

“A GOD HONORING MARRIAGE”

“heirs together of the grace of life”

THE NATURE OF
SUBMISSION &
THE NATURE OF
DELEGATED
AUTHORITY

(1 Peter 3:1-7)

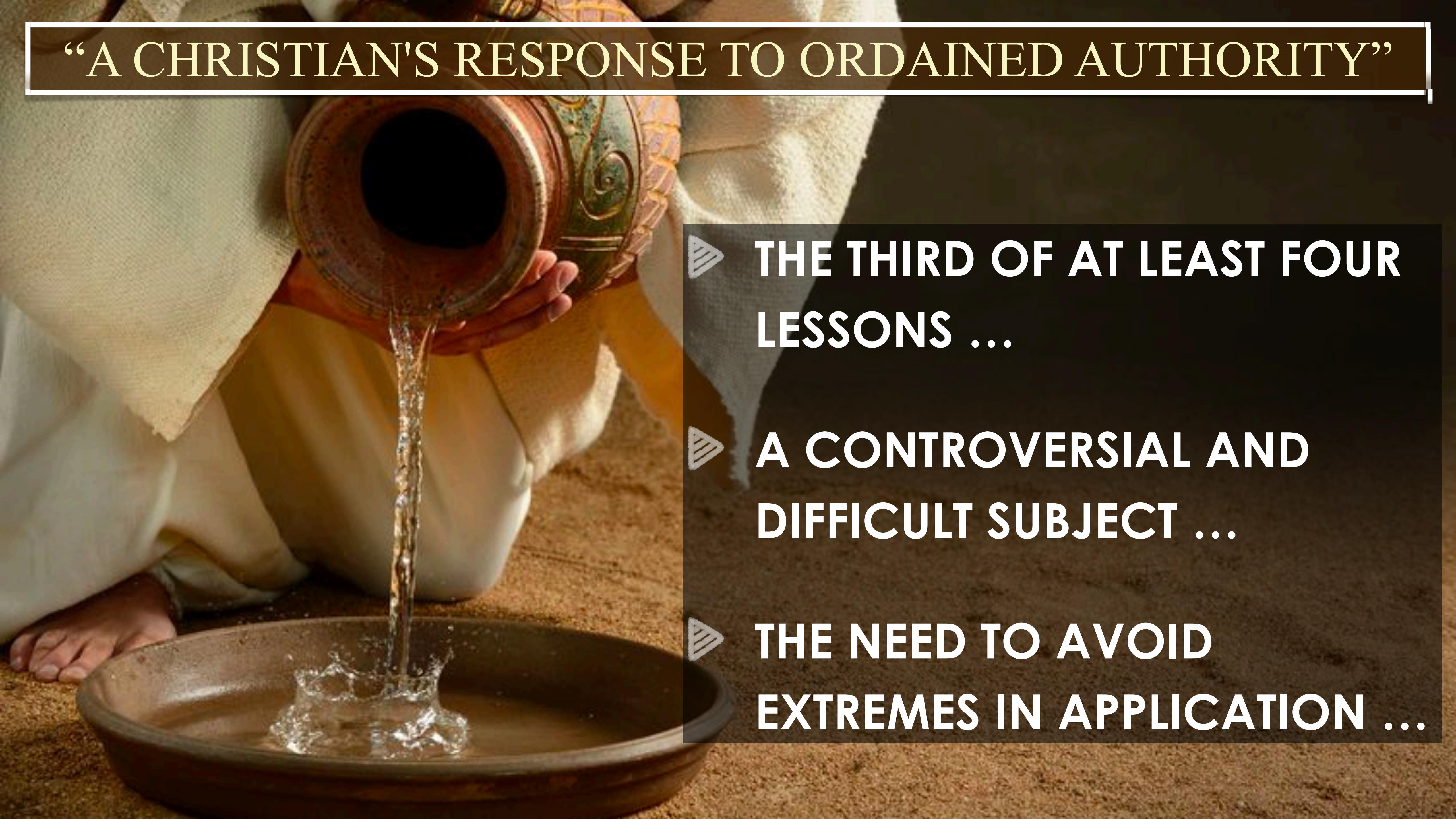
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ABSTAIN FROM
FLESHLY LUST
WHICH WAR AGAINST
THE SOUL! (2:12)

- To succeed in our spiritual "pilgrimage" and reach our heavenly destination, we must SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL!
- As pilgrims we are governed by the King of heaven and earth – But, as we sojourn here on earth we must submit to the powers instituted by God –

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- ▶ **THE THIRD OF AT LEAST FOUR LESSONS ...**
 - ▶ **A CONTROVERSIAL AND DIFFICULT SUBJECT ...**
 - ▶ **THE NEED TO AVOID EXTREMES IN APPLICATION ...**

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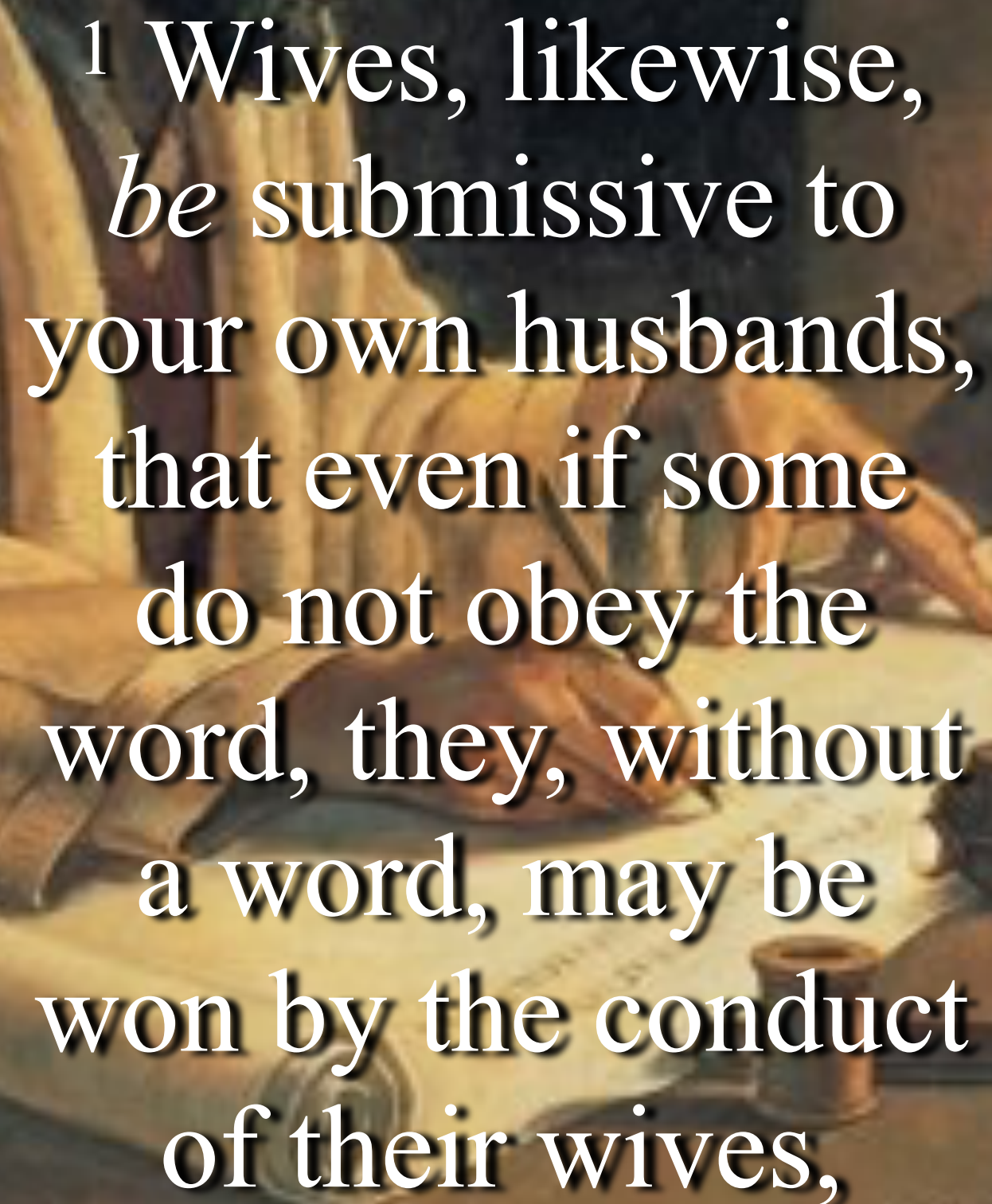
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❖ The Principle Of Submission Previously Applied To:

