

2 Peter 1:1–11

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THE VALUE OF LIVING A GODLY LIFE

October 6, 2024

⁷ But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. ⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. (1 Timothy 4:6–11)

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1 Peter 4:17–18 (NKJV)

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now “If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

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WHAT IS GODLINESS?

Titus 2:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

- ▶ Not merely “doing good.”
- ▶ Not merely “doing what is right.”
- ▶ Not exactly “Godlikeness”
- ▶ Opposite of Ungodliness.
- ▶ **An Attitude directed towards pleasing God, resulting in a way of life.**

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- ▶ Thayer: “Reverence. Respect; in the Bible everywhere piety towards God.”
- ▶ W.E. Vine: “That piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well pleasing to Him.”

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GOD



RELIGION



FAMILY



PROFESSION



LEISURE

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⁷ But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. — 1 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)

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¹ Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

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⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

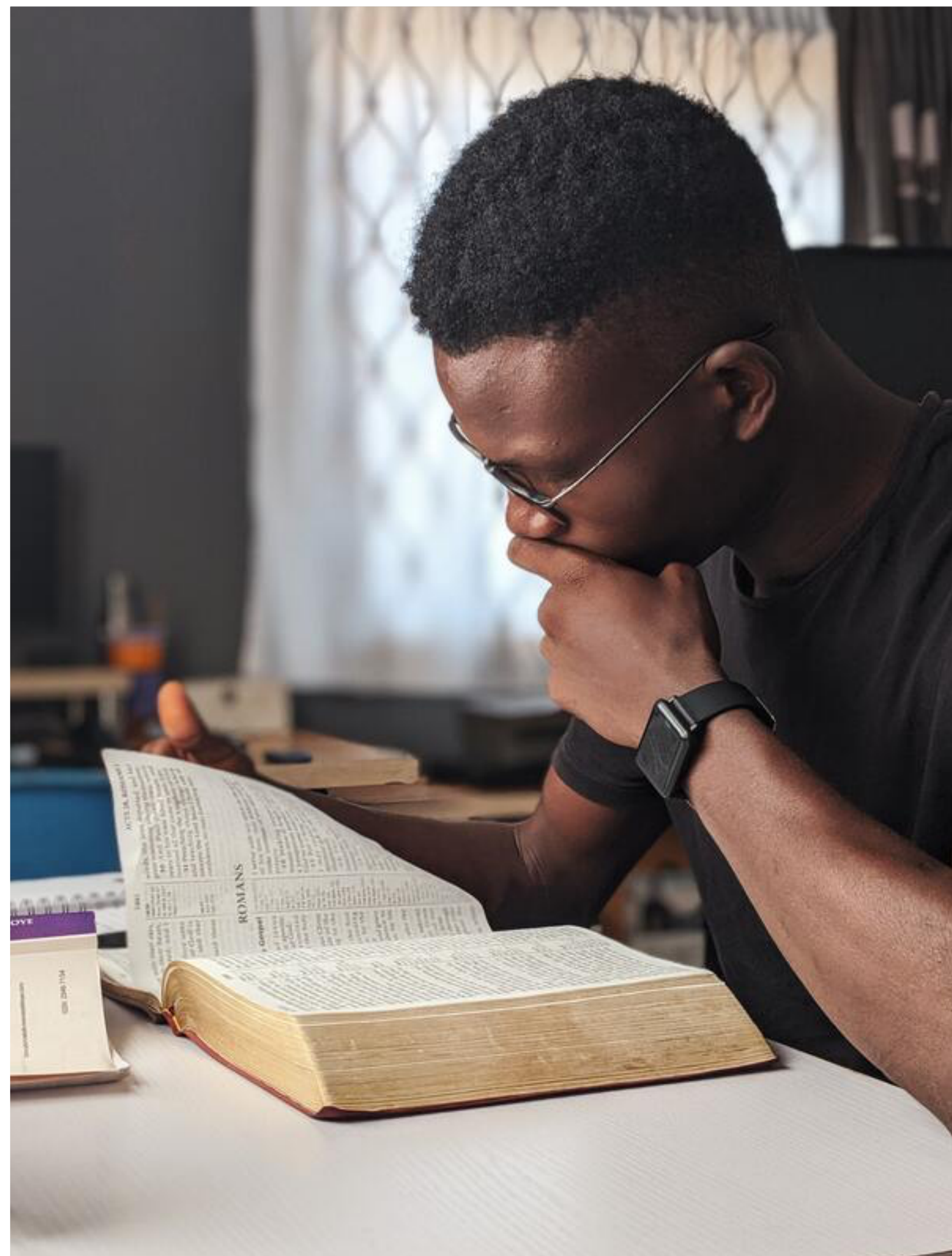
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⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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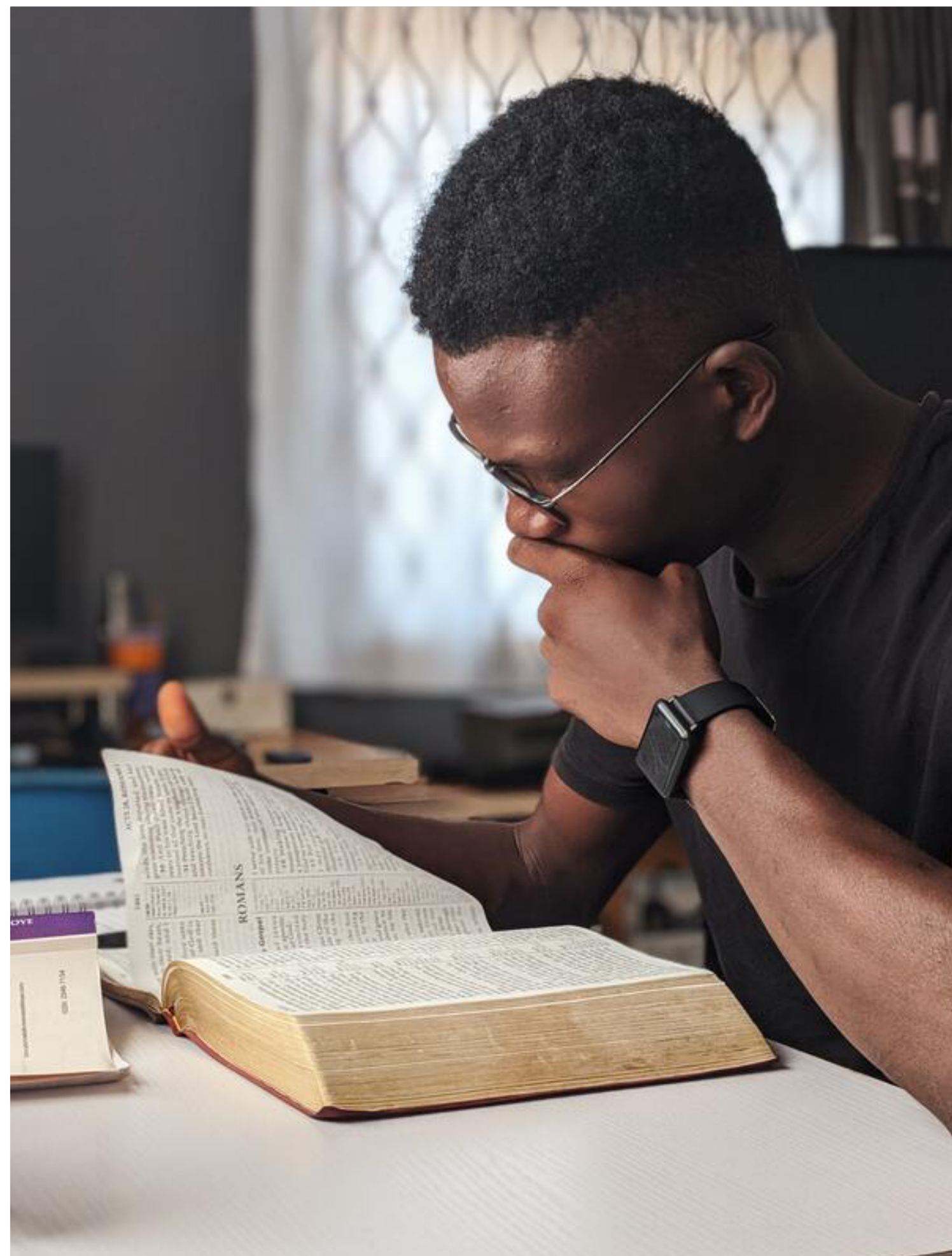


