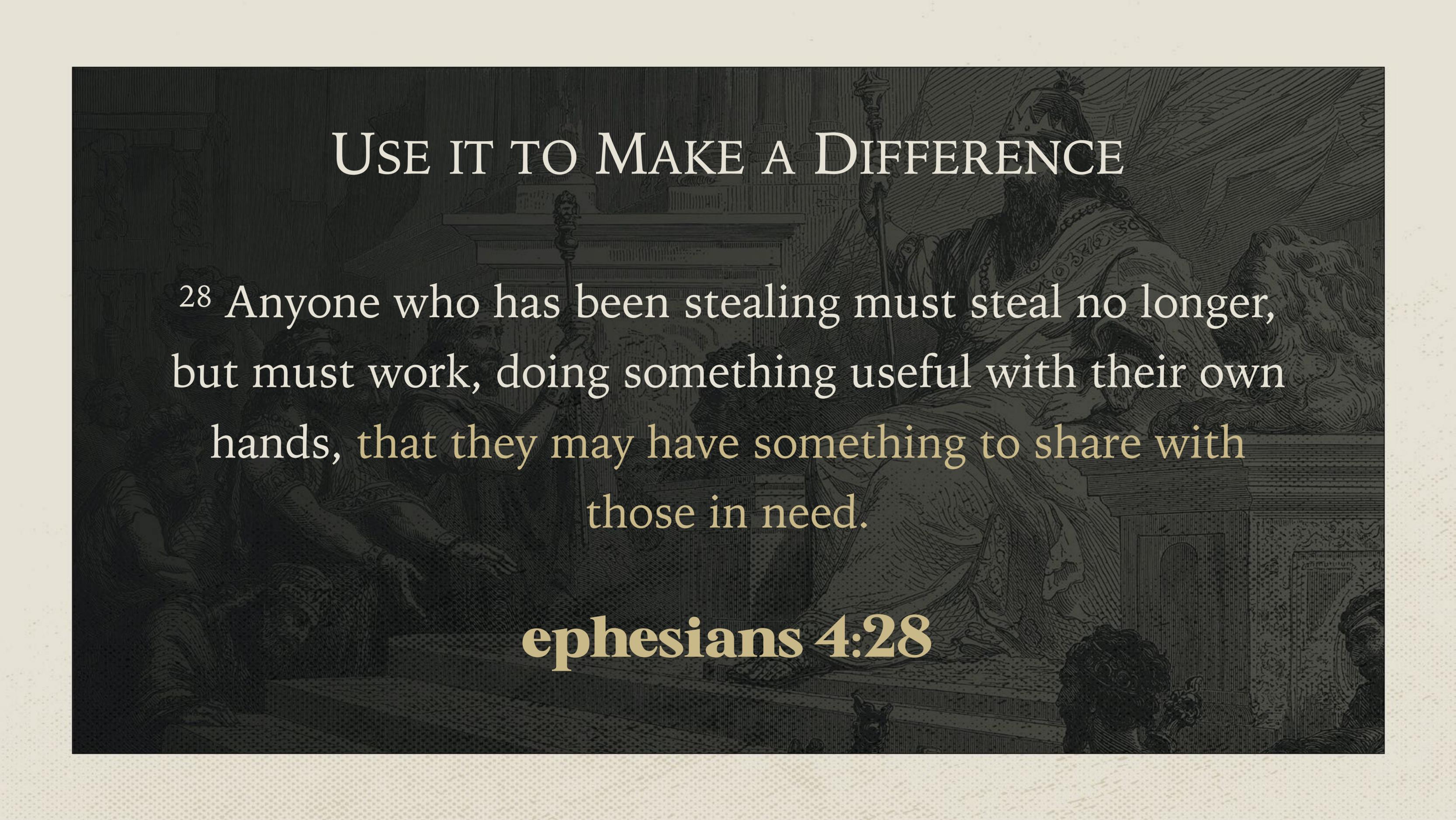
**1 timothy 6:17**



# USE IT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

<sup>18</sup> Command them [the rich] to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

**1 timothy 6:18**



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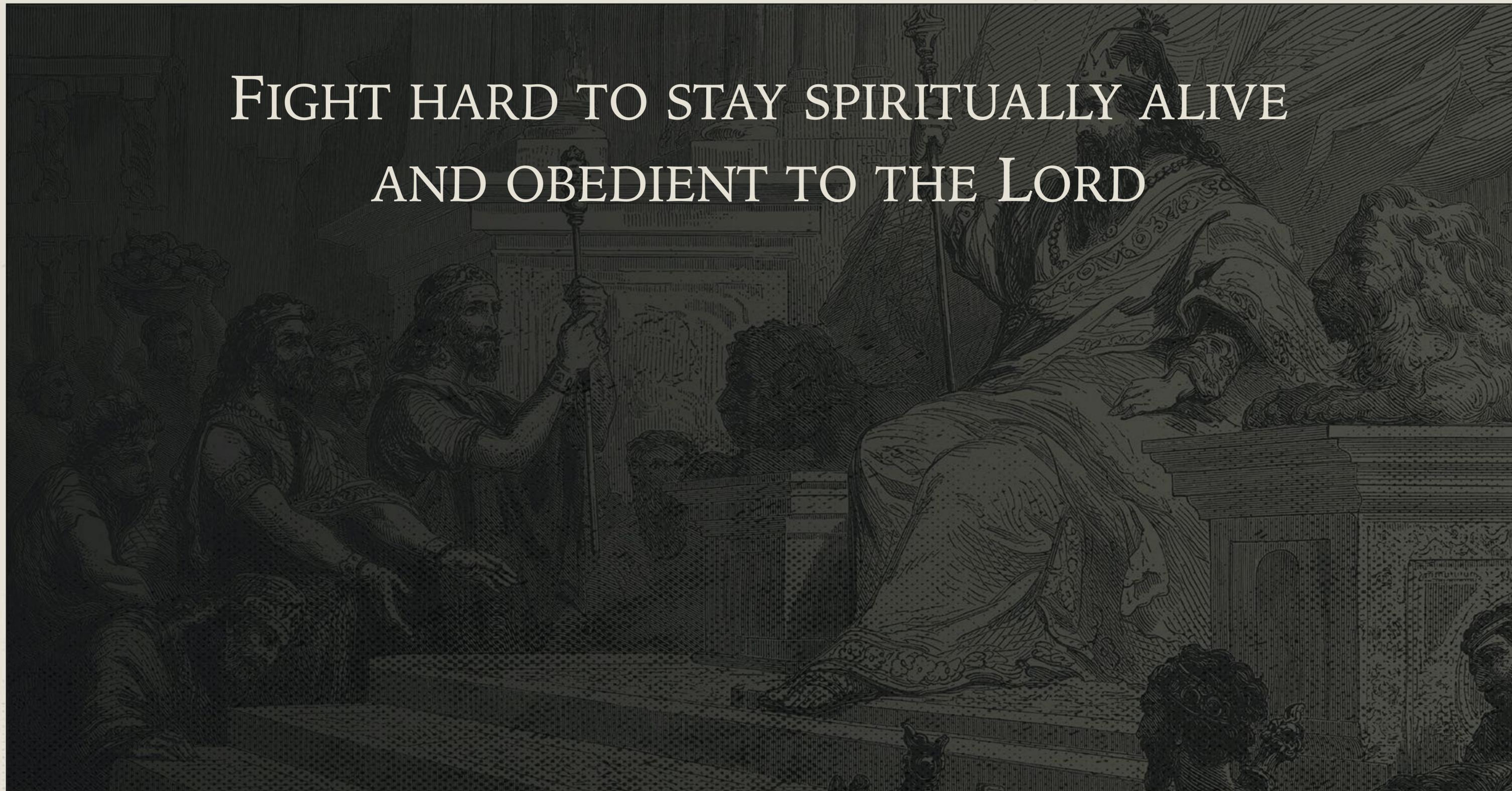
<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