- Governmental authorities (2:13-17)
- The servant, master relationship
(2:18-25)

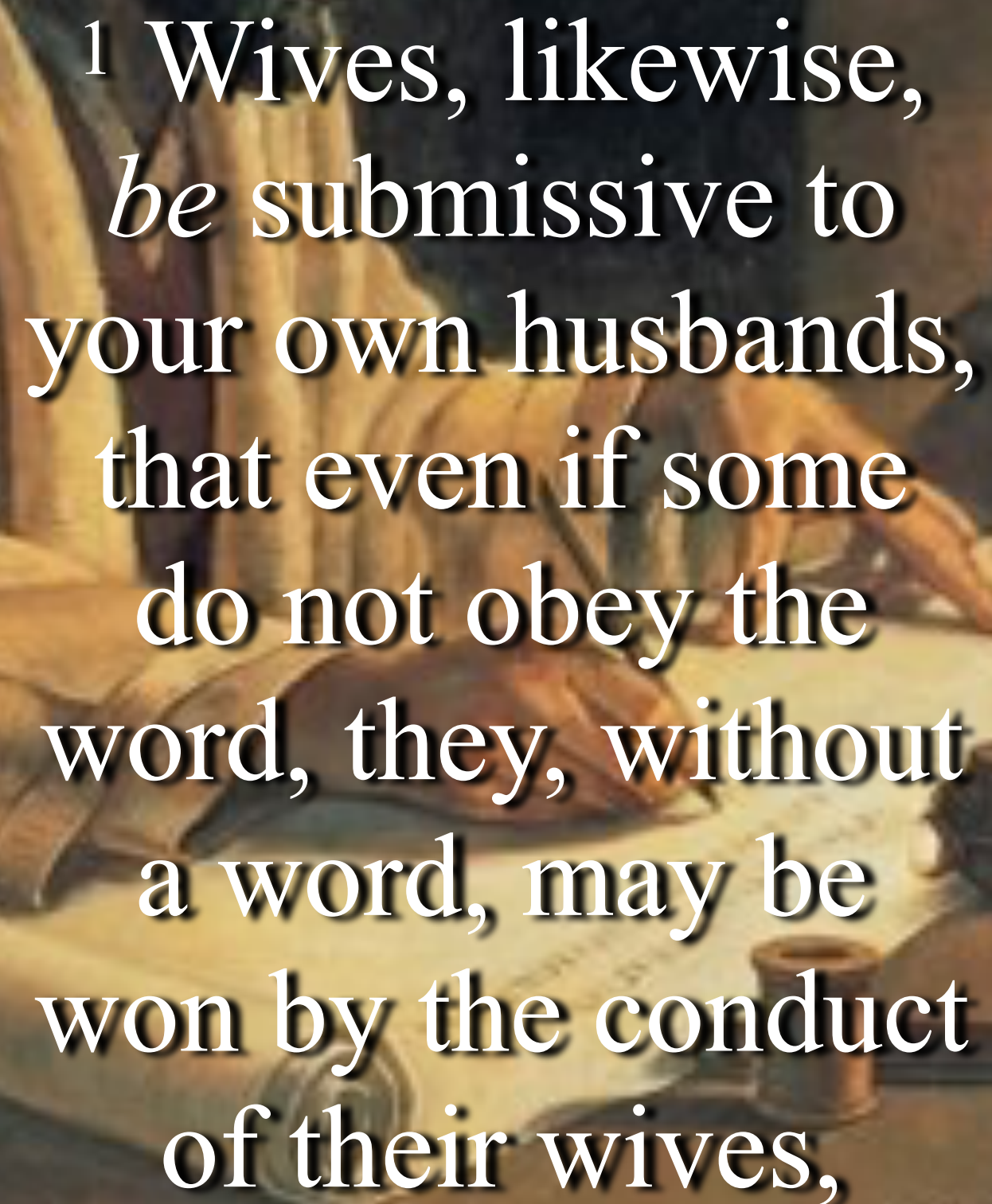
❖ “Likewise” - The Same Principle Of Submission Now Applied To:

- Wives submitting to their own husbands
- EVEN UNBELIEVING husbands (1)

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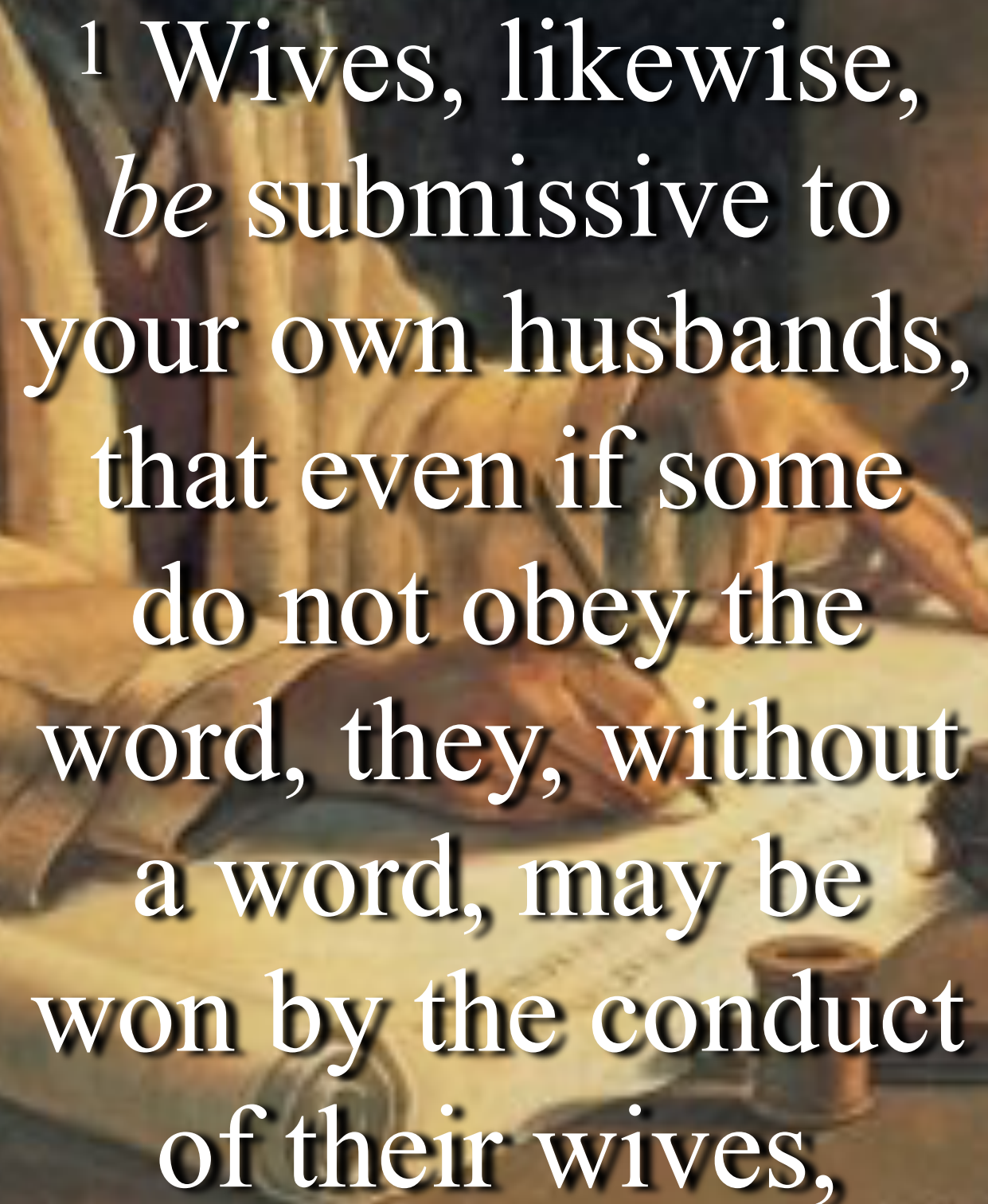
❖ **The Participle Translated Be Submissive (Hypotassomenai, Lit., “Being Under Authority”) Carries The Force Of A Command (Cf. 2:18).**

