

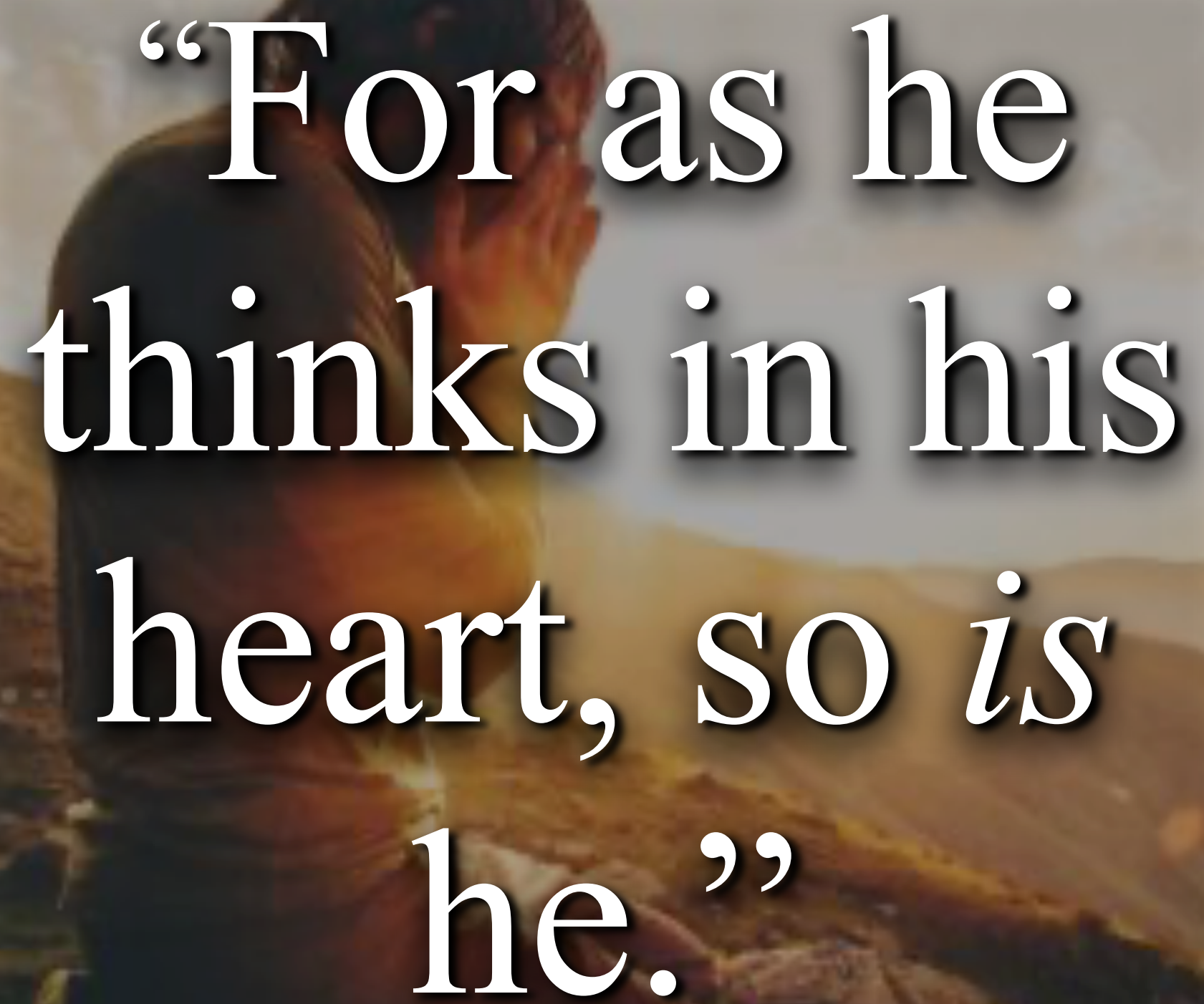
ATTITUDES

THE VALUE & IMPORTANCE OF GODLINESS

Our Attitude Towards **THE WORLD & HEAVEN MATTERS**

(1 John 2:15-17; Romans 12:1,2; Colossians 3:1,2; Matthew 6:19-33; Galatians 6:7-9)

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“For as he
thinks in his
heart, so *is*
he.”

Proverbs 23:7

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- HAVING THE RIGHT ATTITUDE IS ESSENTIAL TO SERVING GOD
- NOT MERELY ADVOCATING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, BUT A GODLY ATTITUDE!
- OUR ATTITUDE: “Our beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event”

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- **TOWARD GOD**
- **TOWARD SCRIPTURE**
- **TOWARD GOD'S AUTHORITY**
- **TOWARD UNIVERSAL CHURCH**
- **TOWARD OURSELF**
- **TOWARD THE LOCAL CHURCH**
- **TOWARD SIN**
- **TOWARD TRUTH & ERROR**
- **TOWARD THE WORLD & HEAVEN**