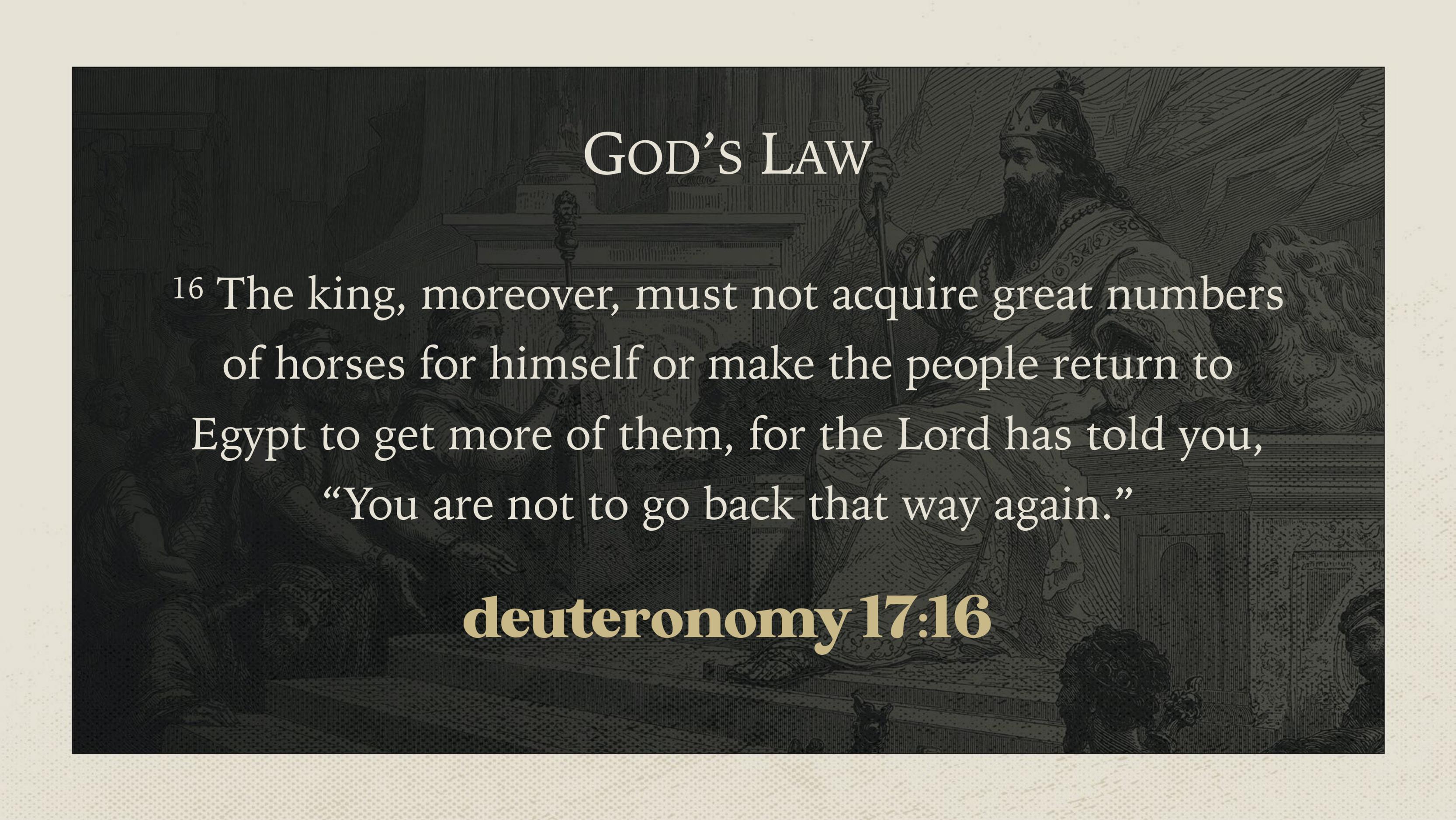
**ephesians 4:28**



**how to live  
in spite of abundance**

FIGHT HARD TO STAY SPIRITUALLY ALIVE  
AND OBEDIENT TO THE LORD





## GOD'S LAW

<sup>16</sup> The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.”