❖ **A Wife Is To Accept Her Place Under The Leadership Of Her Husband Whom God Has Placed As Head In The Home, Even If Their Husbands Are Unbelievers, (Cf. Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:5).**

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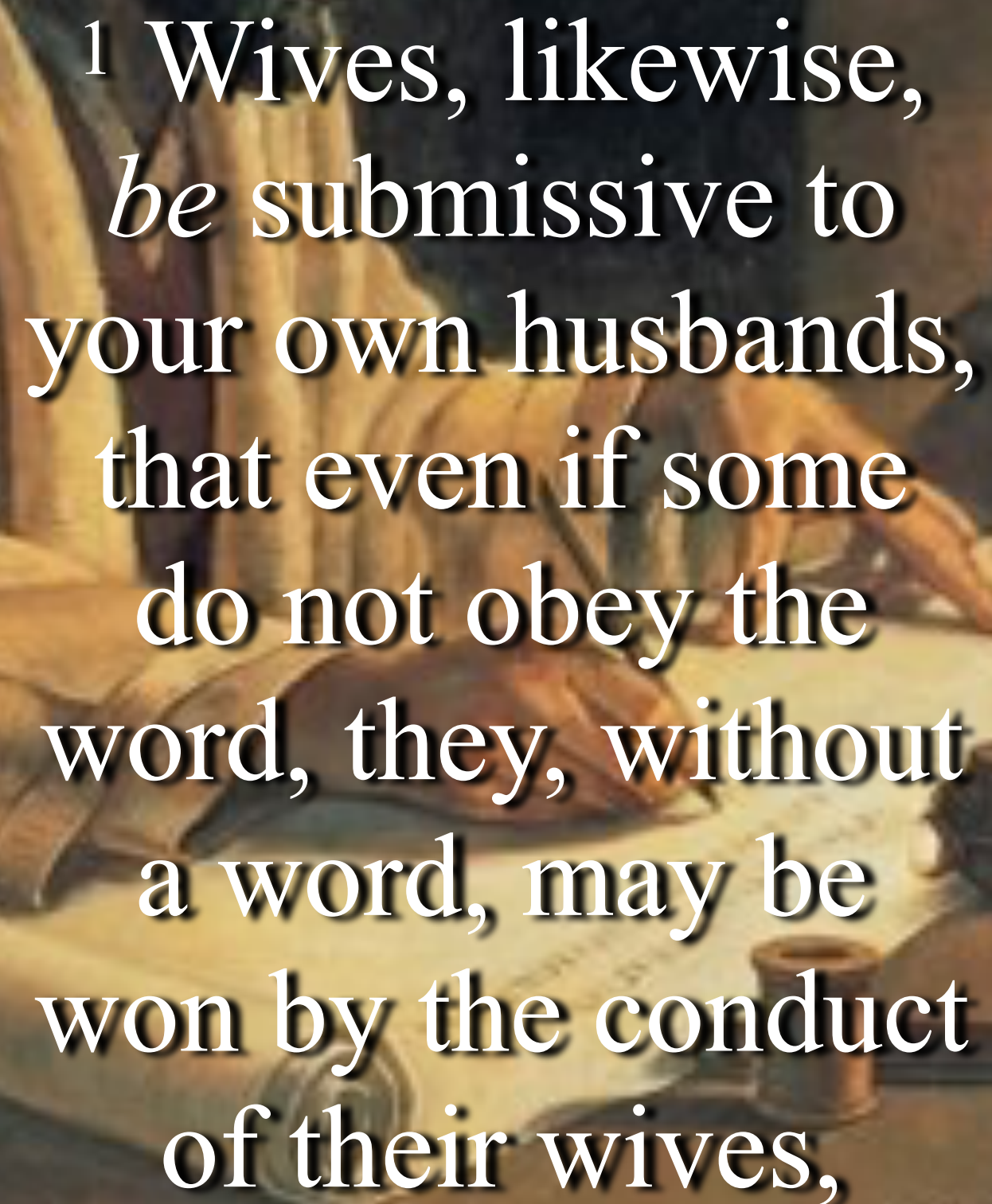
Genesis 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