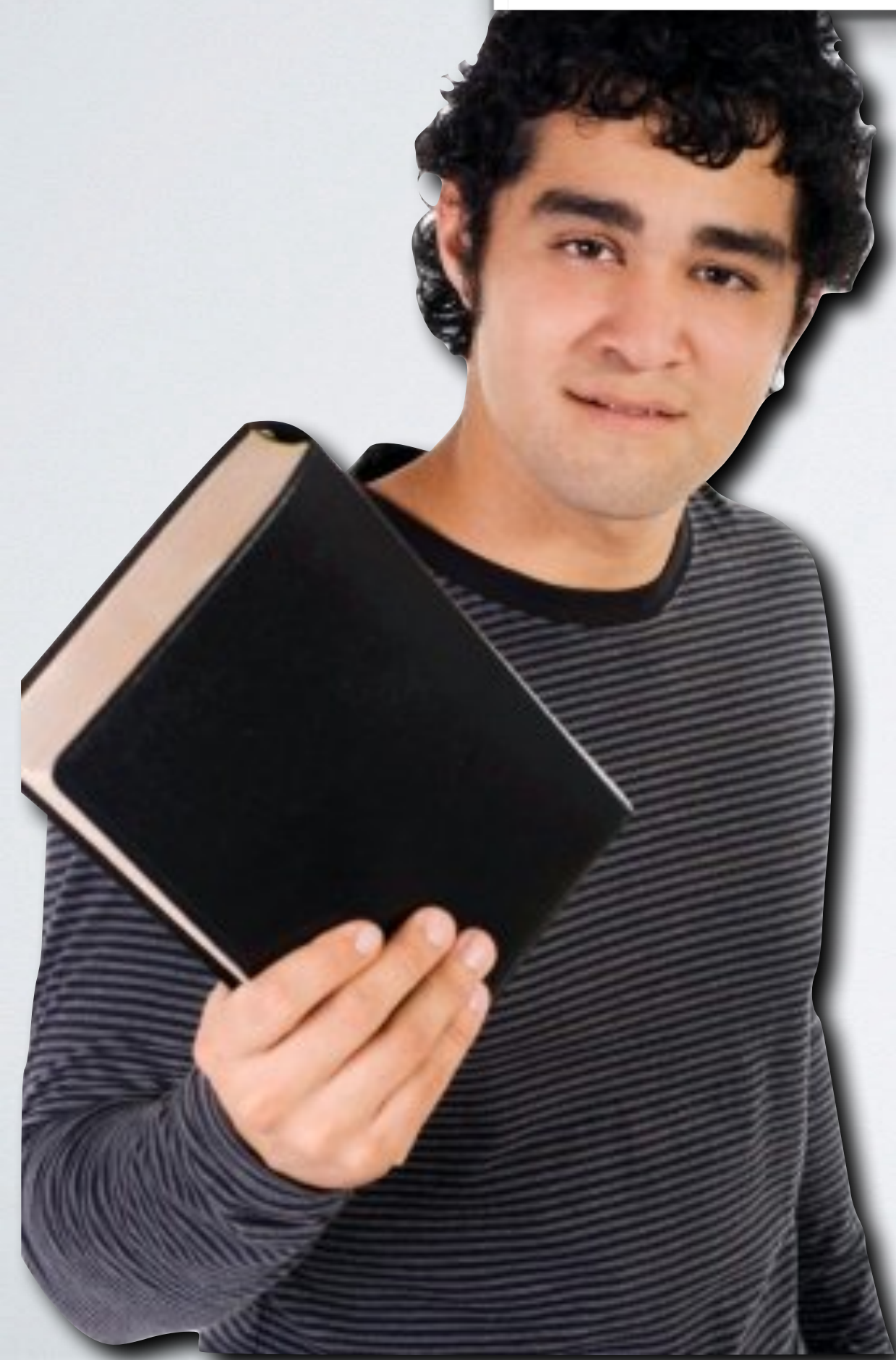
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James 4:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



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GREEK-ENGLISH
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of the
NEW TESTAMENT
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SEMANTIC DOMAINS
Volume 2

Louw & Nida

41.38 κόσμος^c, ου *m*; αἰών^c, ὥνος *m*:
the system of practices and standards
associated with secular society (that is,
without reference to any demands or
requirements of God)—‘world system,
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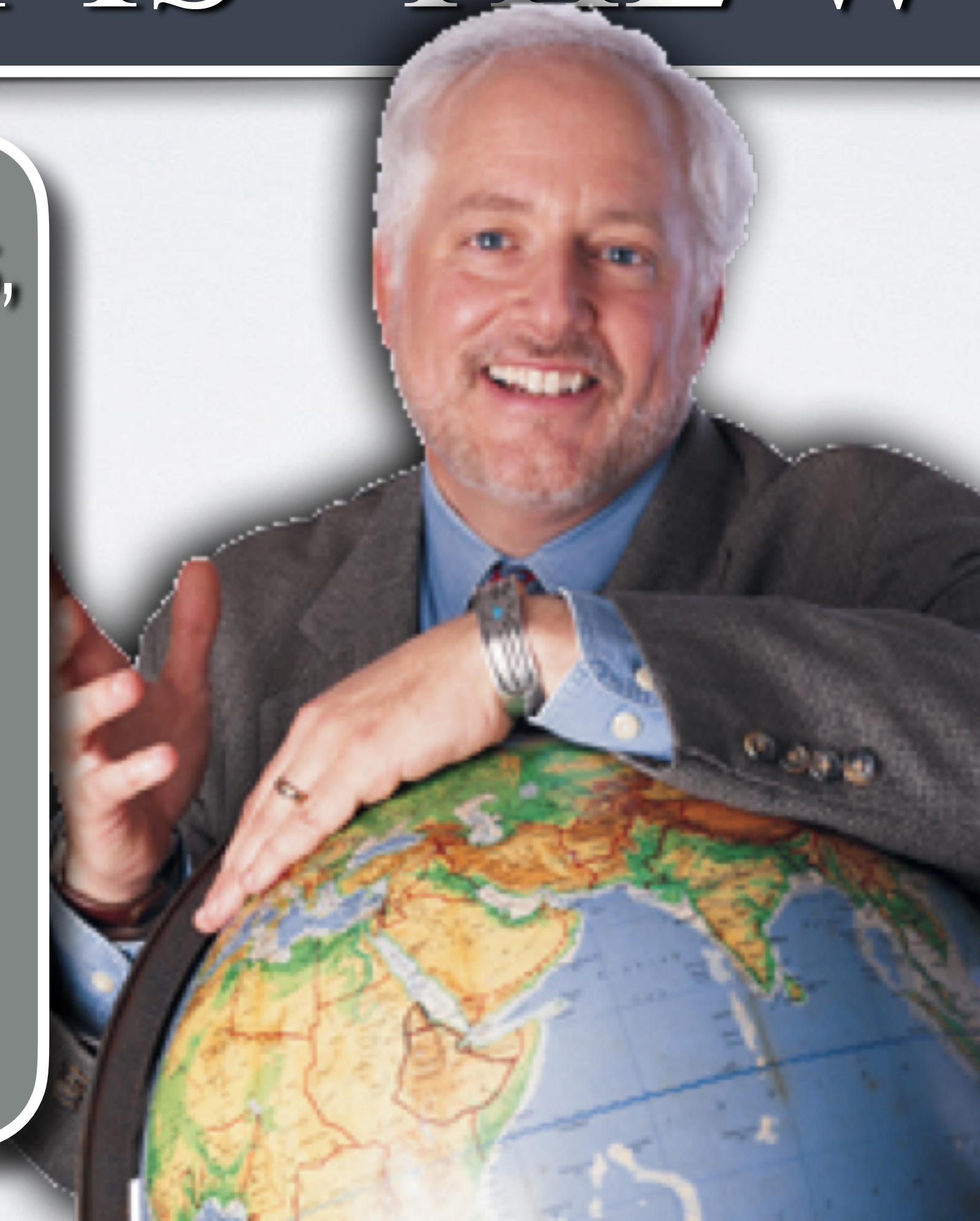
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A person who drinks,
is sexually immoral,
uses drugs, curses,
goes clubbing, &
wears immodest
clothing, etc. Is
WORLDLY ...