**deuteronomy 17:16**



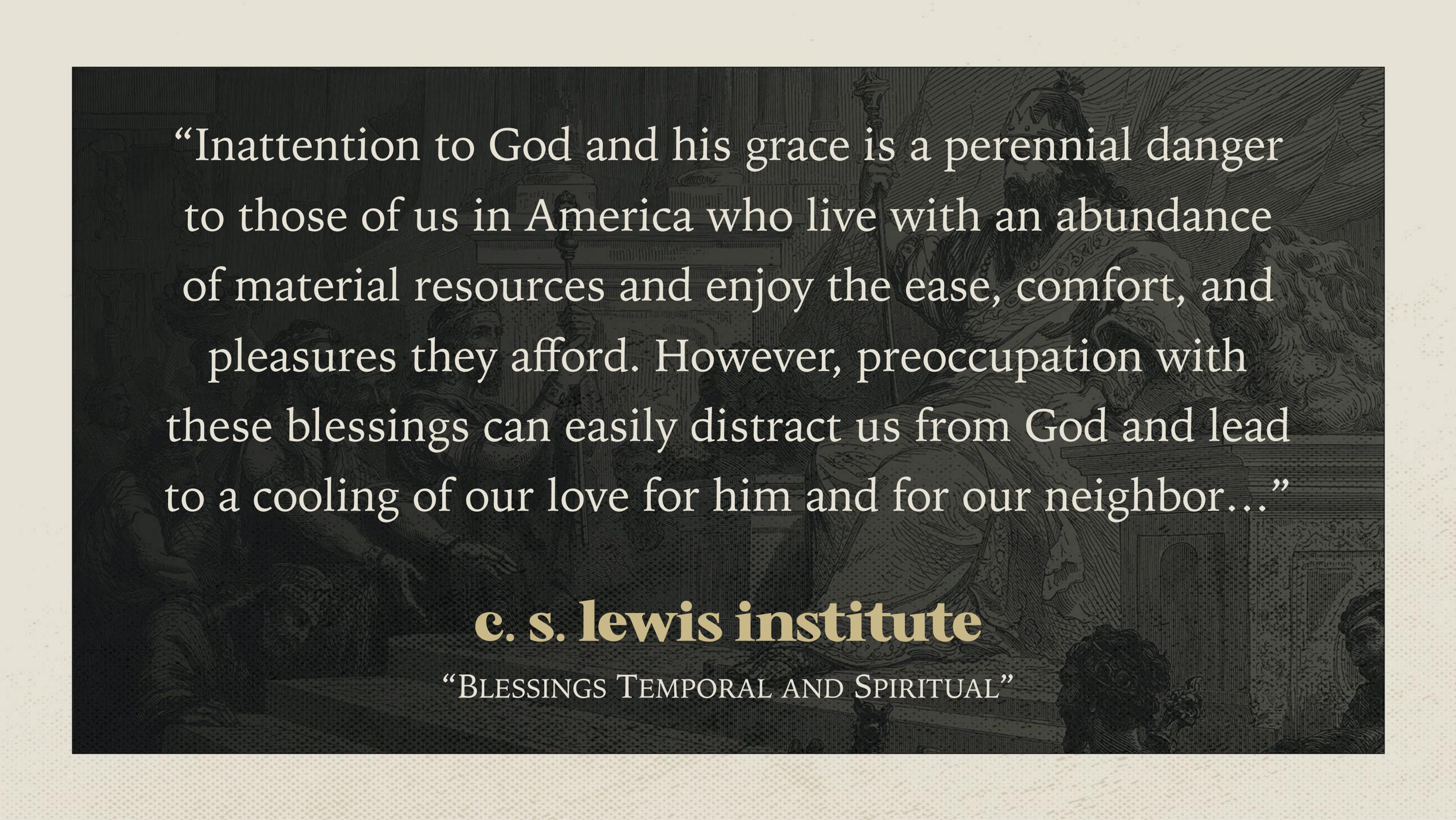
# SOLOMON'S COMPROMISES

<sup>26</sup> Solomon built up a huge force of chariots and horses.

He had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horses...

<sup>28</sup> Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt...

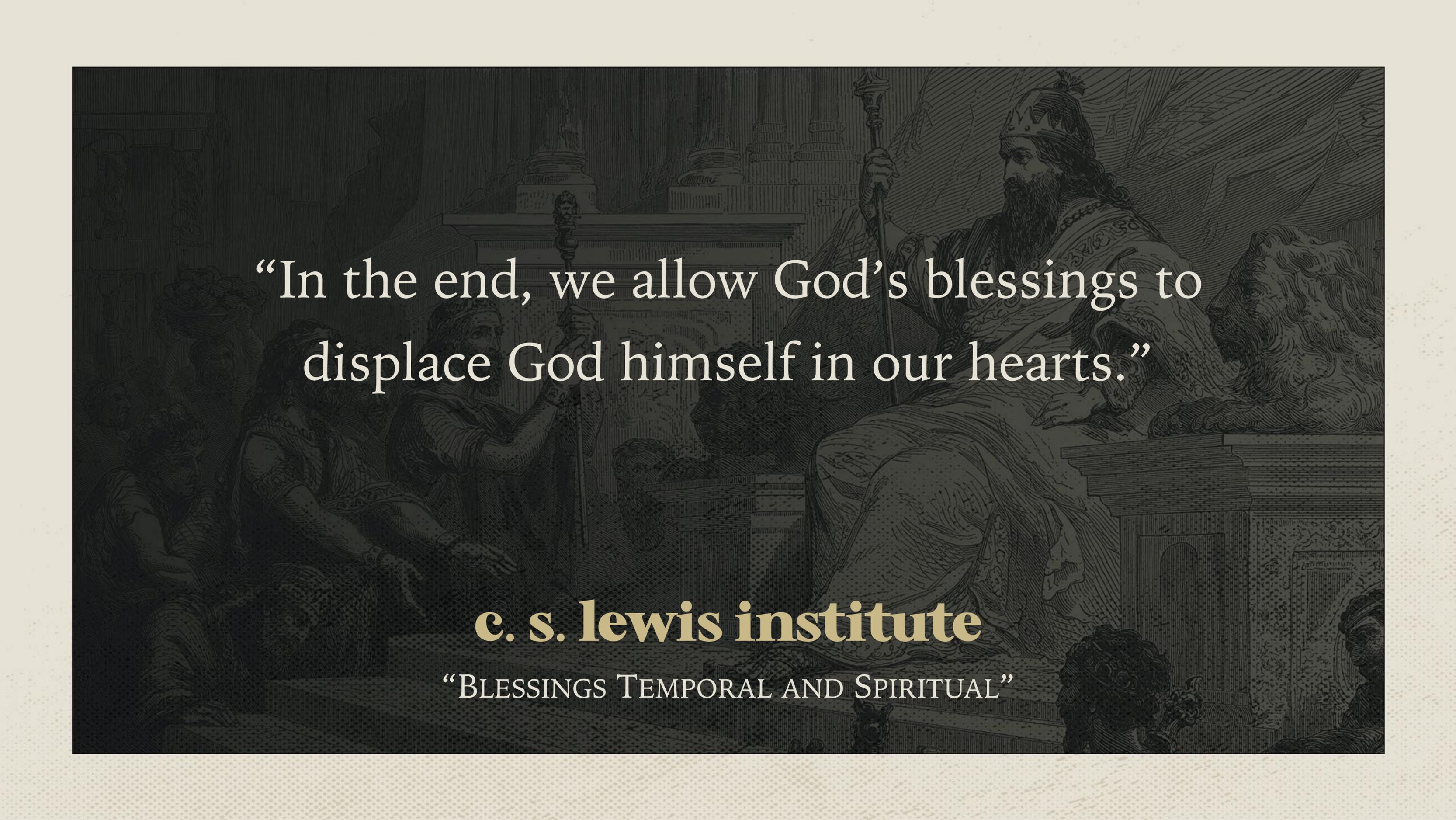
**1 kings 10:26,28a**



“Inattention to God and his grace is a perennial danger to those of us in America who live with an abundance of material resources and enjoy the ease, comfort, and pleasures they afford. However, preoccupation with these blessings can easily distract us from God and lead to a cooling of our love for him and for our neighbor...”