2 Peter 1:2–3 (NKJV)

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ... ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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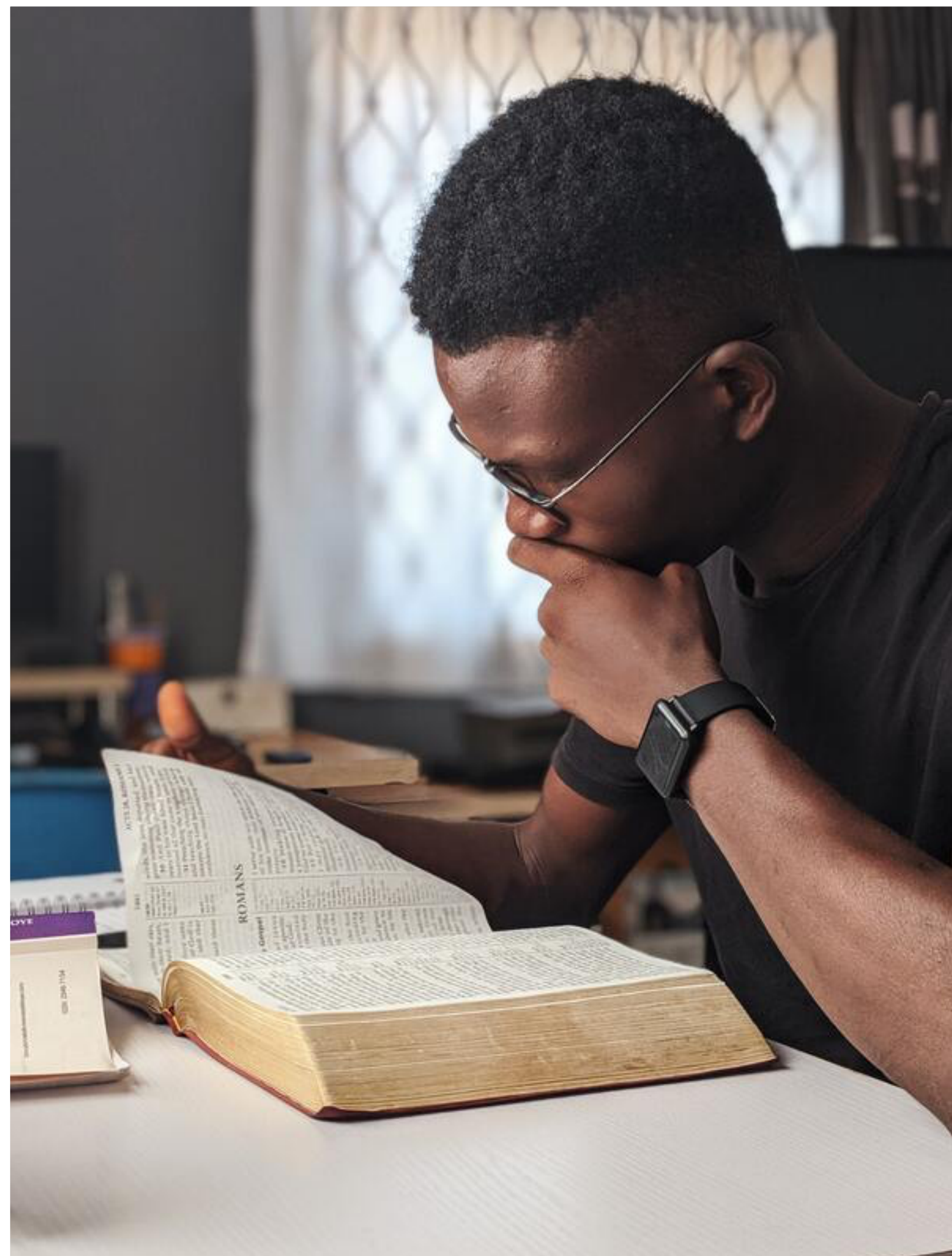


John 4:22–24 (NKJV)