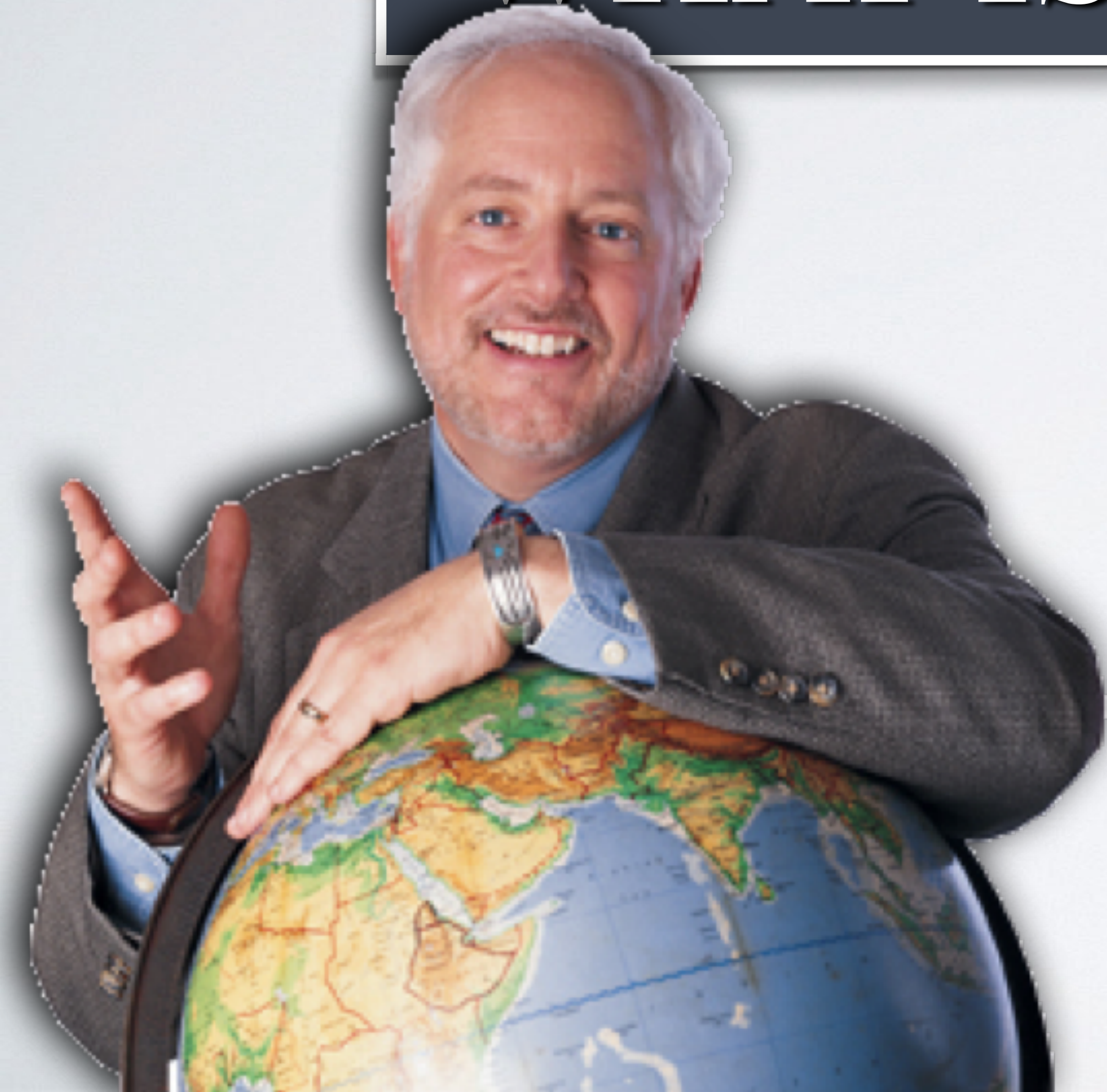


A person can be
WORLDLY but
not drink, not be
sexually immoral,
not curse, ... etc.

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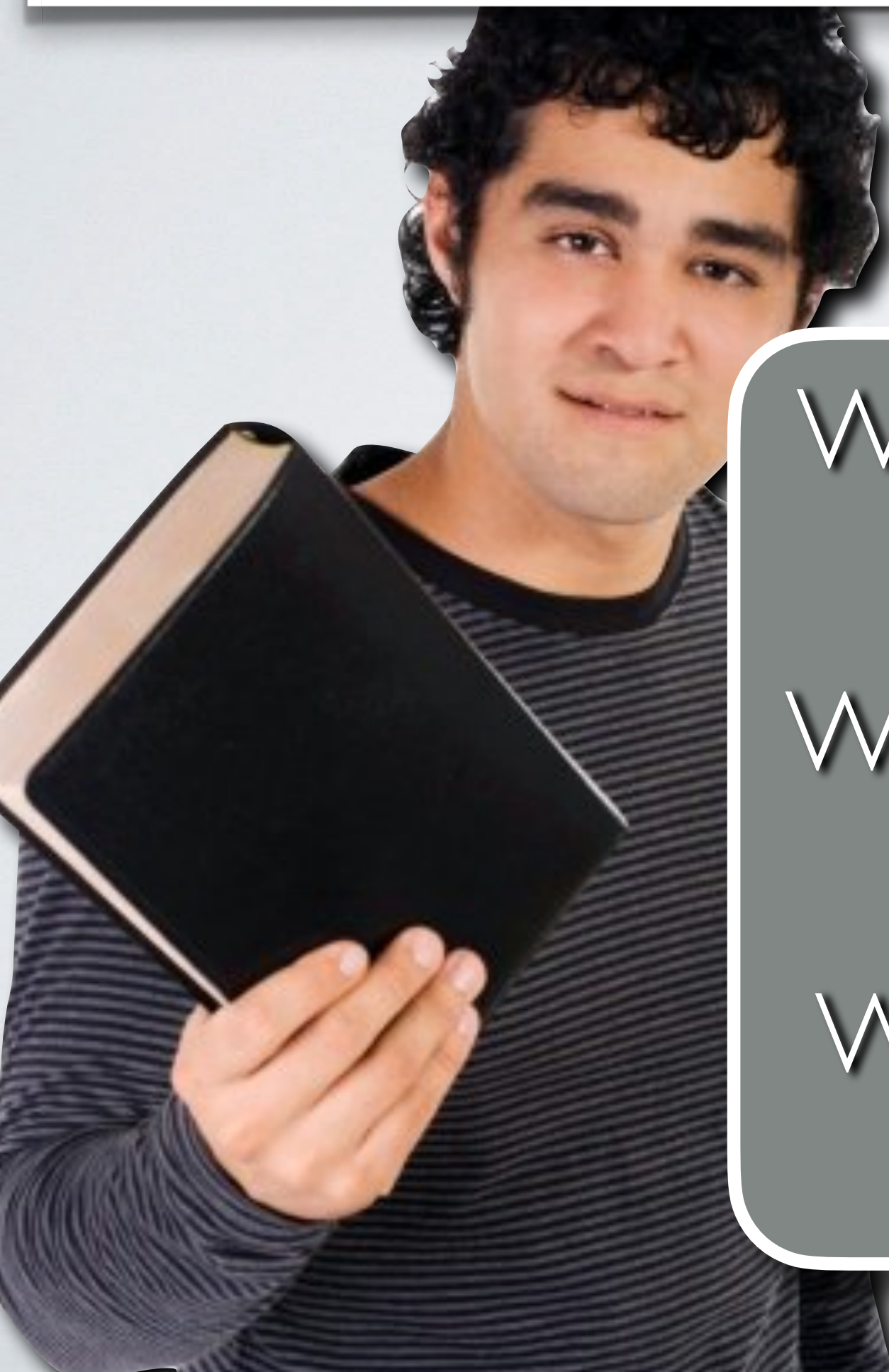
■ A Person Can Be Worldly & be a “GOOD PERSON”