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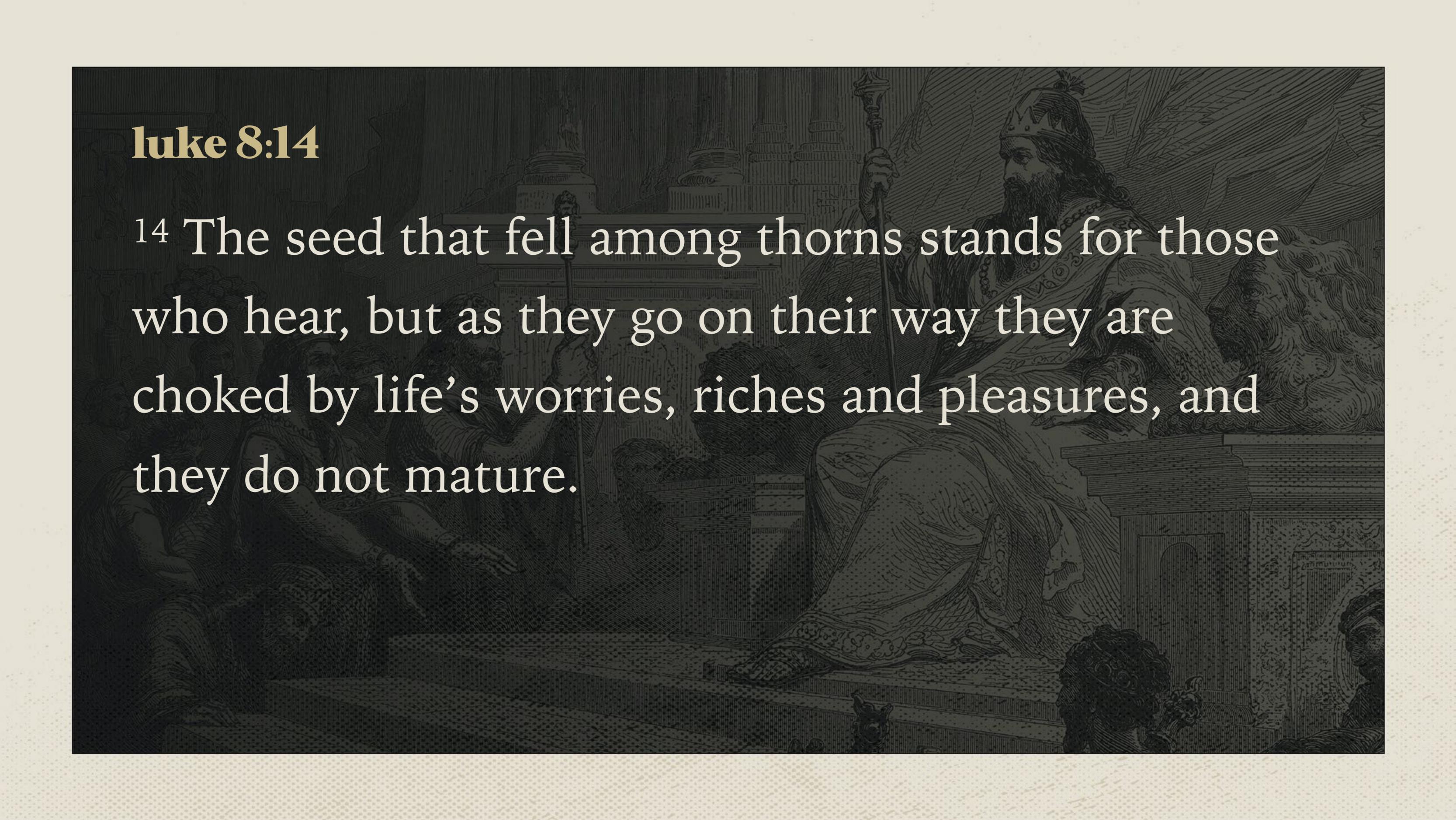
“BLESSINGS TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL”



“In the end, we allow God’s blessings to  
displace God himself in our hearts.”

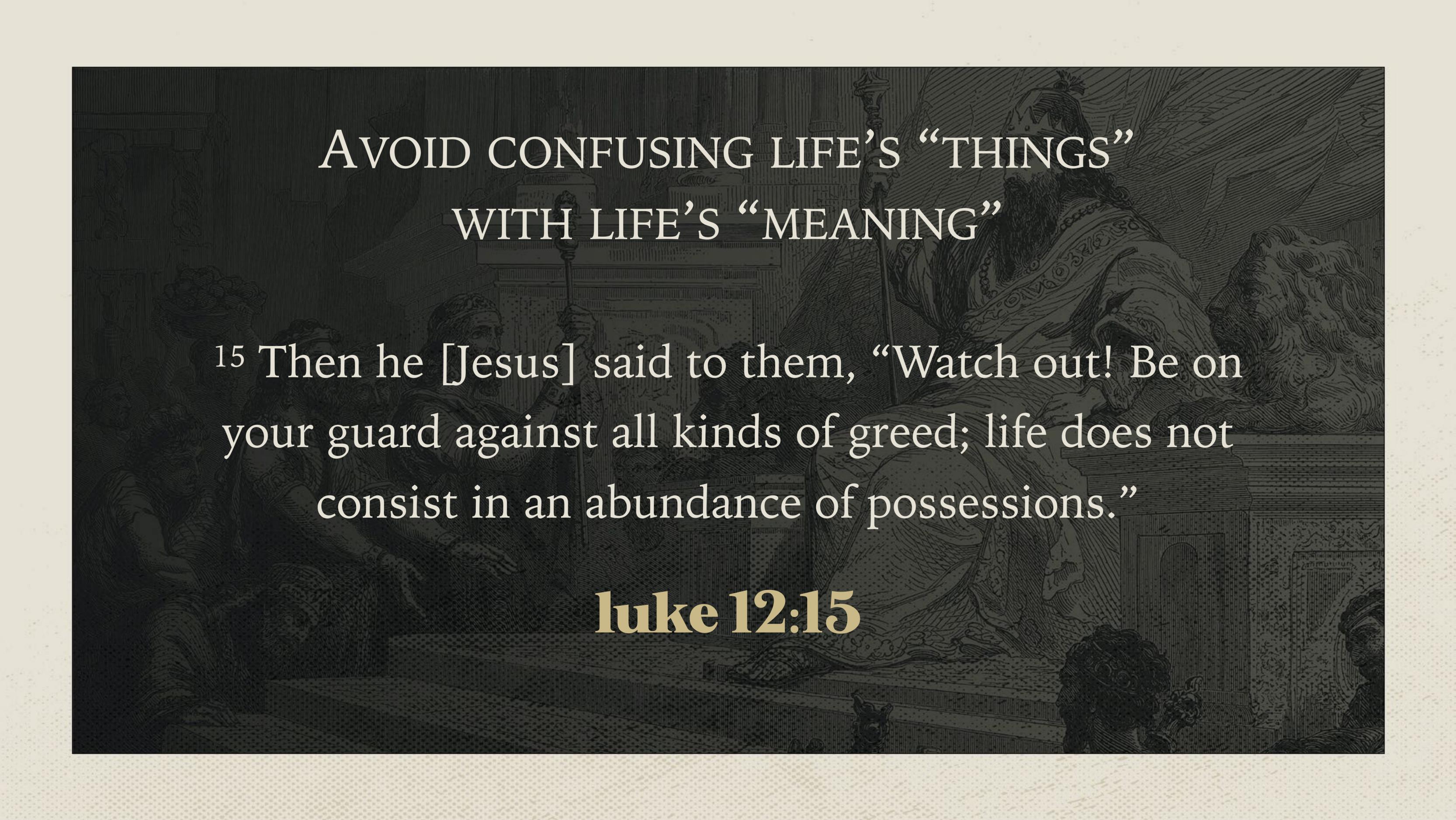
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**luke 8:14**