²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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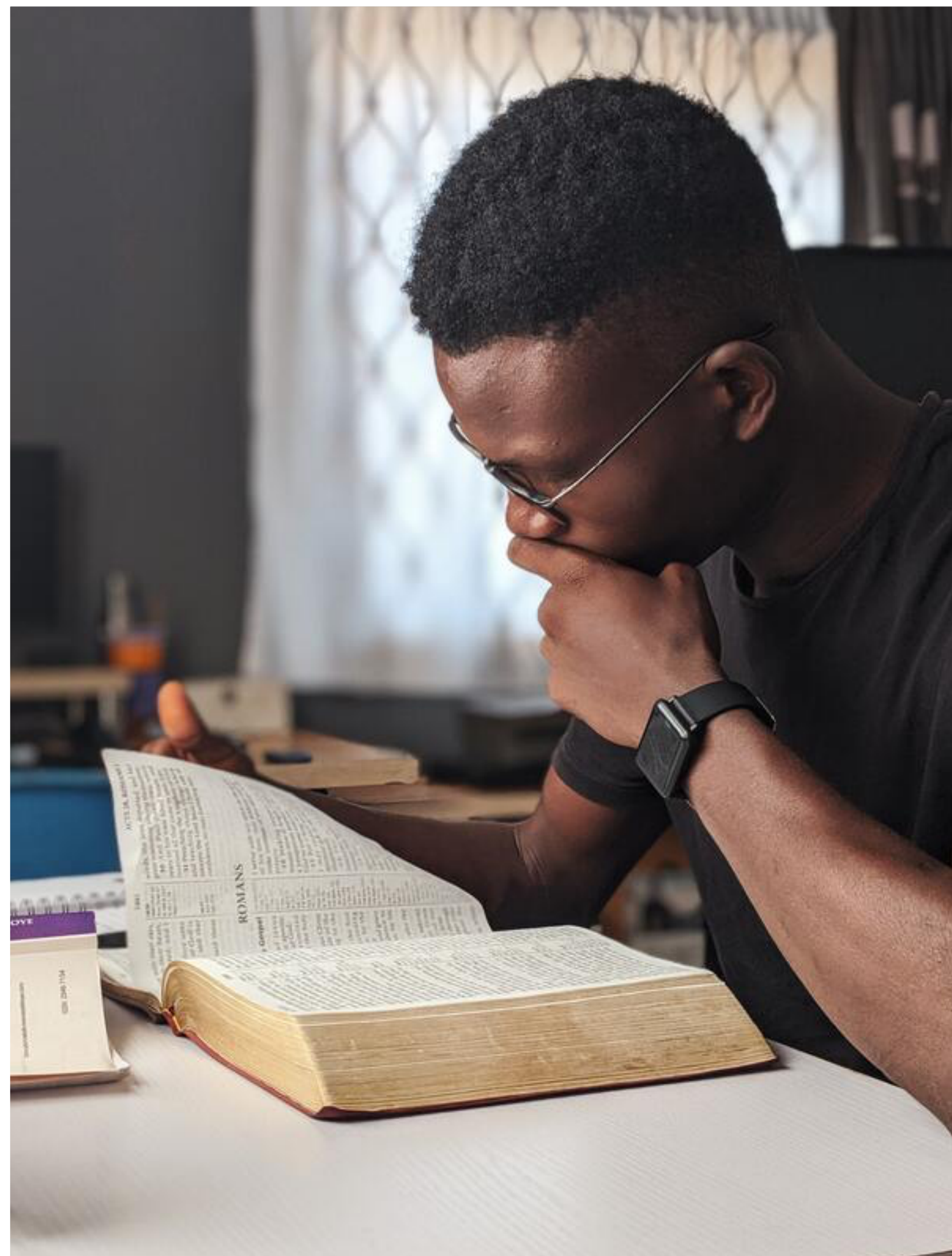


Acts 17:22–23 (NKJV)