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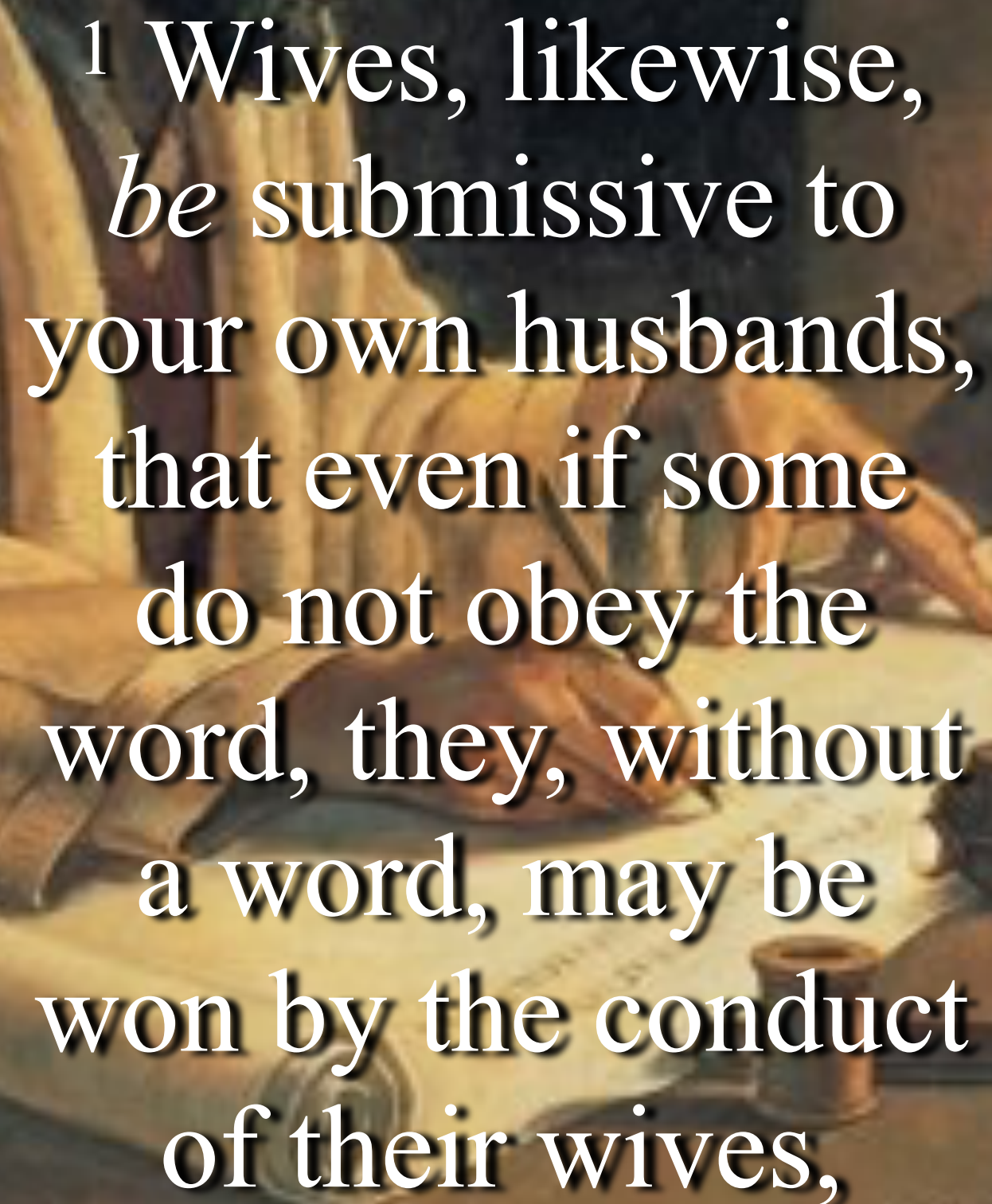
Ephesians 5:22–24 (NKJV)

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

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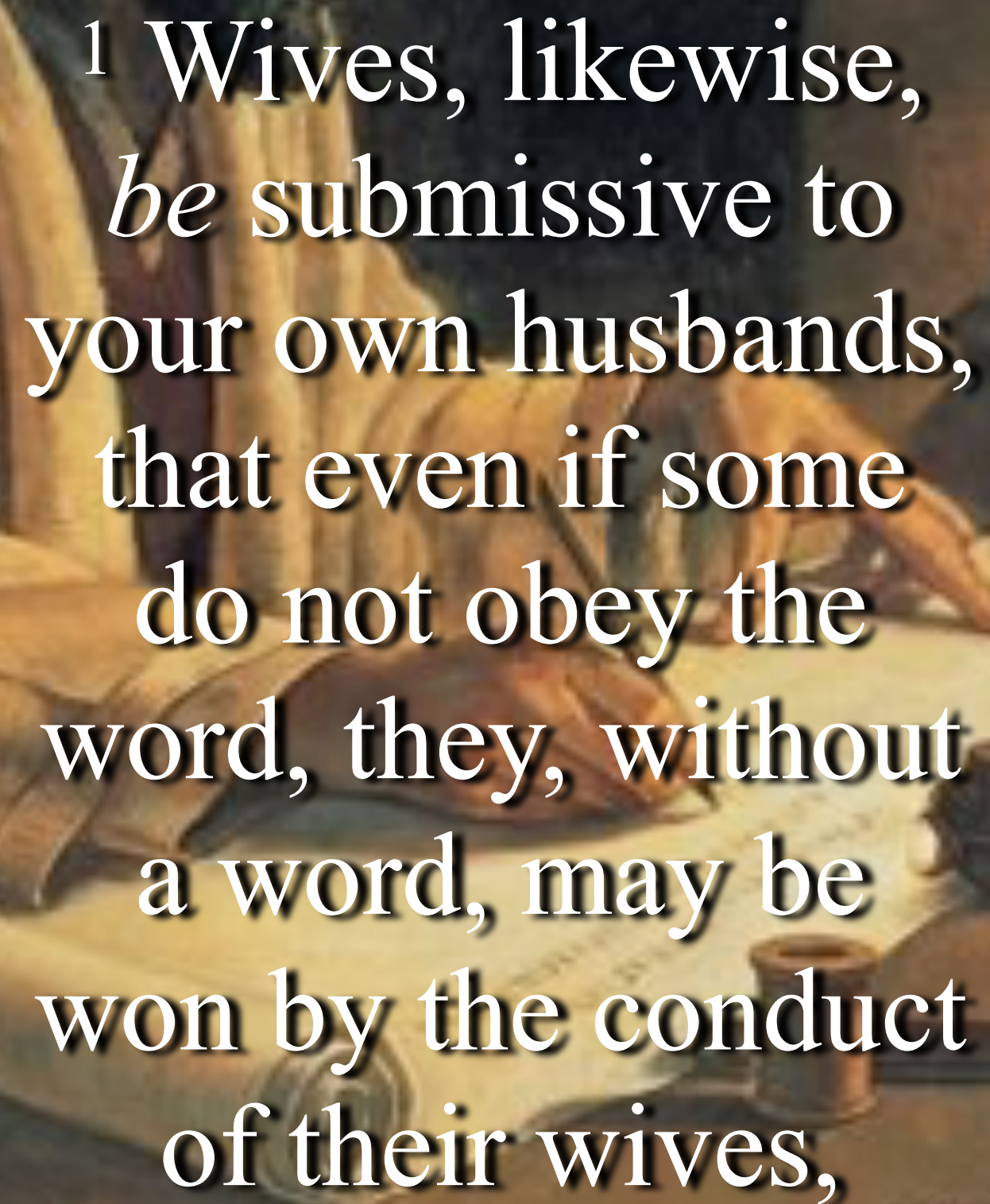
Colossians 3:18–24 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ... ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, ... ²² Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, ... ²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