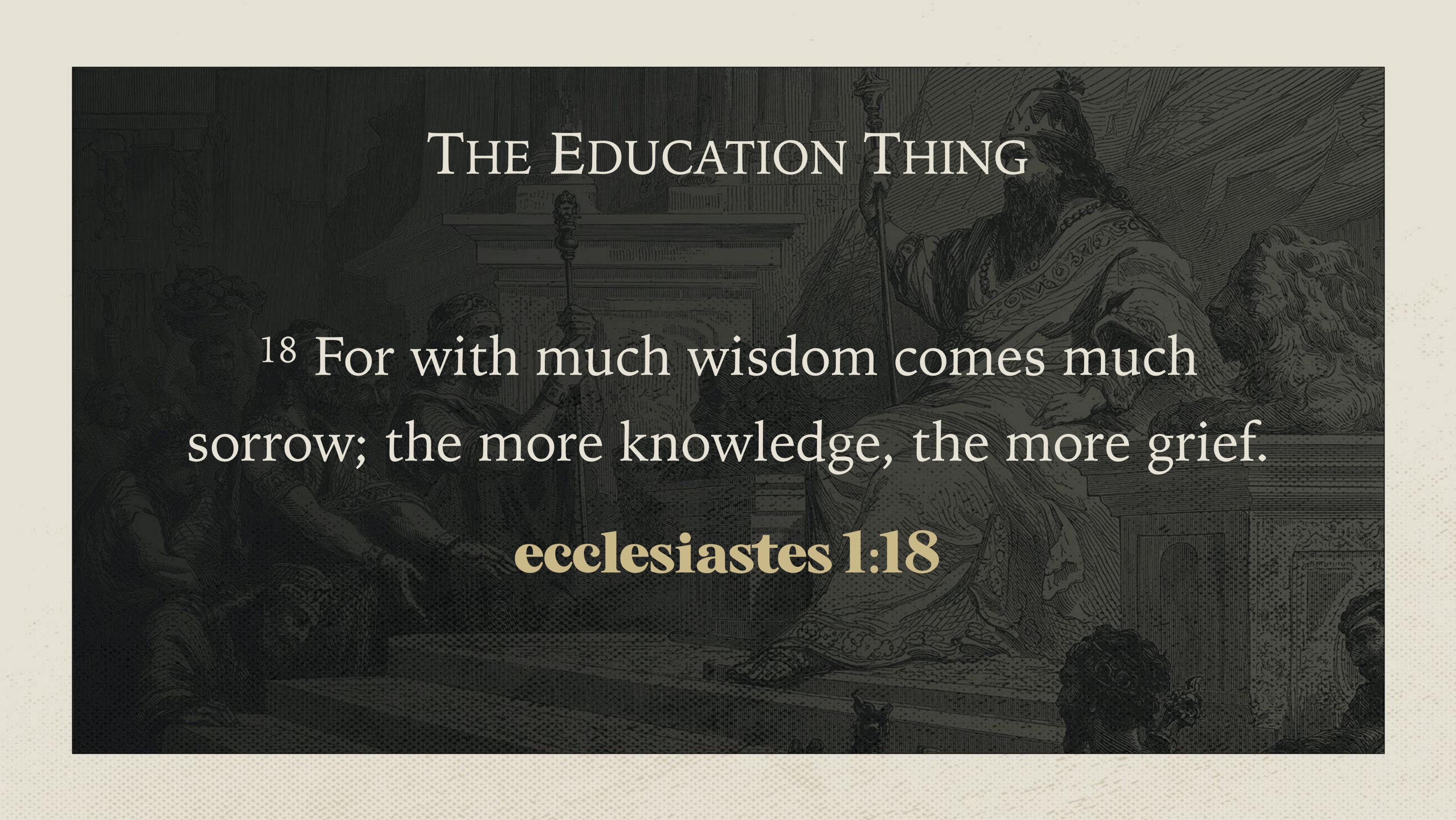
<sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.



AVOID CONFUSING LIFE'S "THINGS"  
WITH LIFE'S "MEANING"

<sup>15</sup> Then he [Jesus] said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