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

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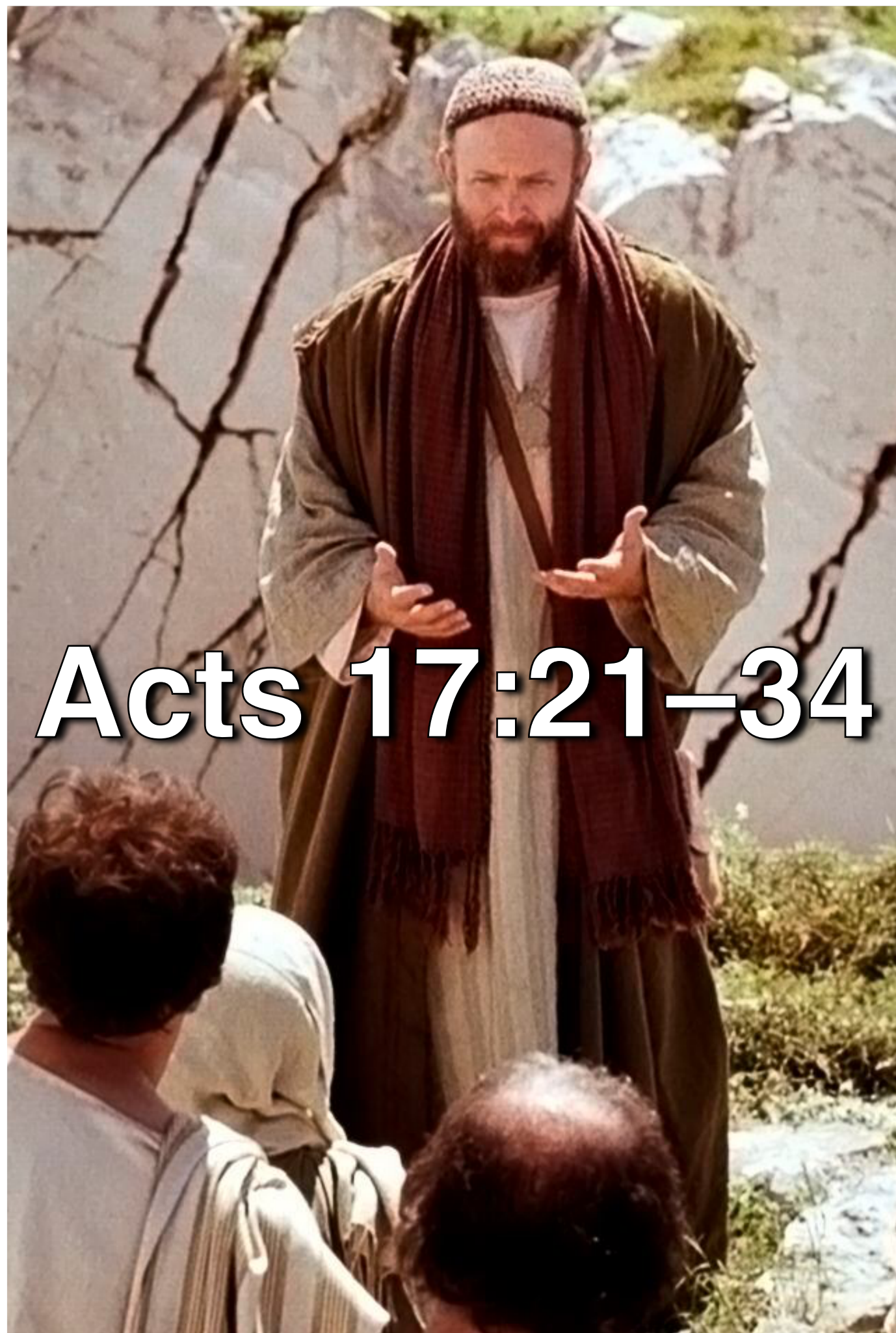