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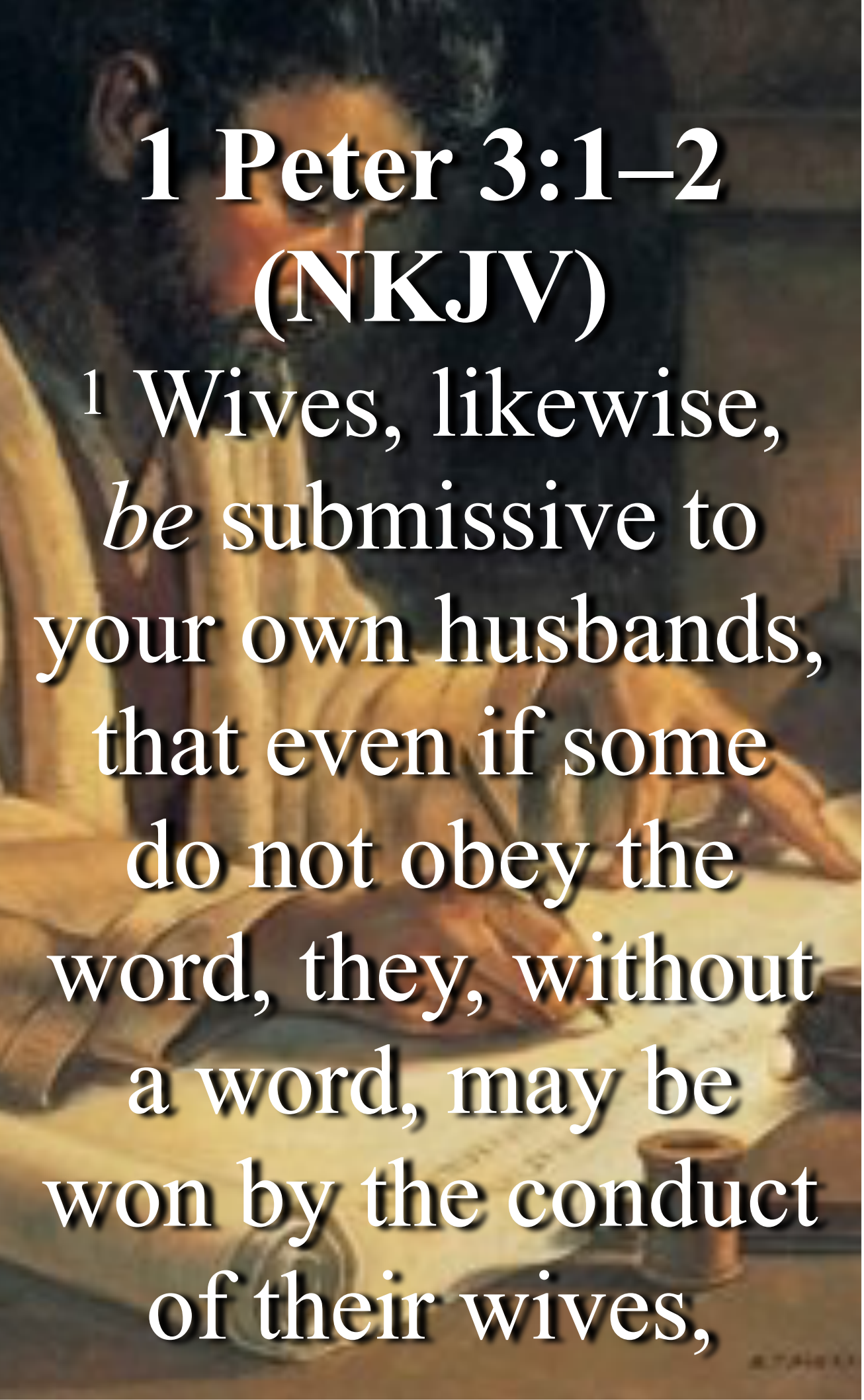
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Titus 2:3–5 (NKJV)

³ the older women likewise, that they be
reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not
given to much wine, teachers of good things
—⁴ that they admonish the young women to
love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵
to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good,
obedient to their own husbands, that the
word of God may not be blasphemed.

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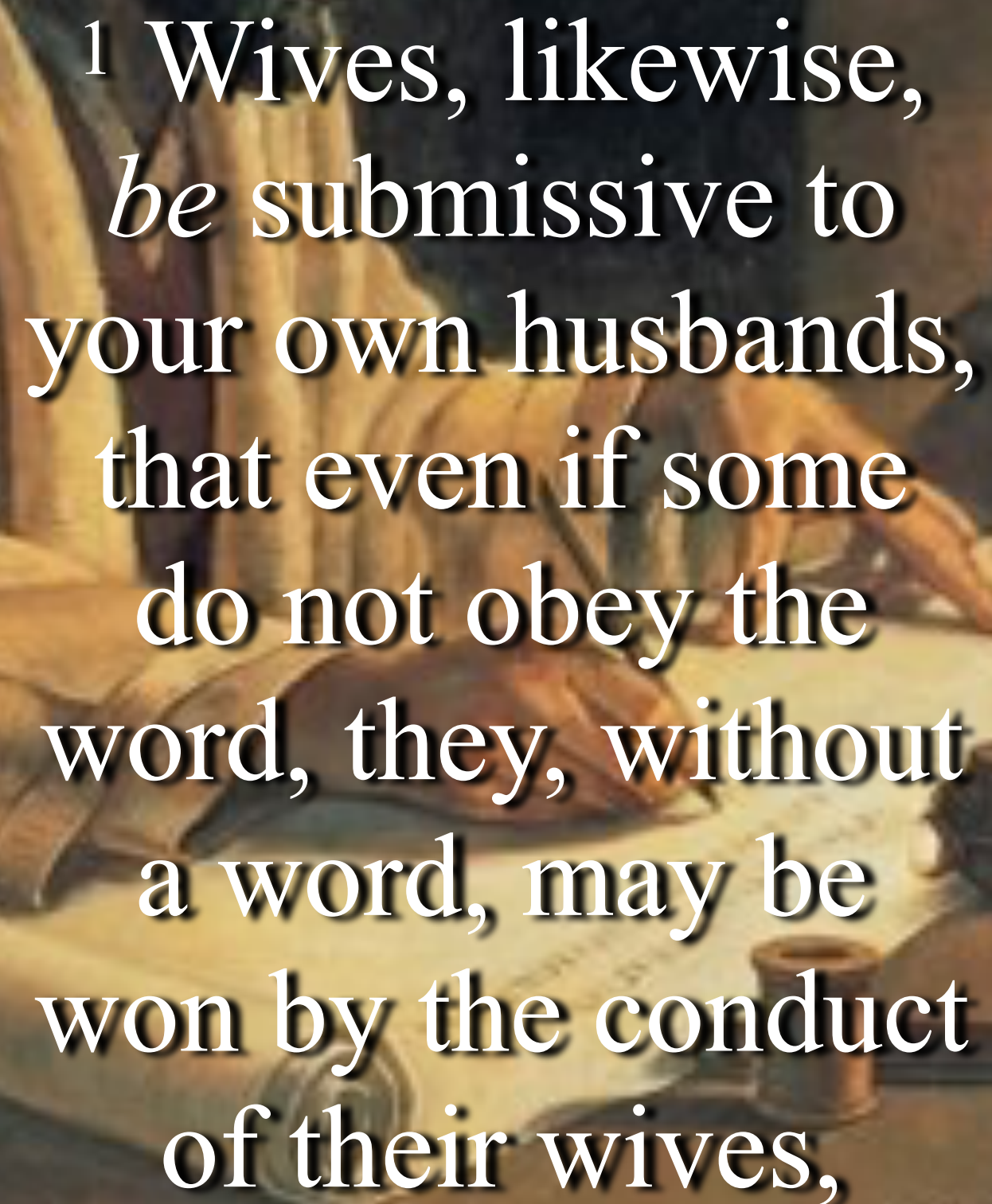
❖ God Gave Man The Kind Of Companion He Needed, I.E. -

- ❖ A “helper comparable to him.” - “I shall make a helper fit for him” (ESV); - “I will make a suitable partner for him” (NAB); - “suitable, corresponding to” (NASB).
- ❖ Woman completes man - she is his equal in nature, & helper in function, (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:15-25).

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- Subjection is a role to be filled AND DOES NOT IMPLY INFERIORITY in value in the sight of God! (Eph 5:22,23)
- Submission CANNOT be forced, but MUST BE voluntarily assumed! (No passage instructs husbands to enforce their wife's submission)
- Culture CANNOT change God's designed roles (1 Tim 2:9-15)

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SUBMISSION DOES NOT MEAN ...

