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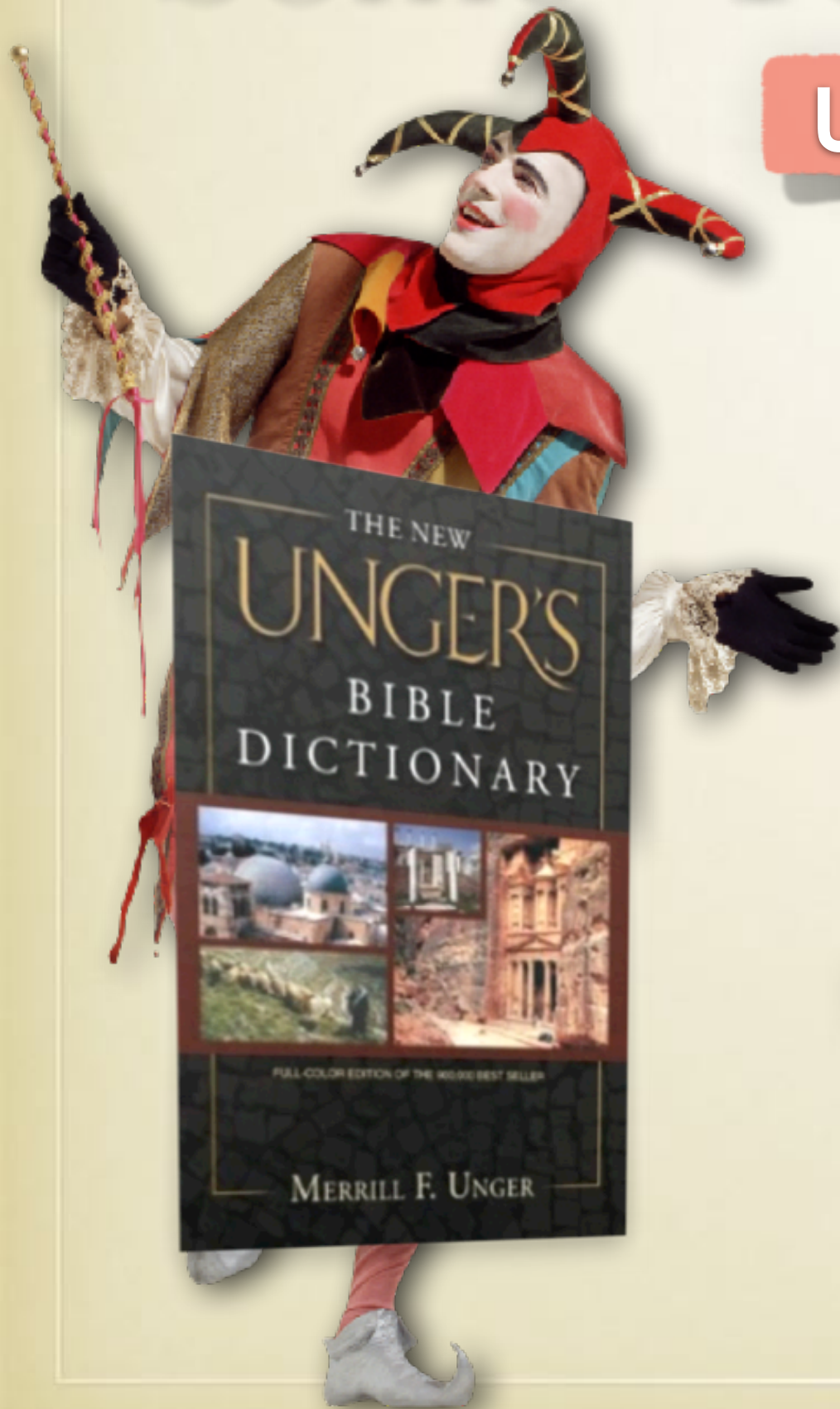