Romans 10:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

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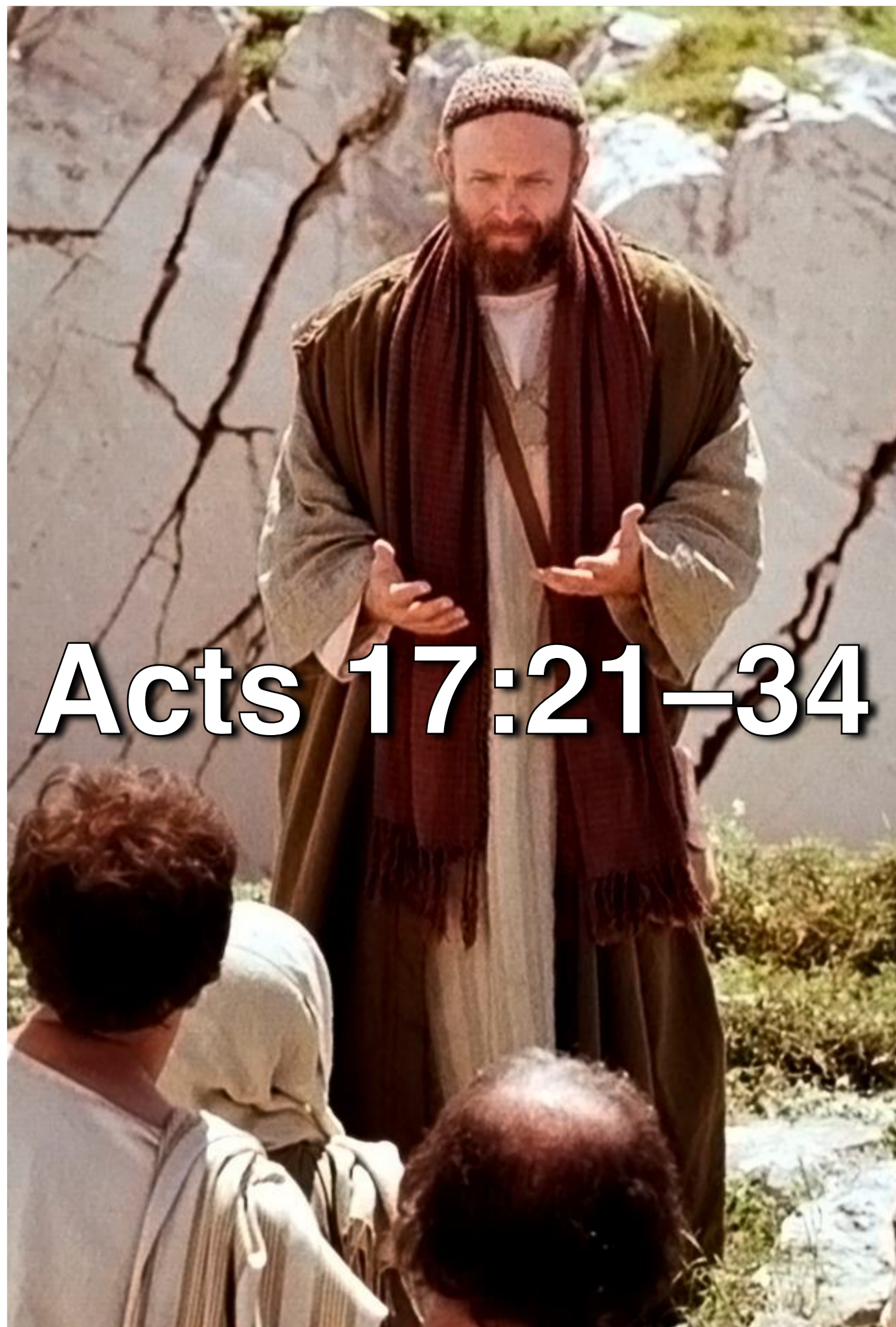


Acts 17:21–34

- ▶ “Made the world and everything in it...”
- ▶ “Lord of heaven and earth”
- ▶ “Does not dwell in temples made with hands”
- ▶ “Not worshiped with men’s hands...”
- ▶ “Made from one blood every nation of men...”
- ▶ “Determined man’s times and the boundaries”
- ▶ “He is not far from each of us”
- ▶ “In Him we live and move and have our being.”
- ▶ “Spirit – Divine Nature”
- ▶ “Now commands all to REPENT”
- ▶ “Will judge us by His Son, Jesus Christ”

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Acts 17:21–34

- ▶ Creator – Ps. 95:6; 1 Pet.4:19
- ▶ Omnipotent – Rev.19:6; Acts 26:8
- ▶ Omnipresent – Jer. 23:23; Ps.23:4
- ▶ Omniscient – Prov 15:3; Heb 4:13
- ▶ All-wise – Rom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 1:25
- ▶ Holy – 1 Peter 1:15,16; 1 Thes 4:3-7
- ▶ Impartial - Acts 10:34; 1 Pet. 1:17
- ▶ Love – John 3:16; 1 John 4:8,19; 5:3
- ▶ Jealous – Ex. 20:5; 34:14; Mt. 4:10
- ▶ Goodness, Severity – Ro.11:22, Heb.12:28

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FAITH IN CHRIST



2 Peter 1:1 (NKJV)

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Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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John 8:23–24 (NKJV)

²³ And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

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Acts 2:36–37 (NKJV)

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

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Luke 6:46–47 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? ⁴⁷ Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