- Wives are inferior to their husbands.
- Wives are to submit to other men.
- Wives are to submit to sin.
- Wives must agree with their husbands.
- Wives views and needs can be ignored by their husbands.
- When husbands defer to their wives they relinquish their authority.

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- ◆ Godly living can be a powerful influence on others (vs. 1,2; Mat 13:33)
- ◆ An unbelieving husband might be saved by the godly behavior of their wives, even without a word (Mat 5:13-16; Phil. 2:14-16)
- ◆ In contrast, we should NEVER underestimate the damaging affect of inconsistent ungodly behavior (1 Cor. 5:6; 15:33)

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◆ “Chaste” –

- That is, purity in all manner of life –as a result of obedience to God.
- True godliness is observable.

◆ “Accompanied by fear”

- That is, reverence toward God.
- Wives submission to their husband is due to their reverence for God, and not dependent on the worthiness of their husband (cf. Rom. 13:5,6)

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A "Hebraism" ("not this **BUT** this") Cf. - John 6:27

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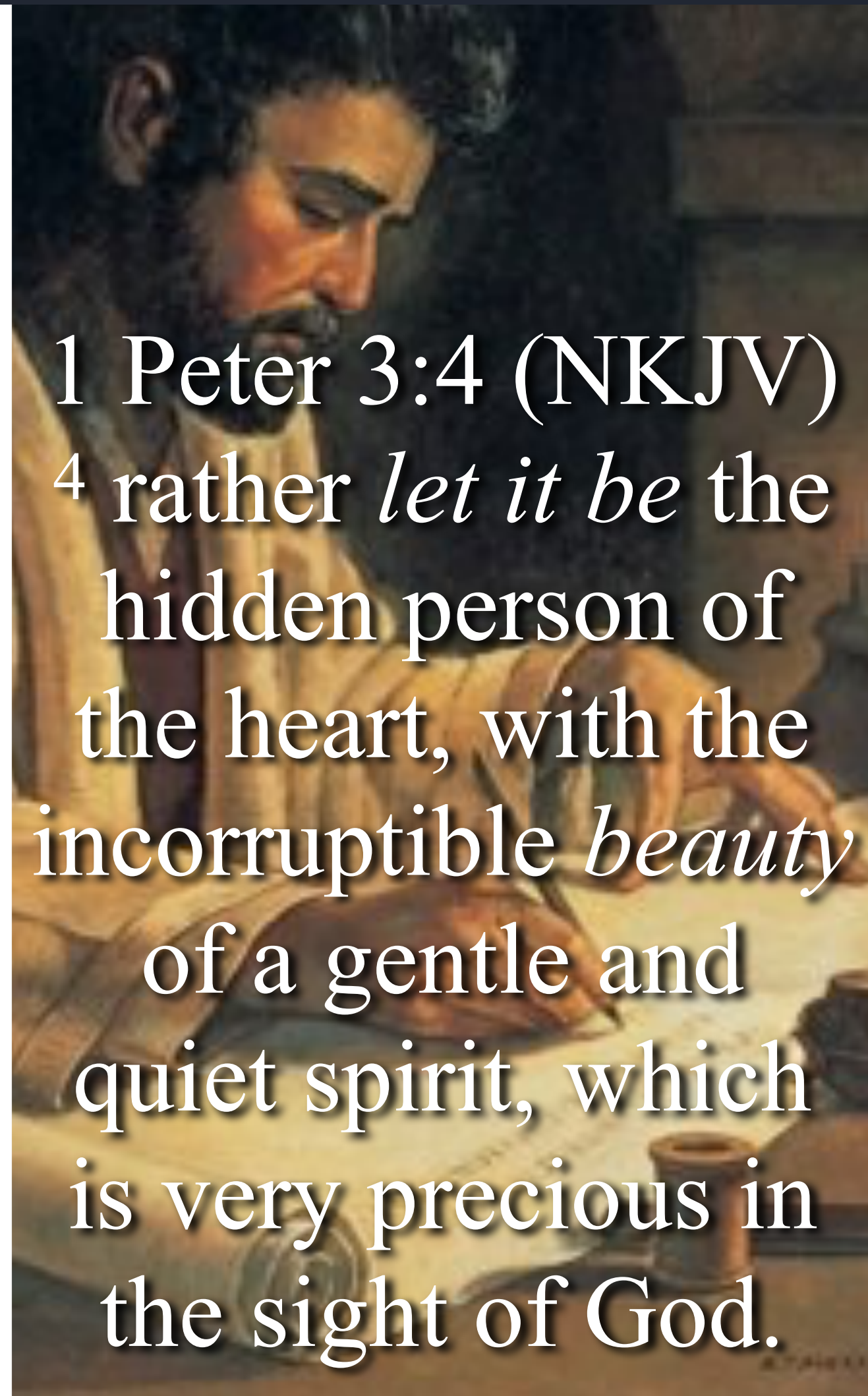
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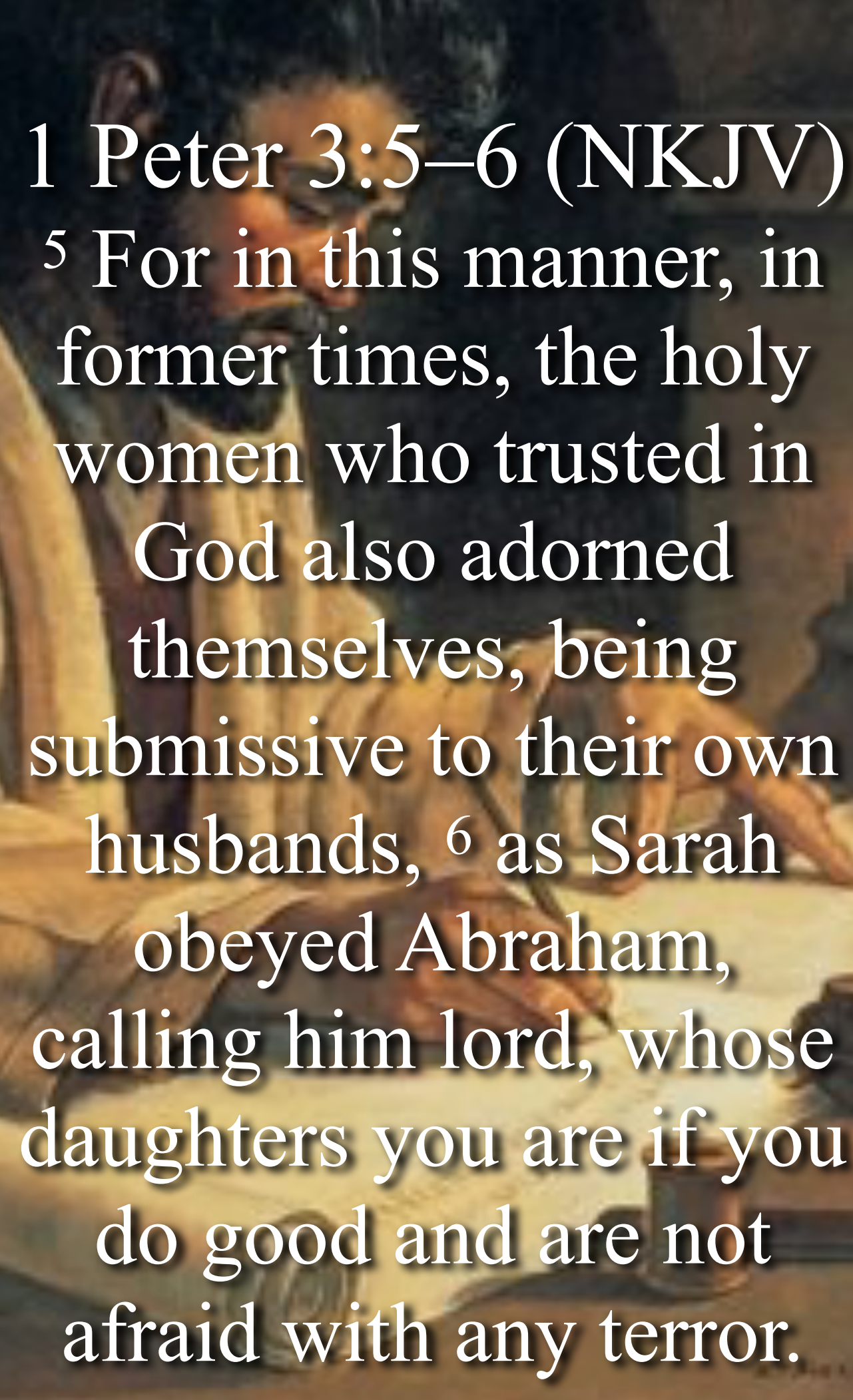
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- ❖ **Not this** (outward adornment, arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel)
 - NOT that women cannot wear jewelry and nice clothes, but let your inner beauty be your most noticeable feature! (Rom. 2:29; Pro 11:22)
- ❖ **“A gentle & quiet spirit”**
 - Meekness, “submitting to the yoke” True strength of character.
 - Tranquility in disposition. Not “SELF Assertive” or a “busy body”