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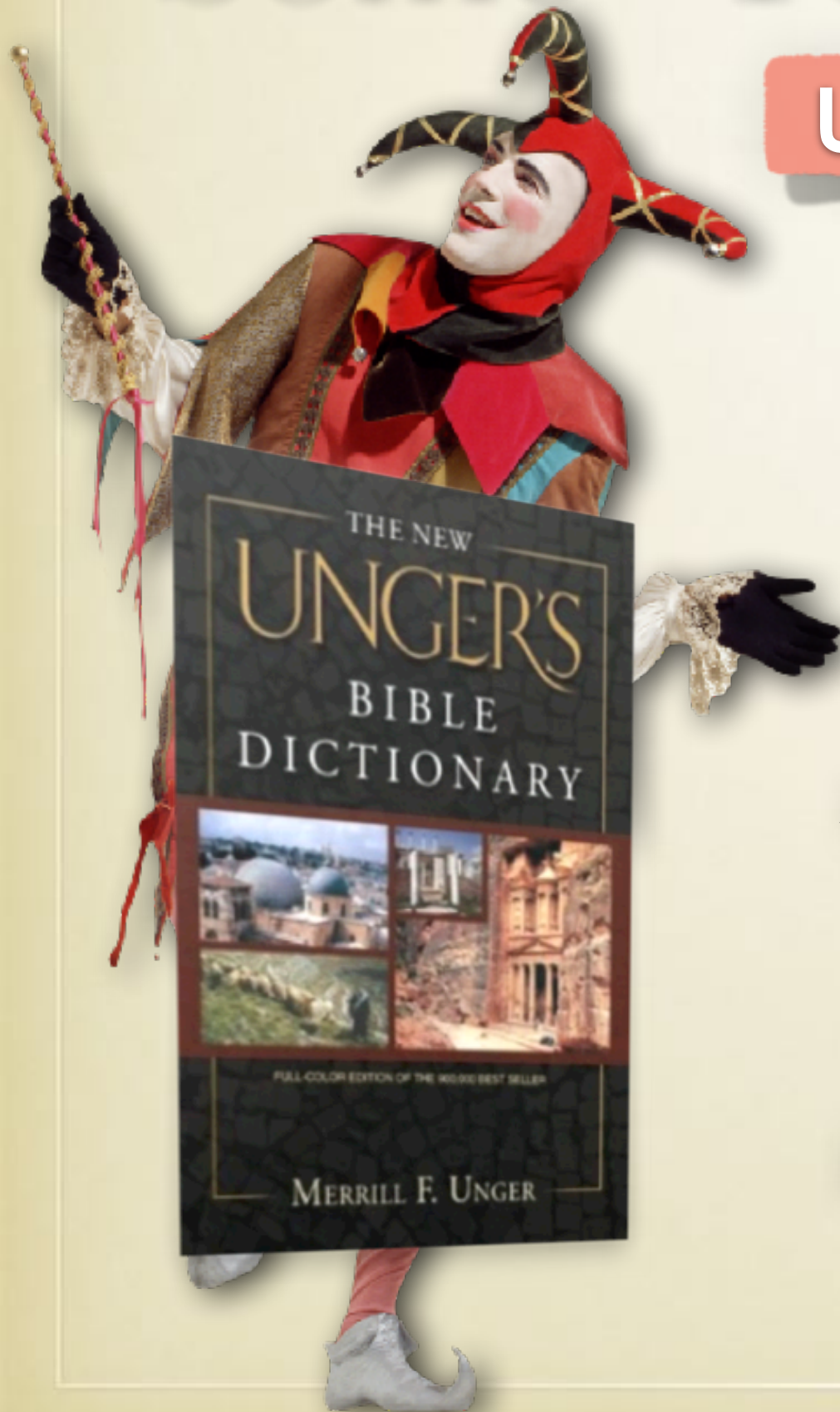
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In Scripture the “fool” primarily is the person who casts off the fear of God and thinks and acts as if he could safely disregard the eternal principles of God’s righteousness (Psalm 14:1; Proverbs 14:9; Jeremiah 17:11; etc.).