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■ Who He Is (John 1:1,2; 17:5)

- ▶ Savior – 1 John 4:14
- ▶ The Son of God – Mat 17:5; Jn 3:16
- ▶ The Lord of lords and King of kings – Acts 2:36; Phil 2:9-11; 1 Tim 6:15; Rev 19:16
- ▶ Head – Eph 1:22,23; Col 1:18

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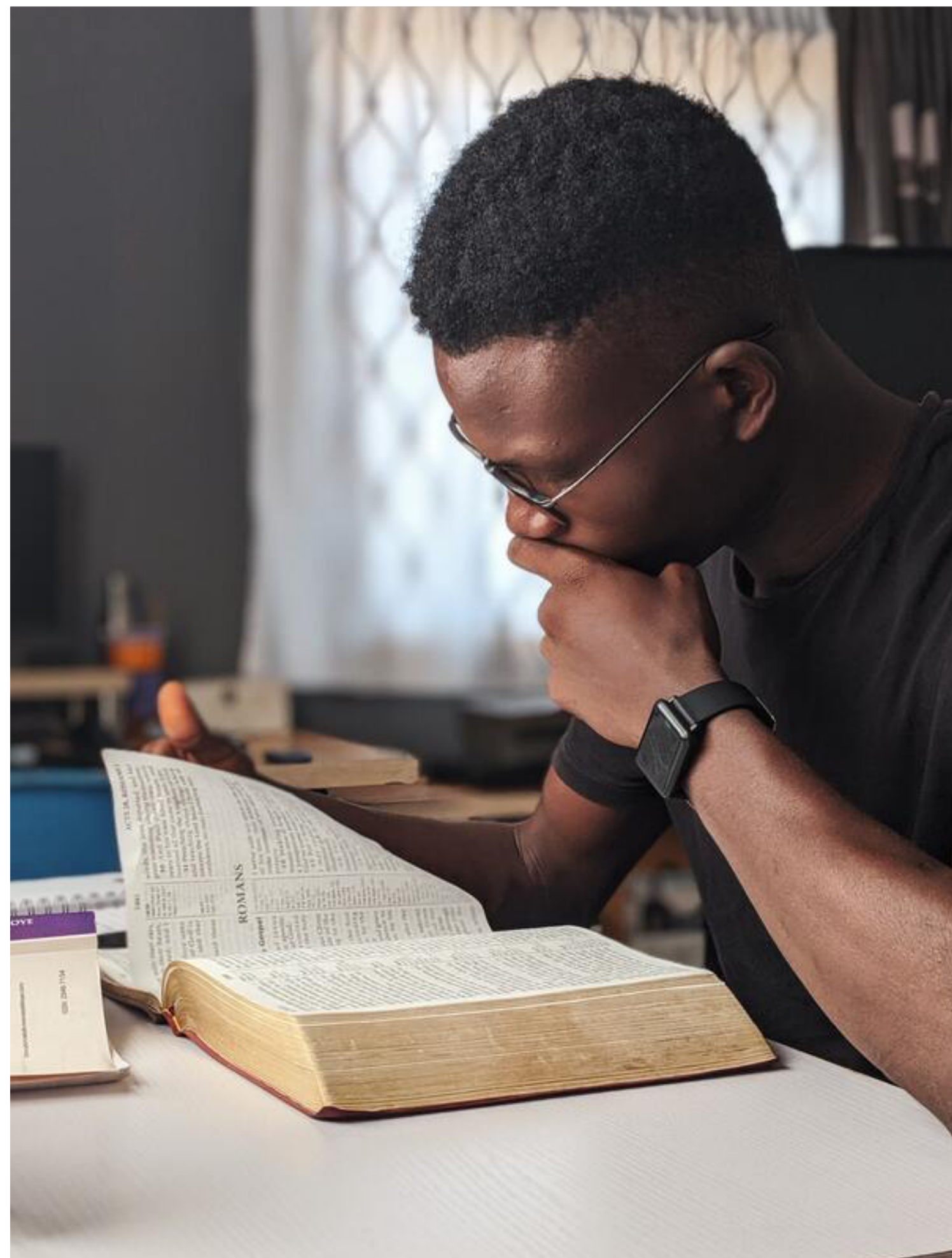
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- **What He Has Done For Us** : Became flesh “to taste death for everyman” / Was raised to sit on David’s throne (John 1:1,2,14; Heb 2:9-18; Acts 2:36; Phili 2:5-11)
- **What He Is Doing For Us** : High Priest / Mediator (Heb 8:1; 1 Tim. 2:5).
- **What He will do** : Judge the world in righteousness (John 5:28,29; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; 2 Th. 1:7–10; 2 Co. 5:10).