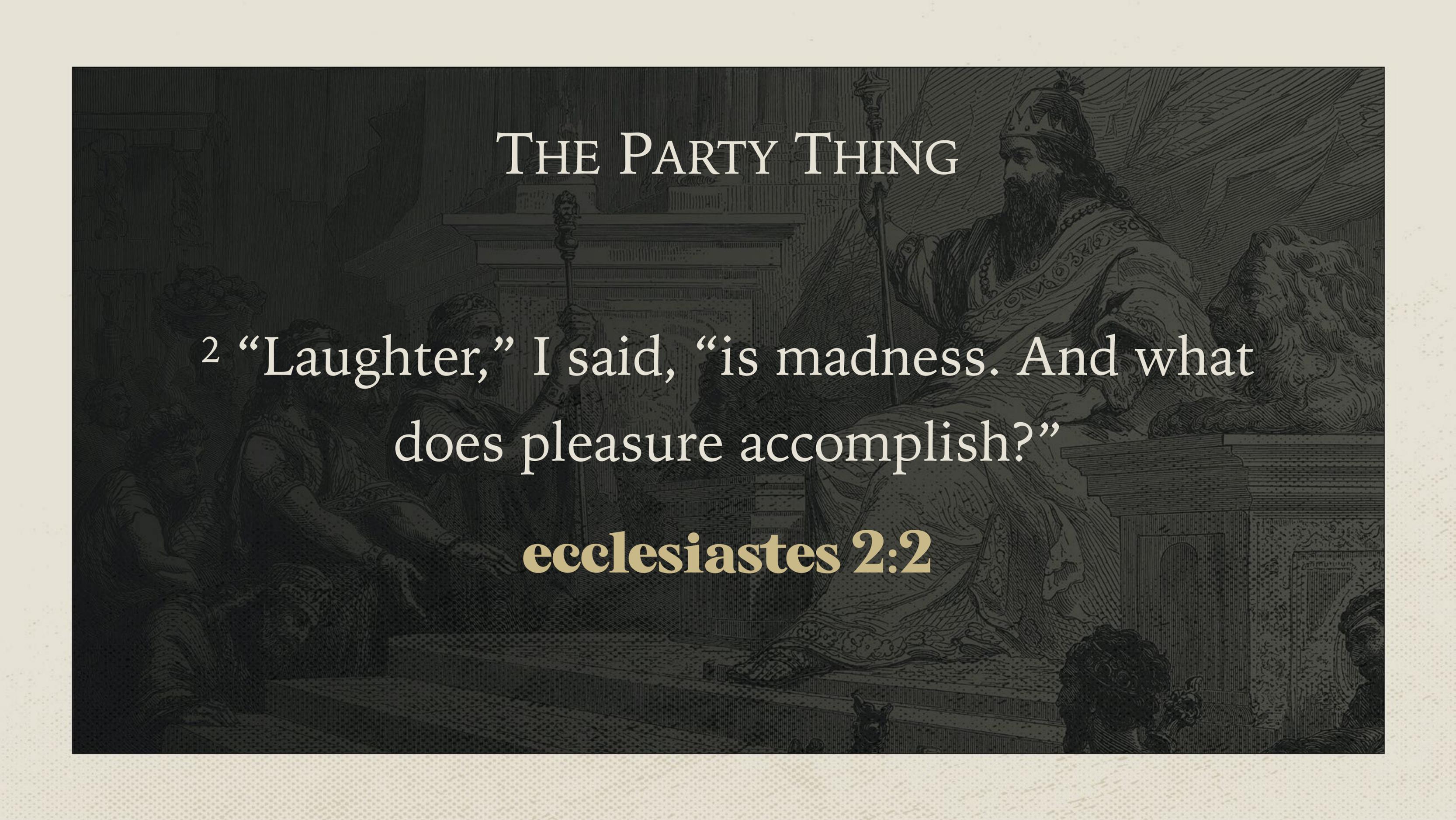
**luke 12:15**



# THE EDUCATION THING

18 For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.

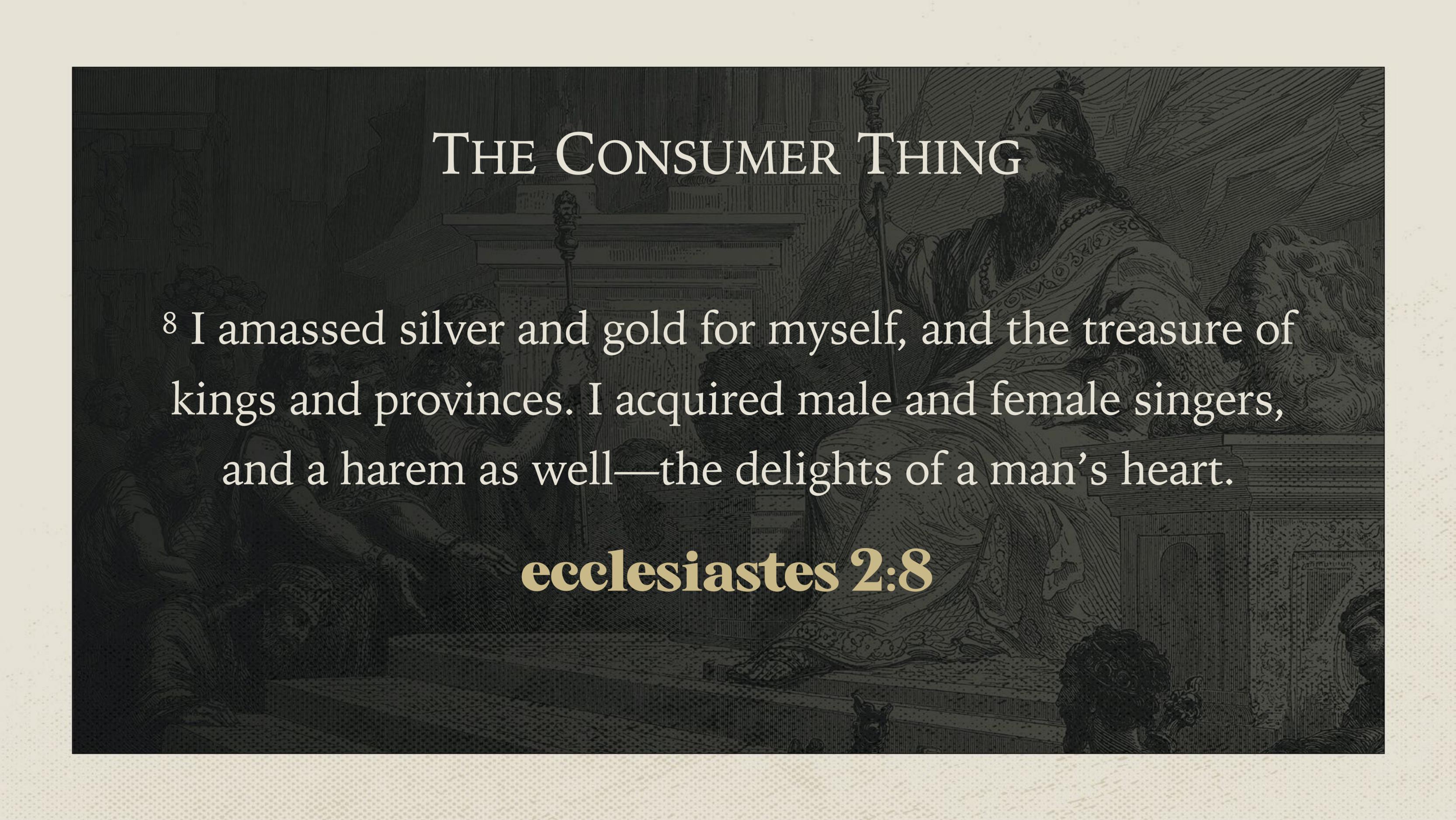
**ecclesiastes 1:18**



# THE PARTY THING

2 “Laughter,” I said, “is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?”