Yet in many passages, especially in Proverbs, the term has its ordinary use and denotes one who is rash, senseless, or unreasonable.



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Different Types of Fools

A Hardened Fool

Prov 10:23; 17:12; 27:22

An Arrogant Fool

Prov 21:24; 22:10; 29:8

A Teachable Fool

Prov 9:6; Titus 3:3



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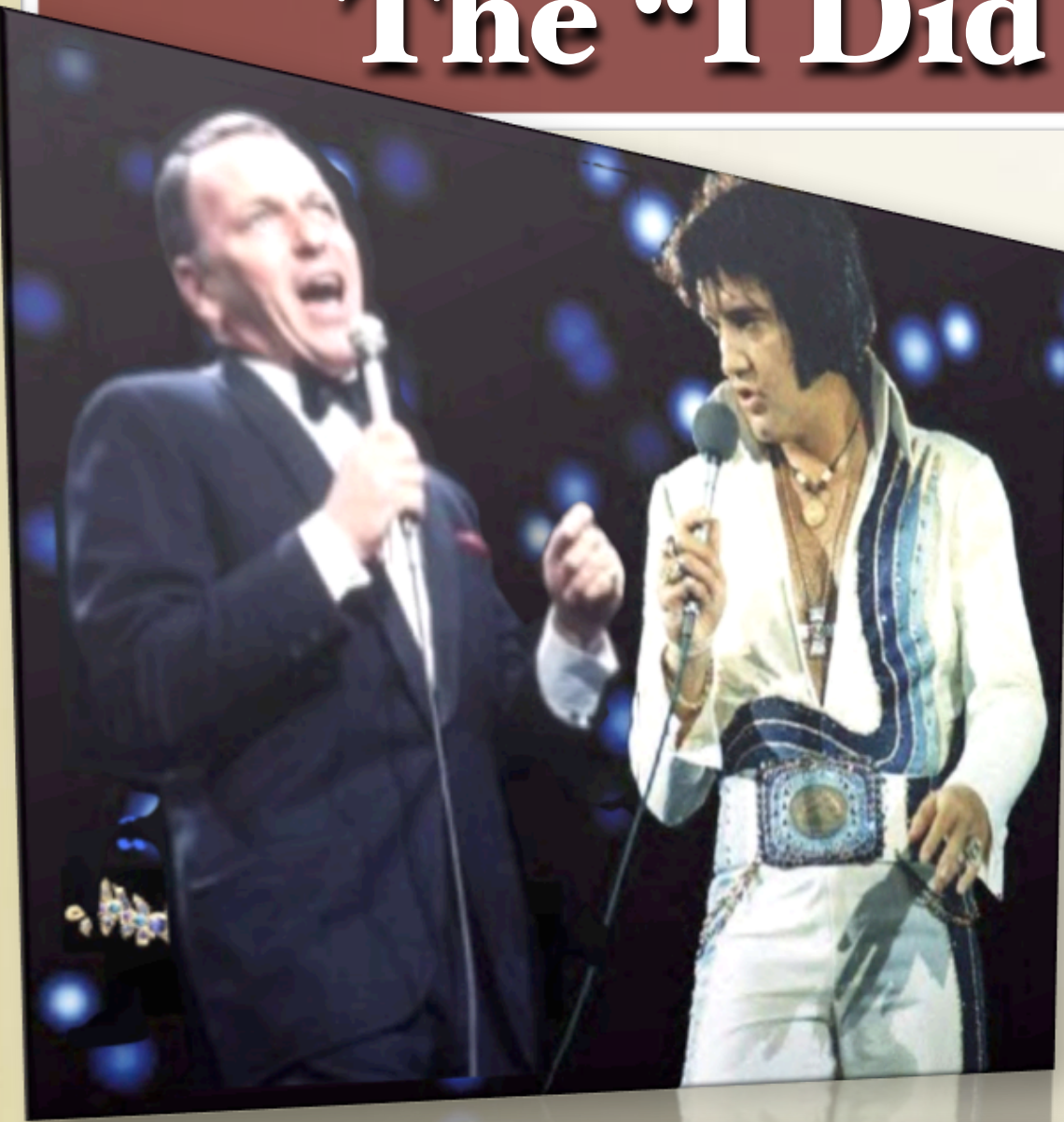