- ▶ Moral, benevolent, dependable, religious - BUT if Not In Christ - WORLDLY - NOT Spiritual! (Rom 8:1-12; Mat 7:21-23; 15:7-9)
- ▶ If any man is IN CHRIST he is a new creature / sanctified / called out of the world / set apart (1 Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor 5:17-19; 6:14-7:1; Eph 1:3; Gal 3:26,27; 6:14)

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WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WORLD??



WHAT DO WE
VALUE?

WHERE IS OUR
FOCUS

WHO DO WE
SERVE?

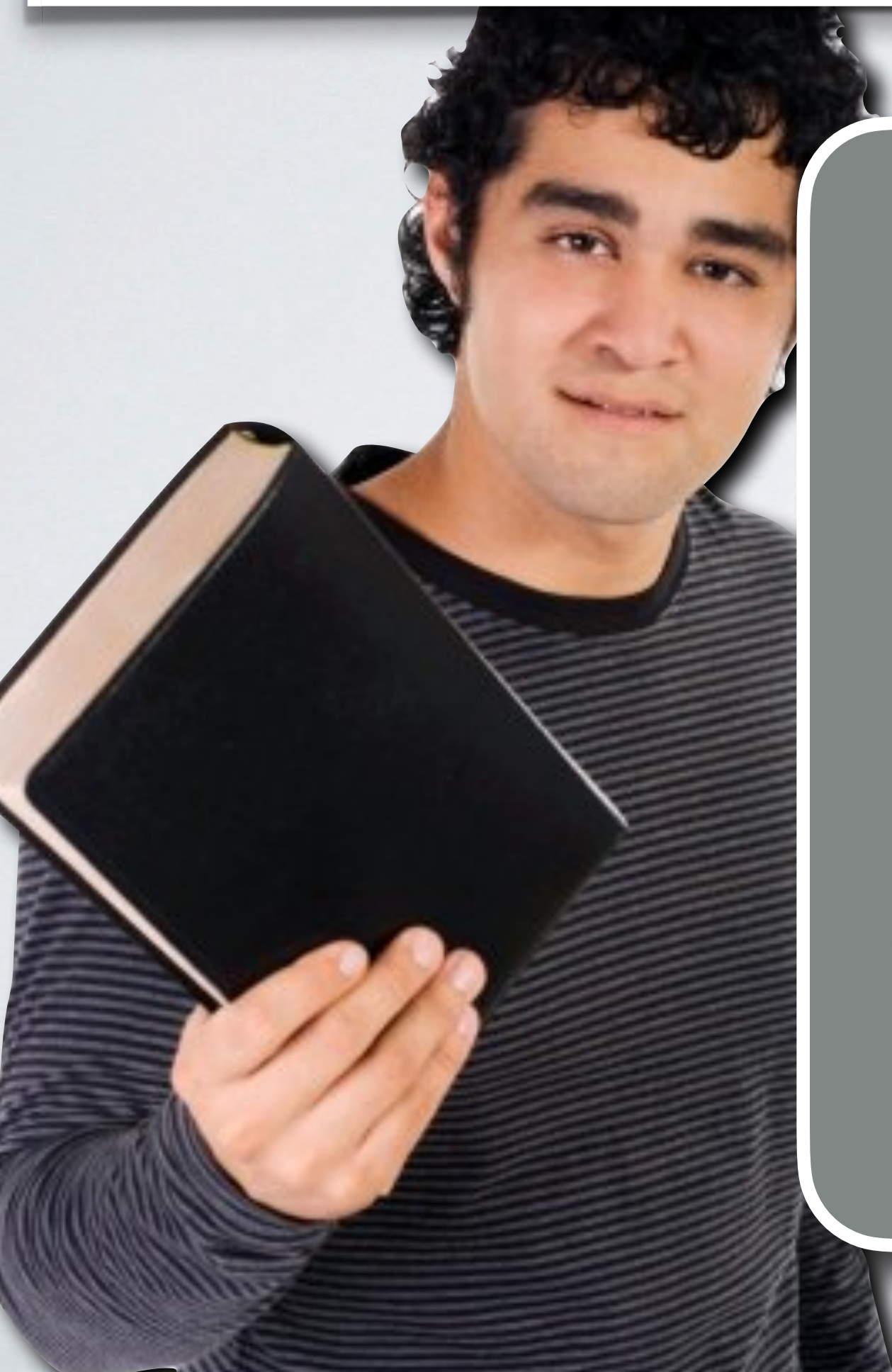
1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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TO WHAT /
WHOM ARE WE
**GIVING
OURSELVES?**

WHAT / WHOM
DO WE SEEK TO
PLEASE?

WHAT / WHO IS
FORMING OUR
THINKING?

Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV)

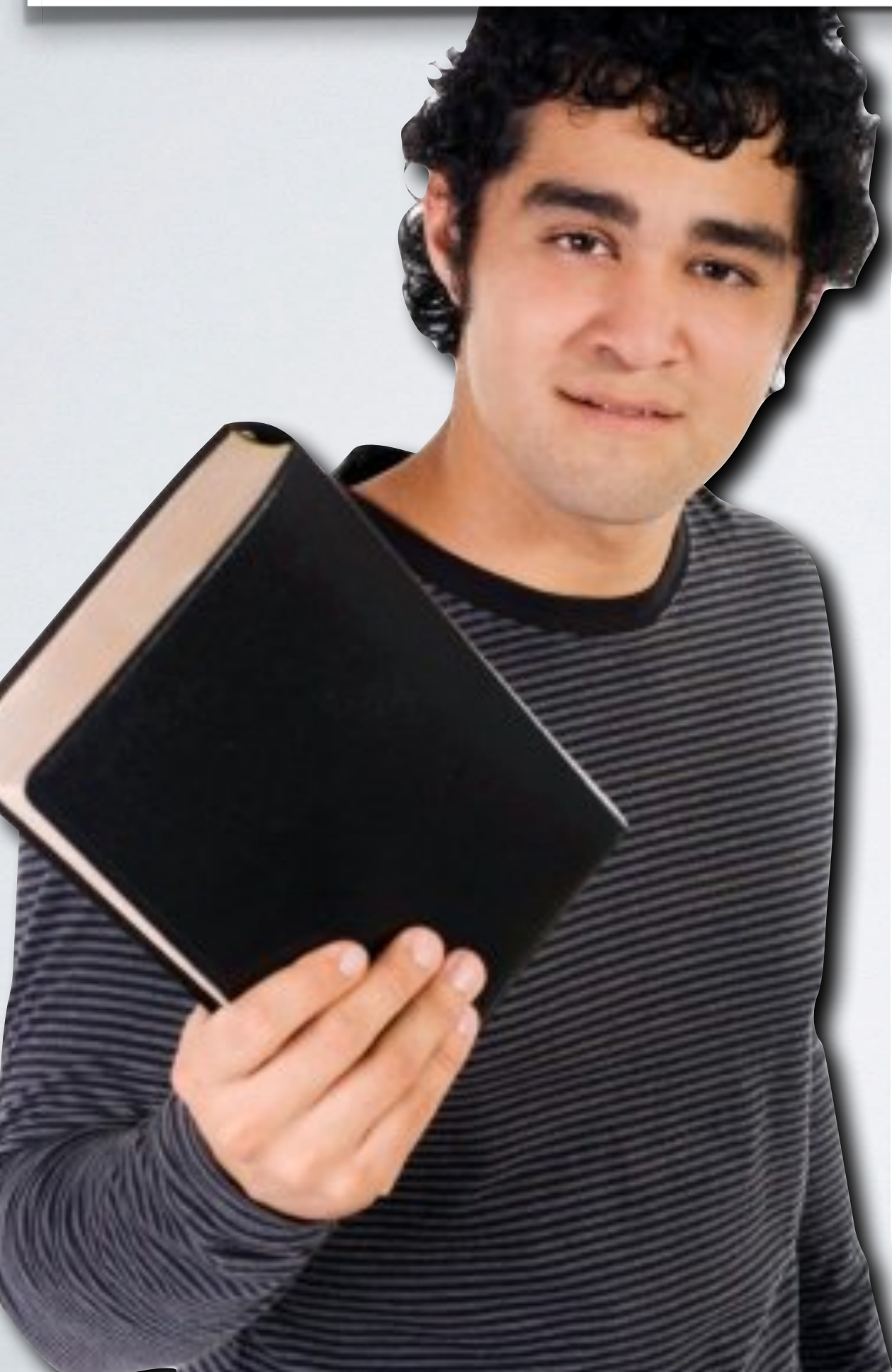
¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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WHAT ARE WE
SEEKING?

UPON WHAT
THINGS HAVE WE
**SET OUR
MINDS?**

WHAT IS OUR
**PRIORITY /
GOAL?**

Colossians 3:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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THE WORLD = SPHERE OF INIQUITY

Ephesians 2:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ . . . who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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James 3:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

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2 John 9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

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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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Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

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Worldly Living:

- **Desensitizes** to sin - (Eccl. 5:1; Rom 8:5; 1 Cor. 2:14)
- **Separates** from God (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 8:7,8; James 4:4)
- **Hardens** the heart (Mat. 13:15; Heb. 3:8,13)
- Causes **Suffering** in this life (Prov. 13:15; Jer. 2:19; Rom. 6:21)
- Results in eternal **Condemnation** - (Rom. 6:23; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8)

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WE CHOOSE OUR VALUES, FOCUS & LOYALTIES