**ecclesiastes 2:2**



# THE CONSUMER THING

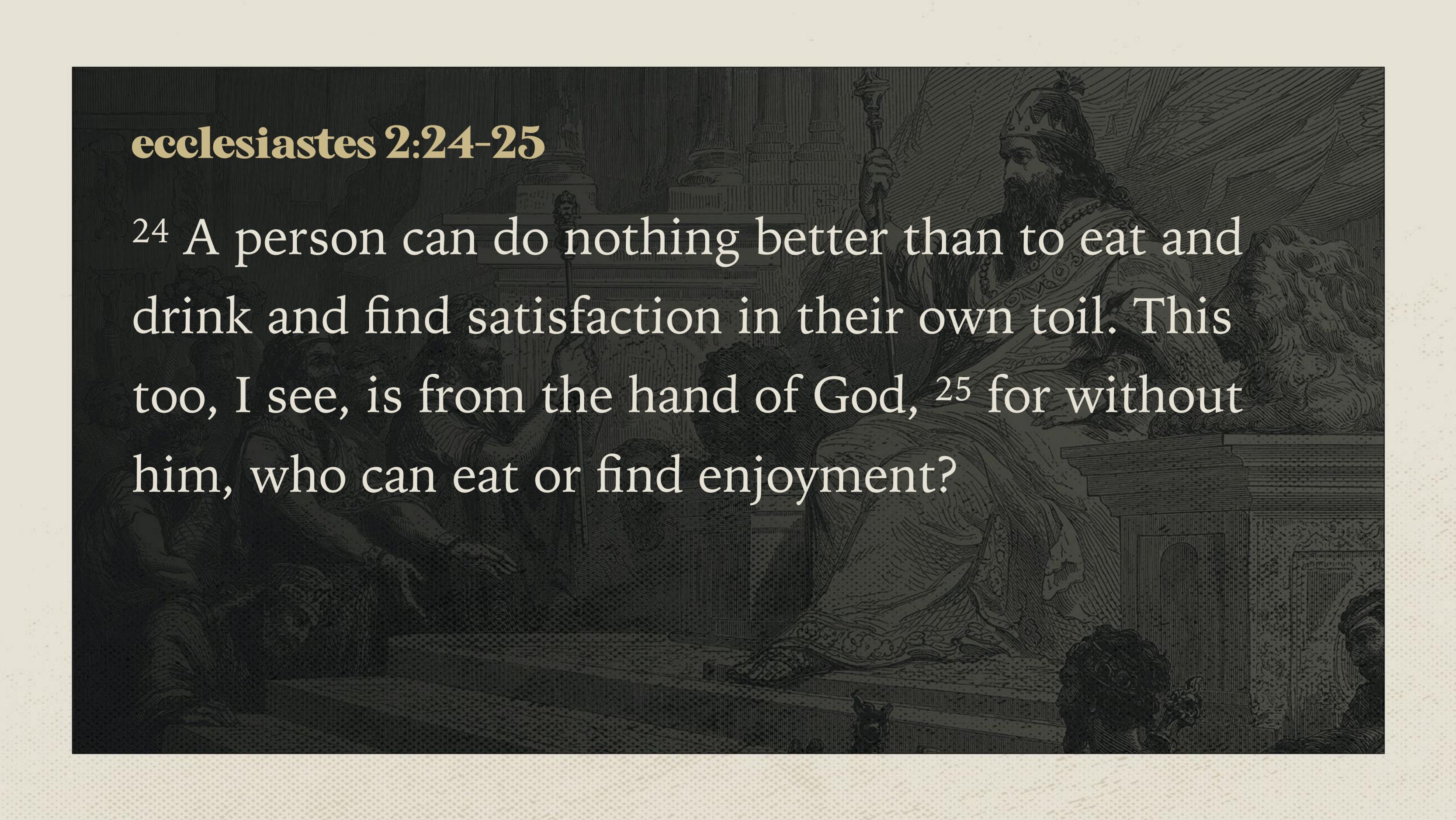
<sup>8</sup> I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man's heart.

**ecclesiastes 2:8**

A dark, monochromatic woodcut-style illustration of a king sitting on a throne, holding a scepter, with attendants and a lion's head visible.