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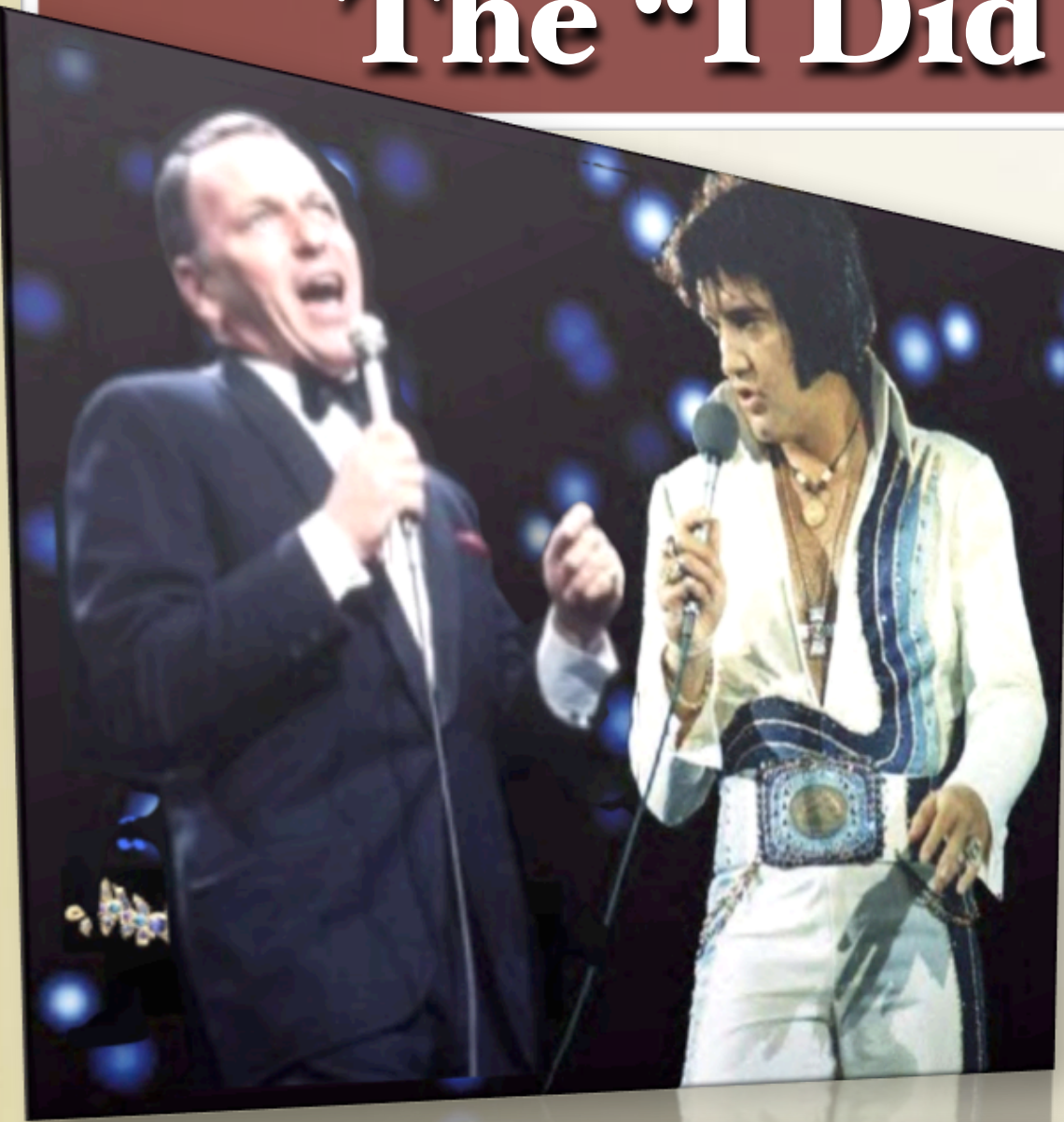
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**Proverbs 28:26
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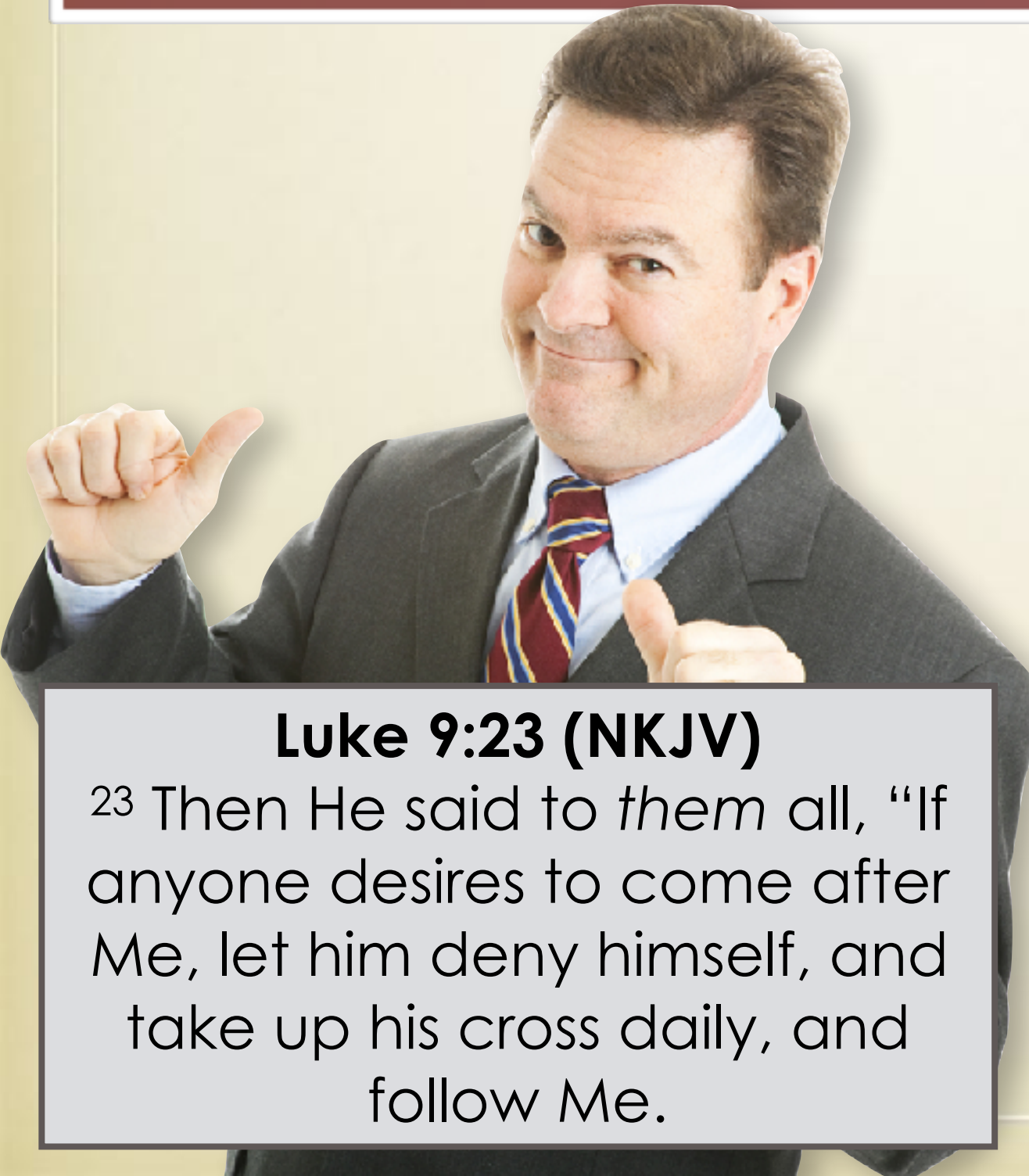