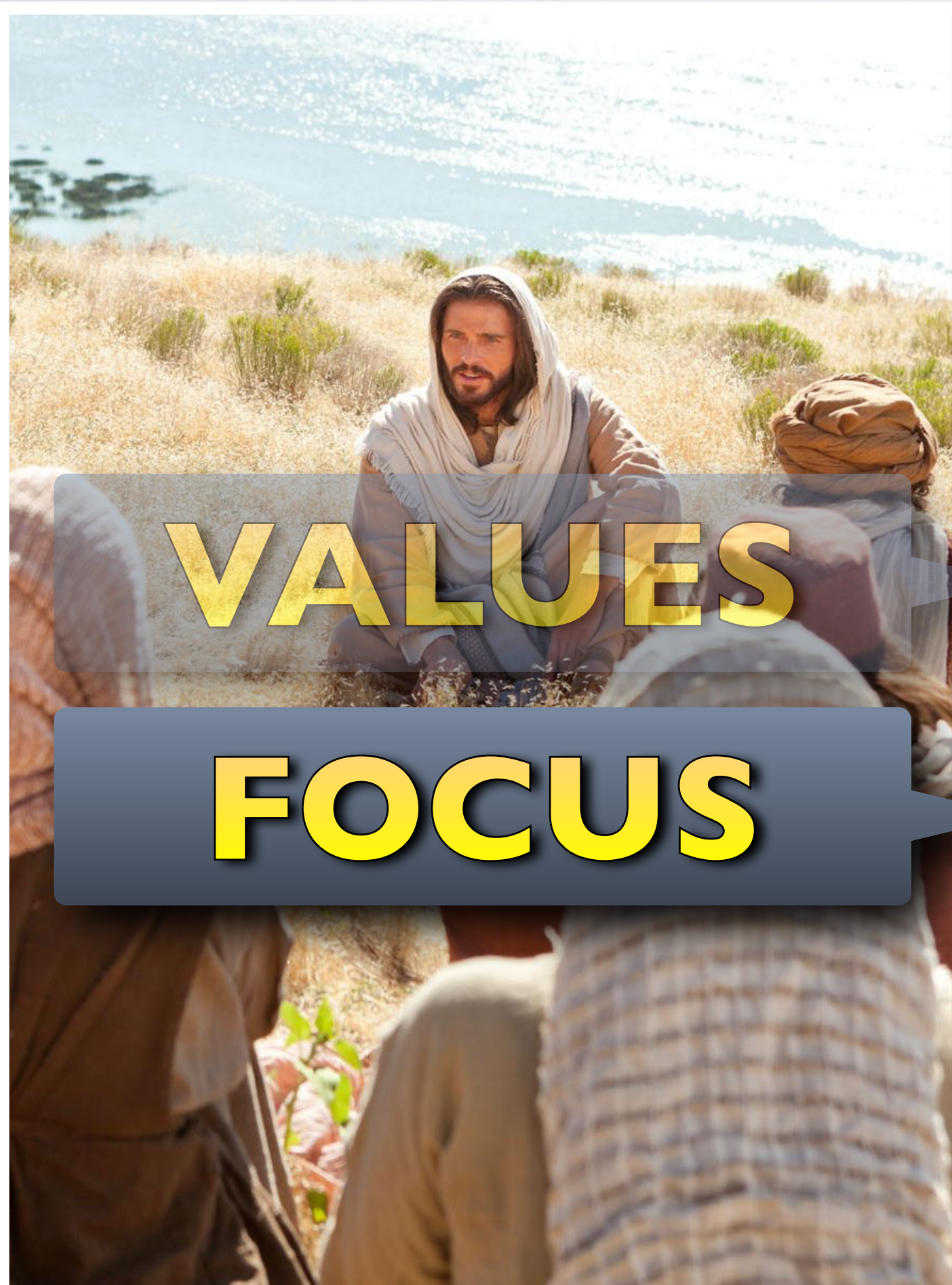
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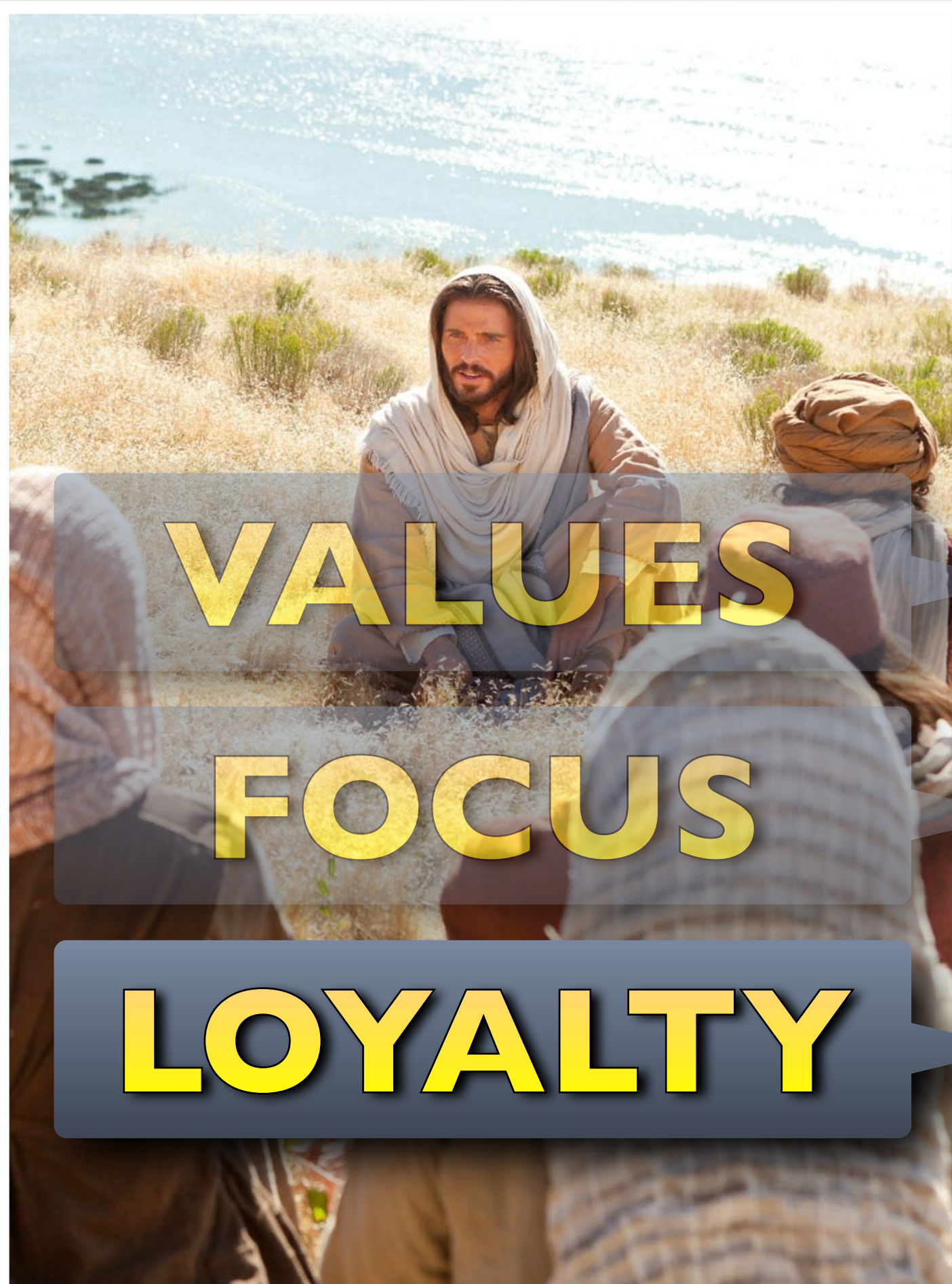
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22 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