17 So I hated life...

**ecclesiastes 2:17**

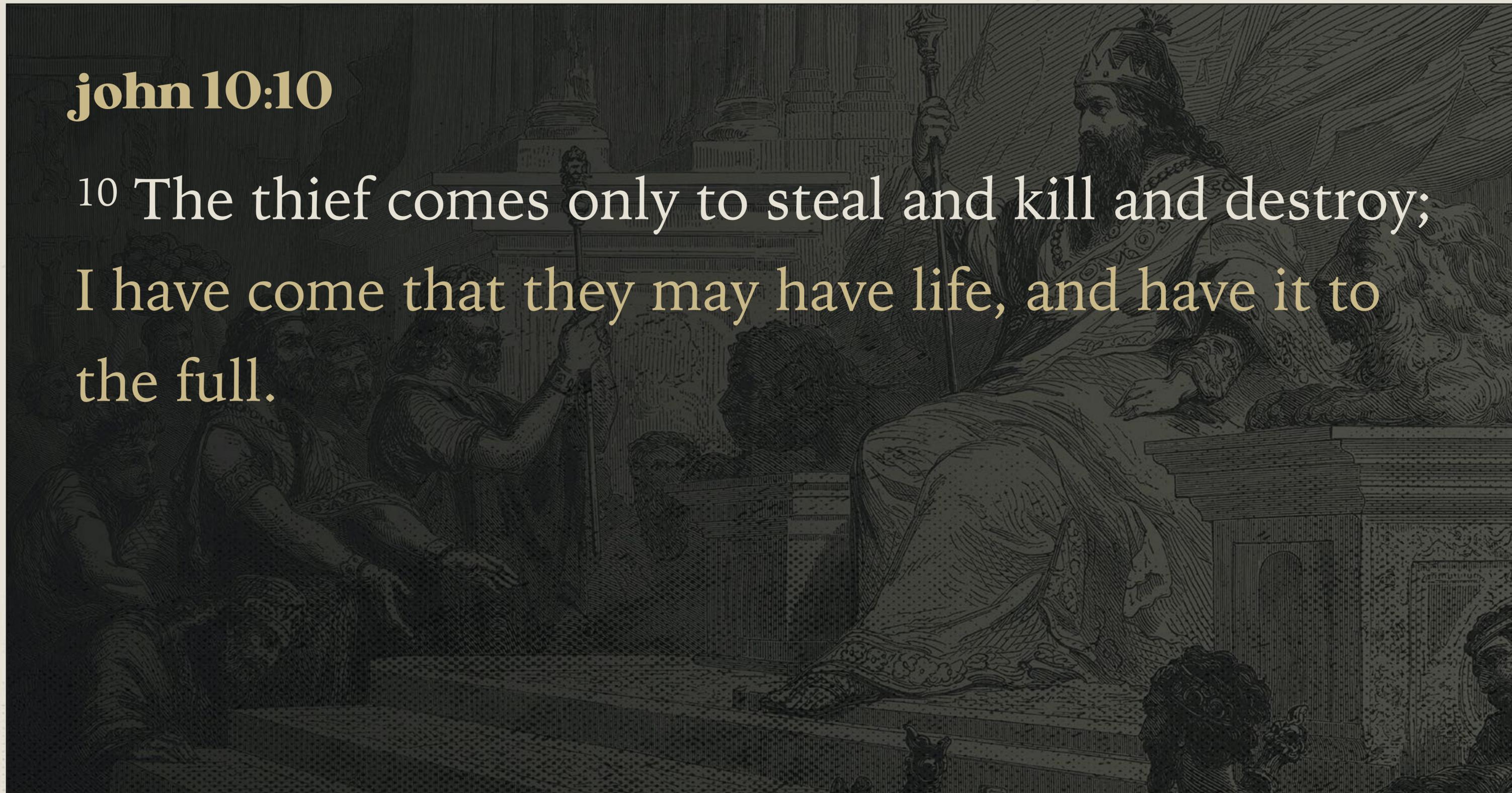


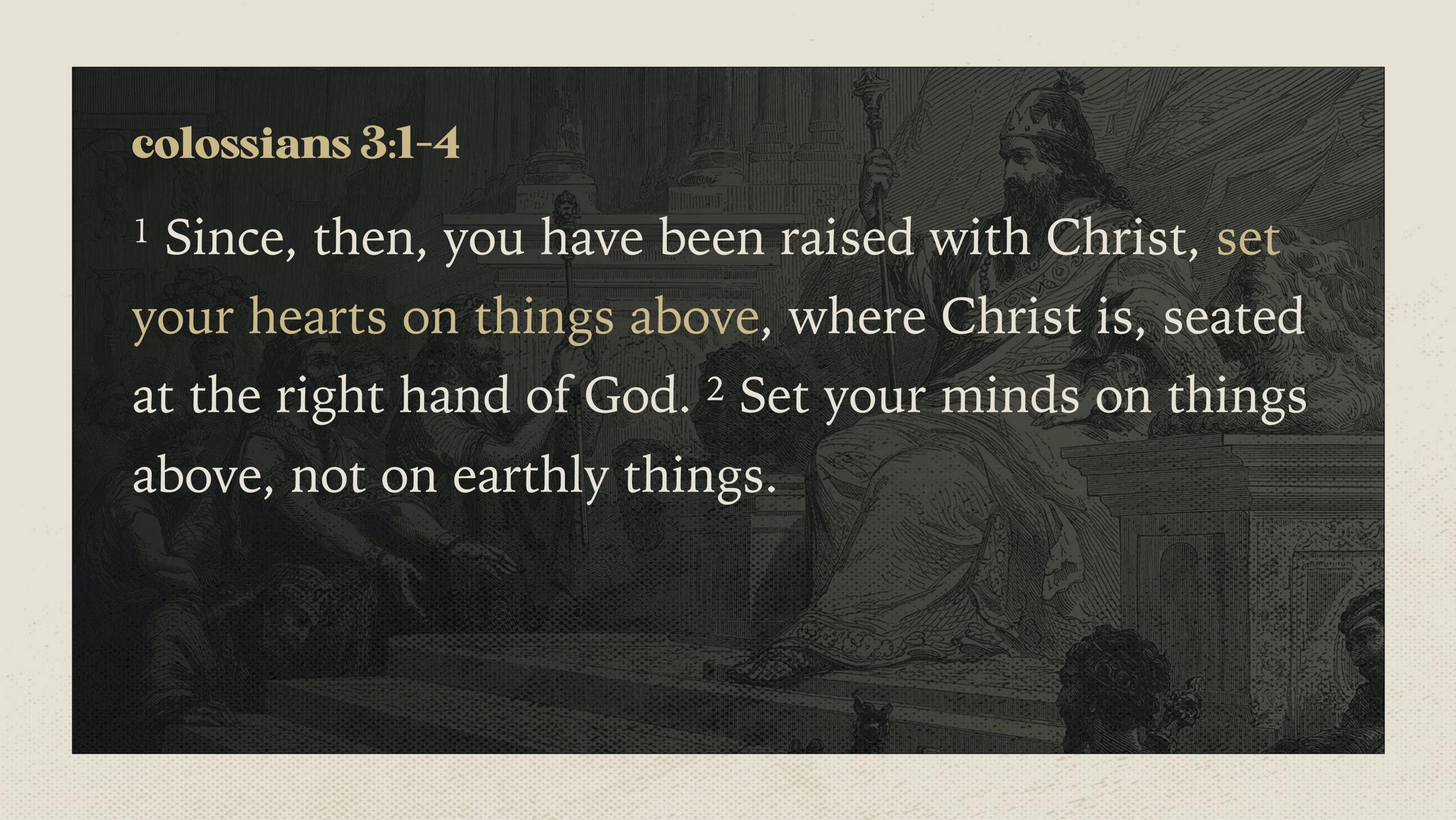
**ecclesiastes 2:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup> for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?

**john 10:10**

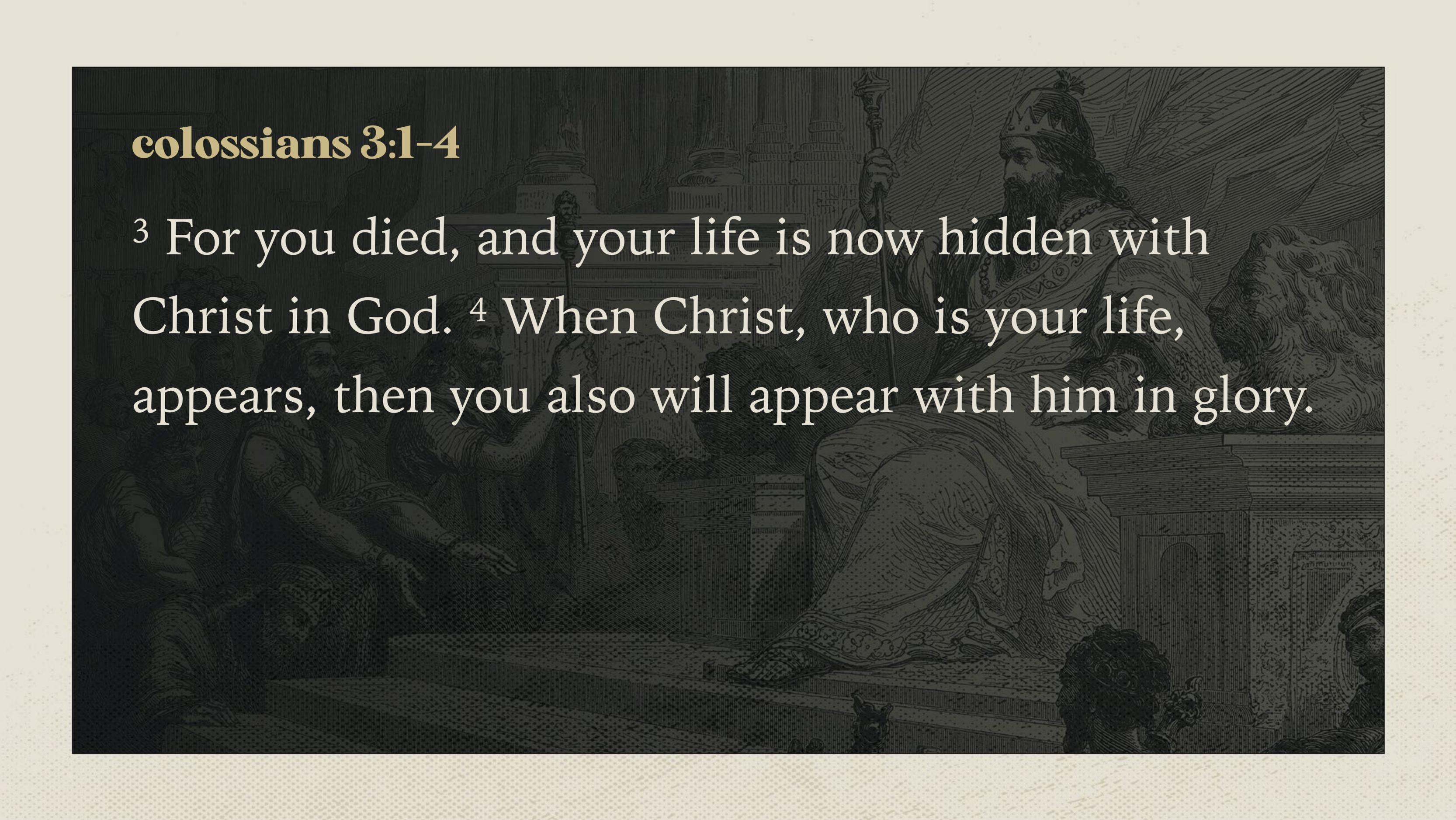
<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I have come that they may have life, and have it to  
the full.





**colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.



**colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