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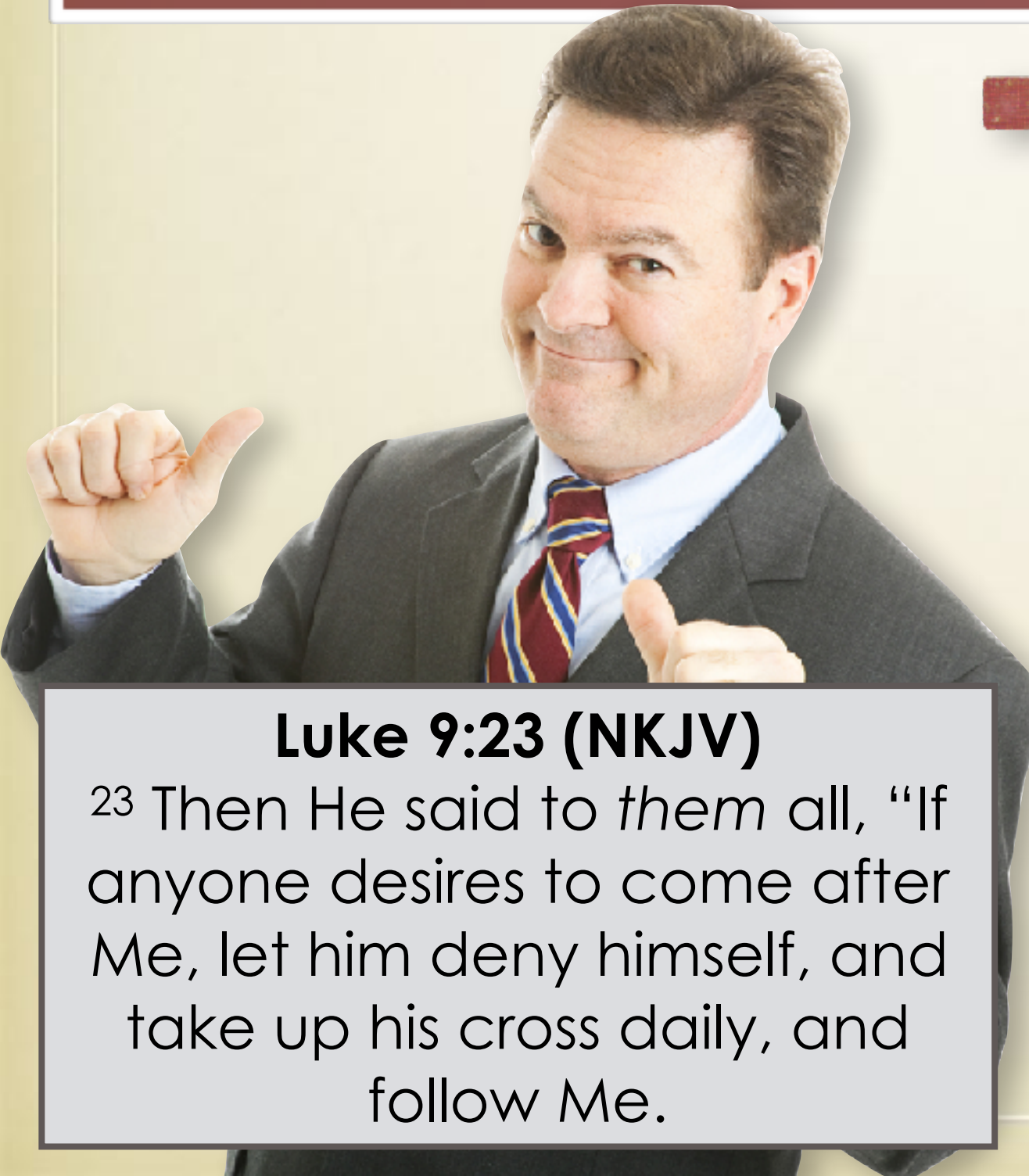
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- Seen in the way people live their **everyday lives** - Gen 13:10,11
- Seen in the way people **worship** – Lev. 10:1-3; Eccle. 5:1; Mat 15:7-9
- Seen in the **work** that some churches are engaged in - Rom 14:17; 1 Cor 10:7
- Seen in the **division** that exists - James 3:13-4:4; 1 Cor 1:10; 3:1-3