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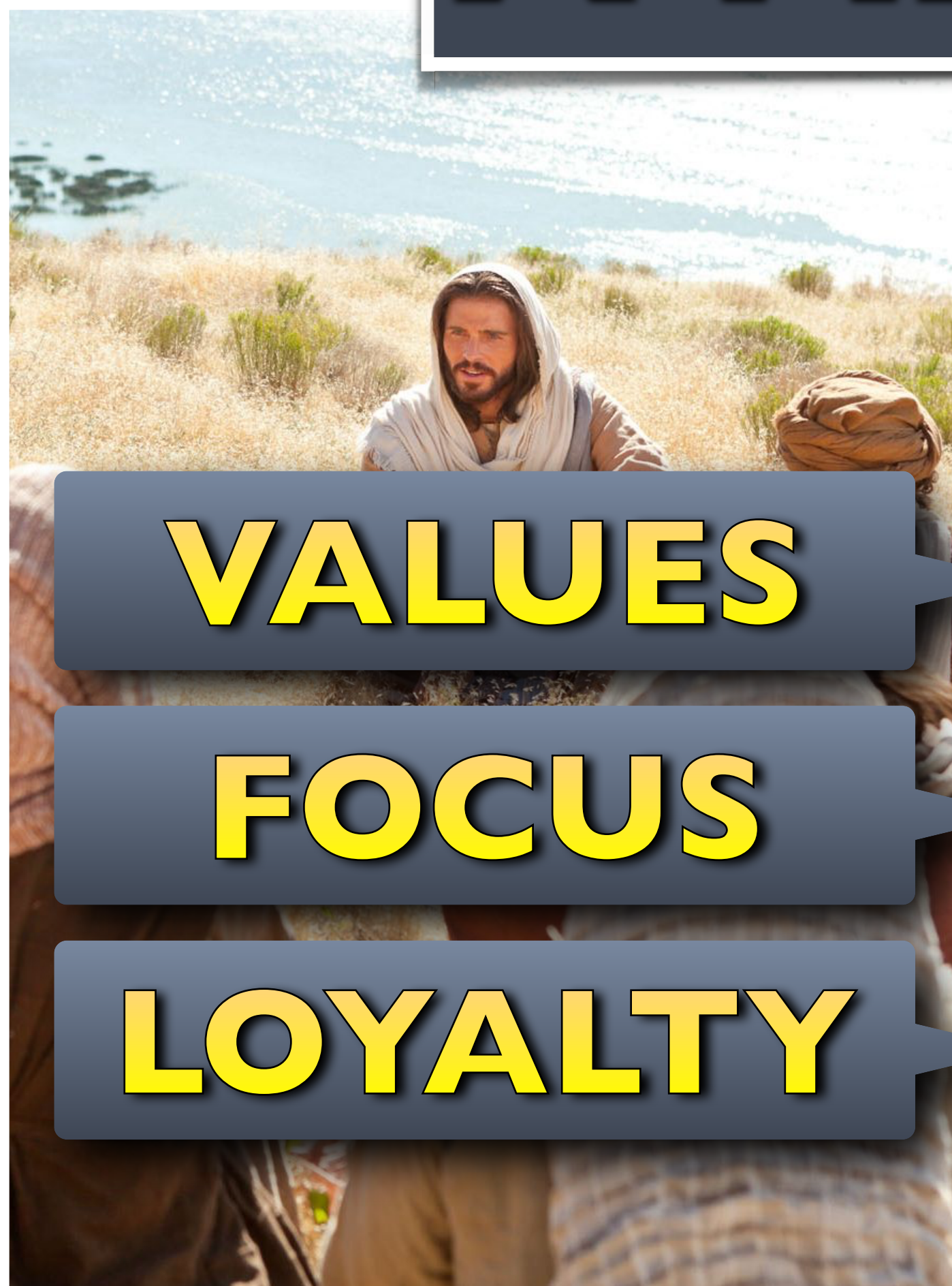
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A MATTER OF FAITH



VALUES

FOCUS

LOYALTY

Matthew 6:25–32 (NKJV)

²⁵ “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ... ³⁰ ... O you of little faith? ³¹ “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

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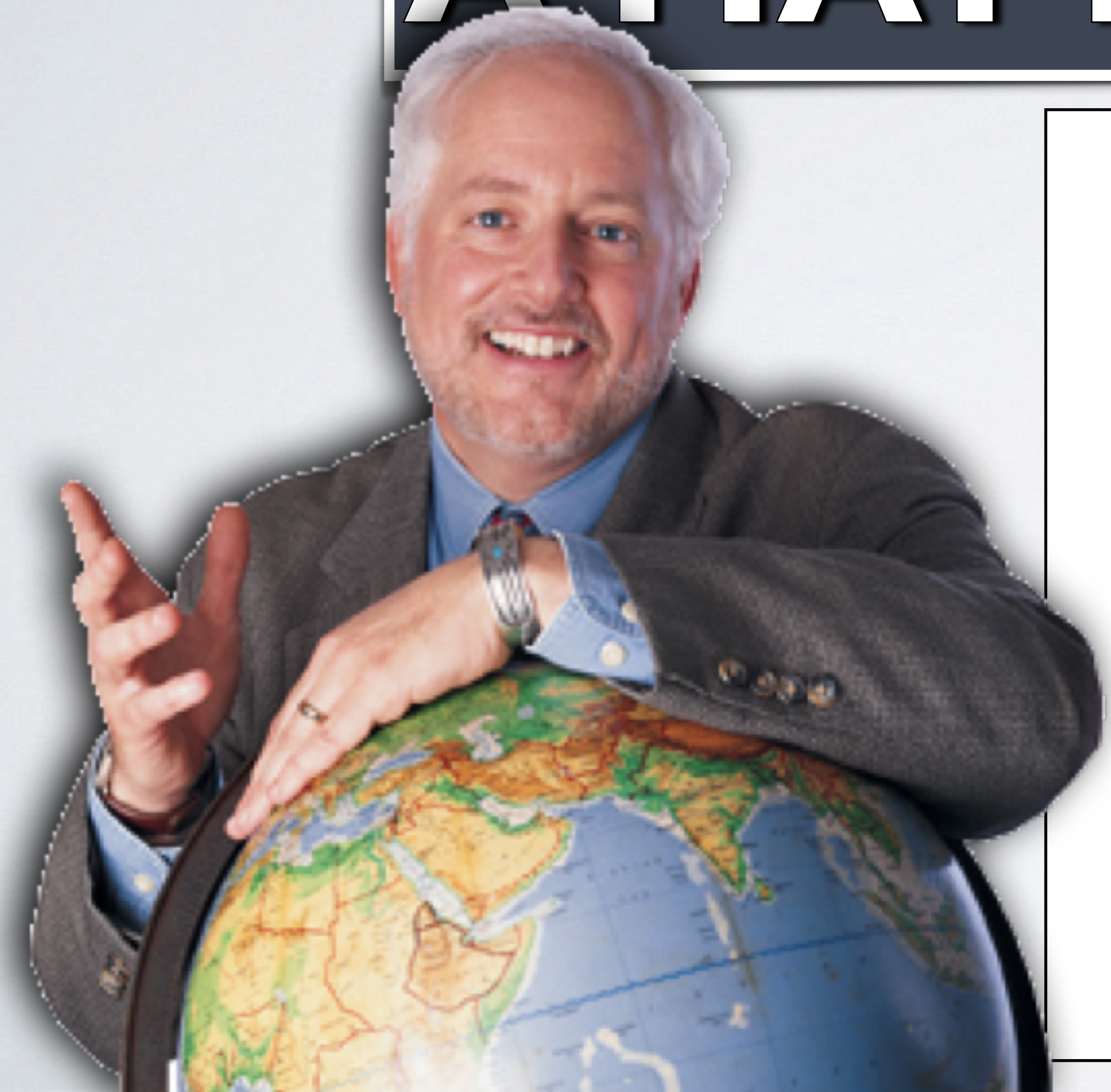
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A MATTER OF FAITH

SATAN'S GREATEST ADVANTAGE ...