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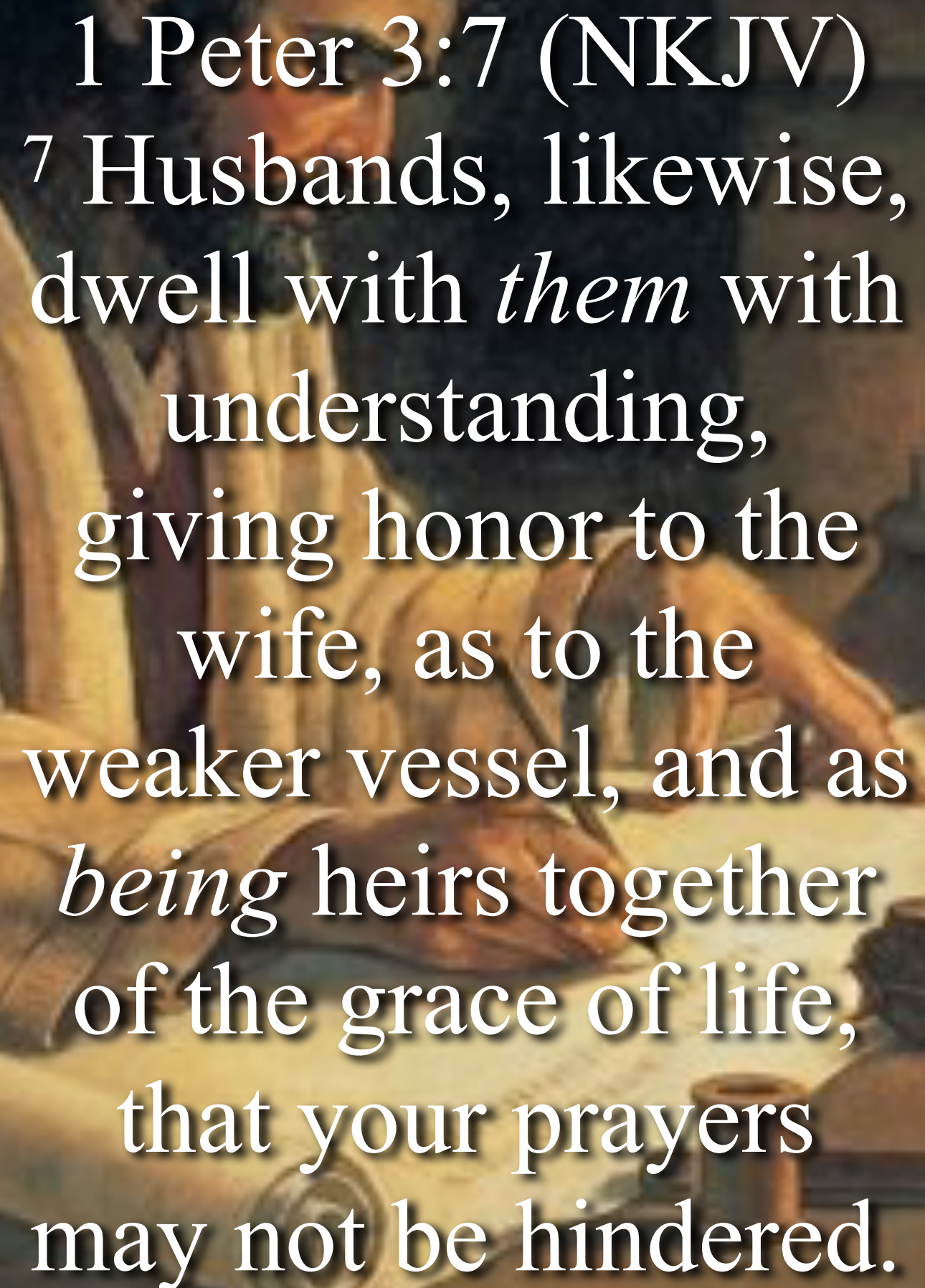
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- ❖ **Women in the Old Testament who trusted in God adorned themselves with a submissive, gentle and quiet spirit.**
- ❖ **Sarah was beautiful outwardly:**
 - Wanted by Pharaoh @ 65 years old.
 - Wanted by the King of the Philistines when she was over 90.
 - Yet her true beauty was demonstrated by her submissive spirit (calling her husband "lord")