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- Some things often said by an “*I Did It My Way*” fool —
- “*God didn’t say I couldn’t ...*”
- “*As long as I am sincere ...*”
- “*Who are you to judge me? ...*”
- “*Well, you sin too! ...*”
- “*This is just WHO I am ...*”
- “*Doesn’t God want me to be happy? ...*”

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Proverbs 13:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ He who walks with
wise *men* will be wise,
But the companion of
fools will be destroyed.

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Exodus 23:2 (NKJV)

² You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert *justice*.

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1 John 5:19 (NKJV)
19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one.

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**1 Corinthians 15:33
(NKJV)**

**33 Do not be deceived:
“Evil company corrupts
good habits.”**

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- The Israelites wanted a king so they would be like the nations around them — 1 Sam. 8:5
- Solomon turned away from the Lord — 1 Kings 11:4
- Peter denied Jesus because of peer pressure — Luke 22:54-62
- Peter, and others played the hypocrite because of peer pressure — Gal. 2:11-14

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Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)

¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴

Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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The Lazy Fool



Ecclesiastes 4:5 (NKJV)

**5 The fool folds his hands And
consumes his own flesh.**

- Materially true – (Prov 16:10,11; 13:4; 24:33,34)
- What about one who is spiritually lazy – what is consumed? (John 6:27; Heb 6:11; 2 Pet 1:5,10)

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The Daredevil Fool



Proverbs 14:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ A wise *man* fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

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- Those who flirt with temptation are fools — Mark 9:42-48
- Those who put God to the test — who think they can disregard God's will and not suffer the consequences — Gal. 6:7-9; 1 Cor. 6:9-10
- Those who fail to learn from their bad decisions — Proverbs 26:11; 2 Pet 2:21,22

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- Run away – Gen 39:7-20
- Flee fornication – 1 Cor 6:18
- Flee Youthful Lust – 2 Tim 2:22
- Flee idolatry – 1 Cor 10:14
- Abstain from every appearance of evil – 1 Thes 5:21
- Flee – and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness – 1 Tim 6:11

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The Fool Who BECOMES WISE



2 Samuel 24:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

(cf. 1 Chronicles 21:2, 8)

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Proverbs 9:6 (NKJV)

**6 Forsake foolishness
and live, And go in the
way of understanding.**

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Isaiah 55:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

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Titus 3:3 (NKJV)

³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

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The Fool Who BECOMES WISE



- God knows our foolishness and our sins are not hidden from Him – (Ps 69:5)
- It is NEVER foolish to turn from sin to the LORD! — (Prov. 9:6)
- We must become fools that we may become wise - (1 Cor 3:18,19)
- Those who serve Christ are counted as fools by the world - (1 Cor 4:10)

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1 Corinthians 3:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "*He catches the wise in their own craftiness*"; ²⁰ and again, "*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.*"

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1 SAMUEL 13:6-14 (NKJV)

⁶ When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed), then the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits. ⁷ And *some of* the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. ⁸ Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

1 SAMUEL 13:6-14 (NKJV)

⁹ So Saul said, “Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me.” And he offered the burnt offering. ¹⁰ Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. ¹¹ And Samuel said, “What have you done?” Saul said, “When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* you did not come within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, ¹² then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering.”

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¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him *to be* commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”