The here & now - immediate,
temporary gratification.

Things we can see, hear, smell,
taste & touch.



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A MATTER OF FAITH

Matthew 6:33–34 (NKJV)

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.



VALUES

FOCUS

LOYALTY

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WE MUST VALUE, FOCUS ON, & FOLLOW JESUS!



Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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- **FAITH:** Trusting Him, His instructions & promises! (Heb. 11:6; Rom. 4; 2 Tim. 1:12)
- **HOPE:** Our hope rests upon our faith and motivates perseverance & godly living (Heb. 11:1; 3:6; Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Jn. 3:3)
- **LOVE:** Putting God first and loving others motivates acceptable obedience (Mark 12:29-31; Mat. 6:33; Jn 14:23)

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MINDS ON HEAVEN	MINDS ON THE WORLD
SPIRITUAL	MATERIAL
JESUS RULES	SATAN RULES
THE CHURCH	ORGANIZATIONS
GOD’S KINGDOM	EARTHLY GOVERNMENTS
WORSHIP	ENTERTAINMENT
LAST FOREVER	WILL BE DESTROYED

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IF WE RESPECT, BELIEVE & LOVE GOD ...

- ▶ We will LOVE the things of God - His word, His way, & His promises!
- ▶ We will value & focus on spiritual things & not material things!
- ▶ We will honor & obey Jesus — trusting His instructions & following Him that we may be with Him for eternity!

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WE CAN HAVE VICTORY OVER THE WORLD

1 John 5:2–5 (NKJV)

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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- Obey the gospel - Rom 6:3-6, 16-18; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Col 1:13; 2:12
- Grow in knowledge of Christ - 2 Pet 1:5-10; 3:16-18
- Put on Christ - Col 3:12-17

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- Not to continue to sin (Ps. 119:11; Rom. 6; 1 Jn 3:1-10; 1 Thes. 5:21,22)
- Separate from world (2 Cor. 6:14-17; James 1:27)
- Holy / Pure / Godly (1 Pet. 1:15-16; 4:1-3; 1 Jn 3:3)

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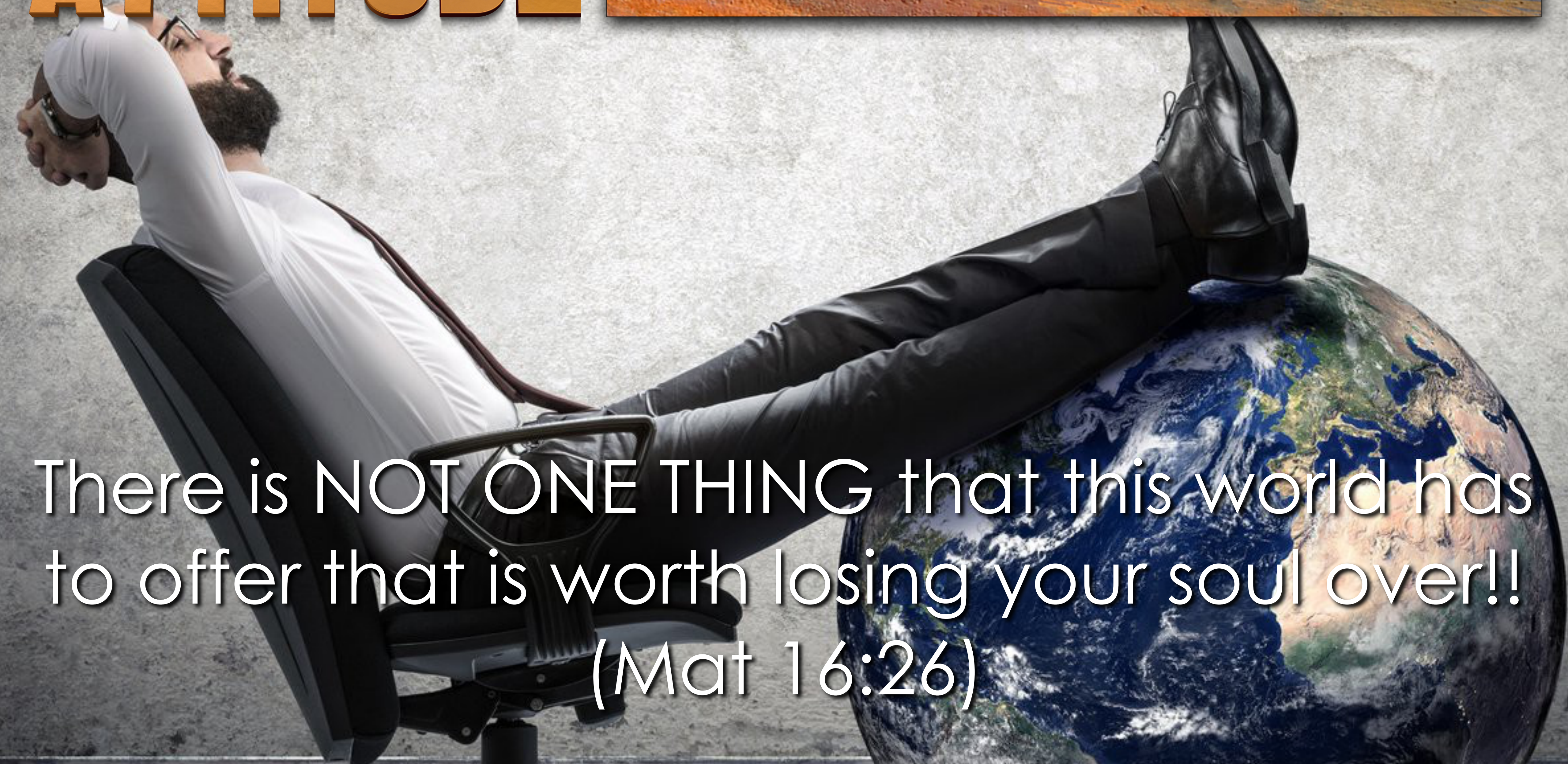
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Galatians 6:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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There is NOT ONE THING that this world has
to offer that is worth losing your soul over!!
(Mat 16:26)

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