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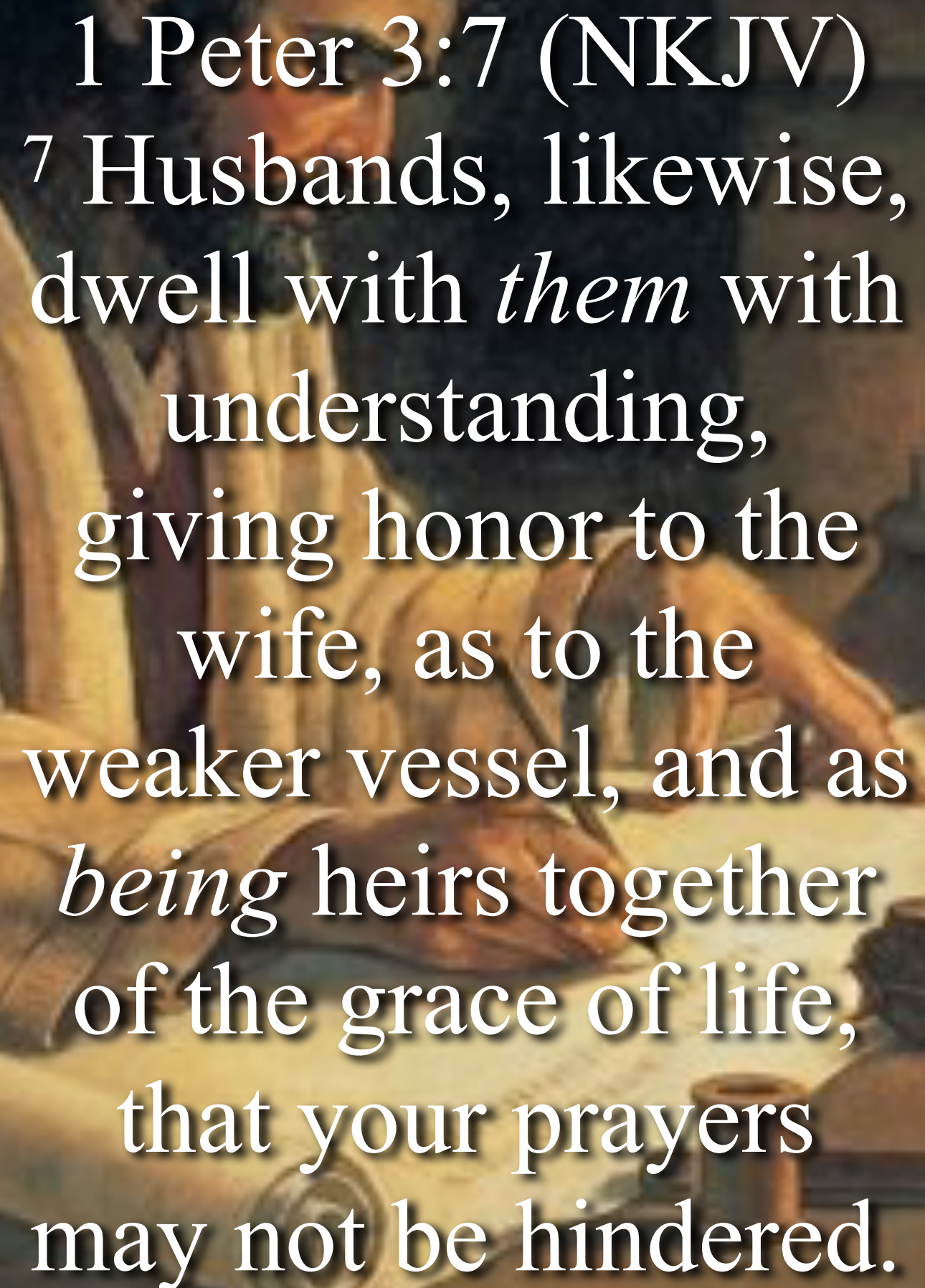
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❖ Dwell W/ Wives "With Understanding"

- Marriage is a partnership, not slavery, and husbands are to understand their own responsibilities in marriage (Eph. 5:23, 25-33)
- Husbands are to “dwell with understanding,” - considerate and sensitive to his wife’s spiritual, physical, and emotional needs, her fears, and feelings.

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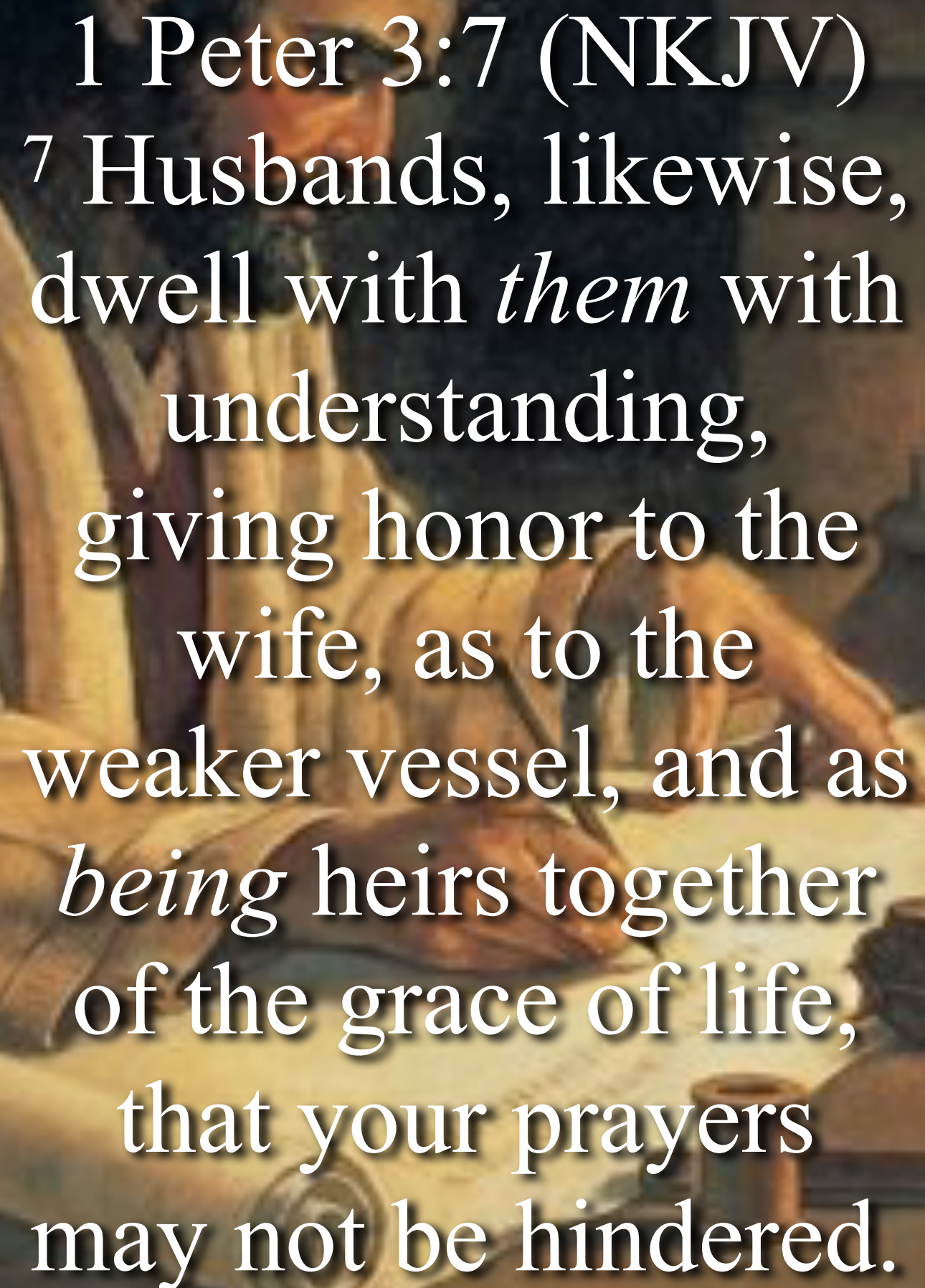


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- ❖ **Dwell W/ Wives "With Understanding"**
 - "Give Honor" - respect her, treat her as "Precious, & of high value"
 - "Weaker vessels" refers to physical strength, emotional tendencies & roles - NOT intellectual abilities, moral courage, or spiritual strength.

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- ❖ **“As being heirs together of the grace of life,”**
 - Husbands and wives are to share together in the life God has granted them - physical, and most importantly, spiritual.
 - The ungodliness of one affects the life of the other.
 - Husbands and wives need to help each other get to heaven!
 - How a husband and wife treat each directly affects their relationship with God.

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- We Are "Sojourners And Pilgrims"...
- Our submission to God's will is NOT dependent on how others treat us ...
- We Are Being Observed By Others...
- Is MY Life Glorifying God?

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Husbands

Dwell With Your Wives
“With Understanding” (7)
“Giving Honor” To The Wife... (7)

Wives

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Adorn yourselves with submissive,
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²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*”