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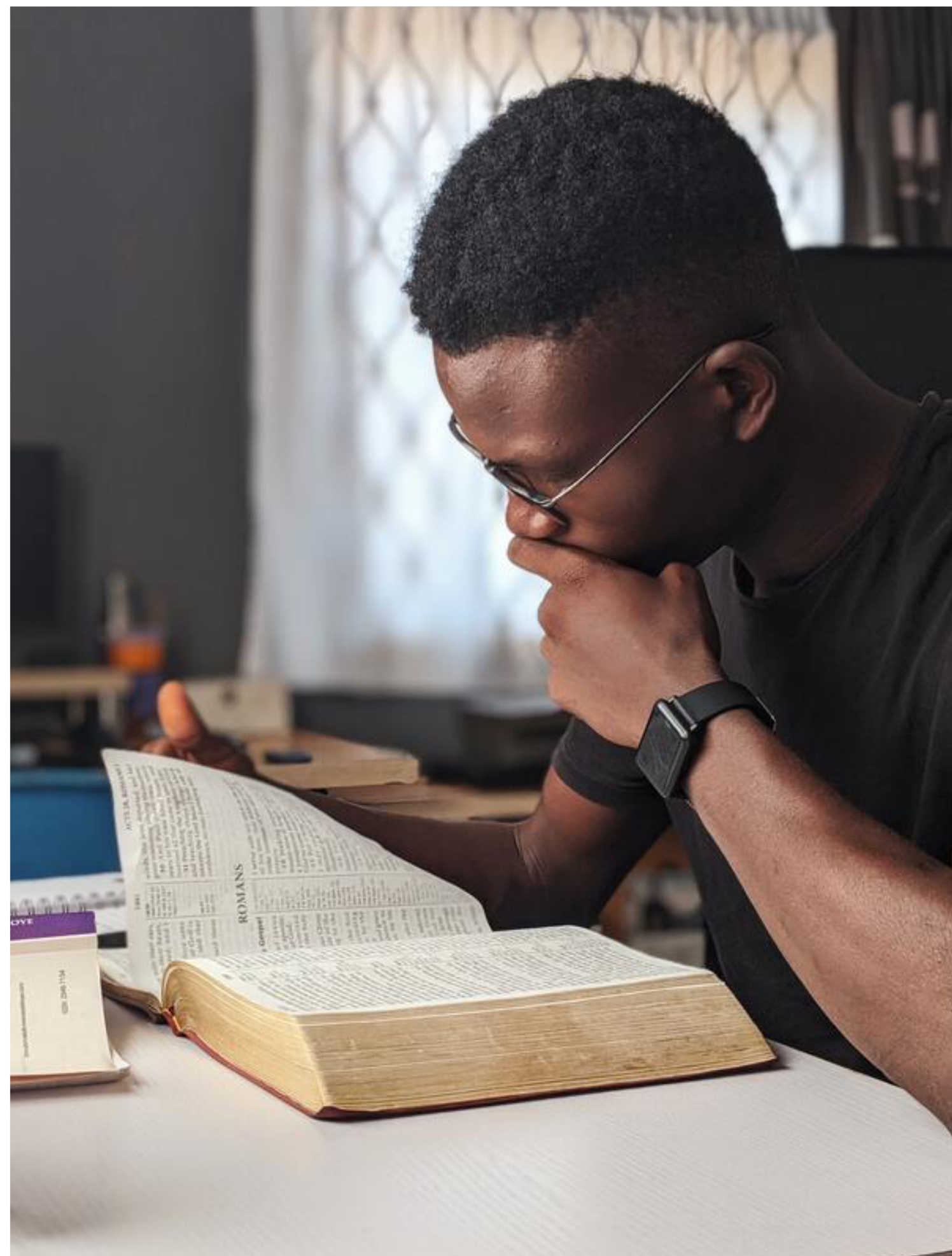
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- ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, (2 Peter 1:4).
- ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:10–11).

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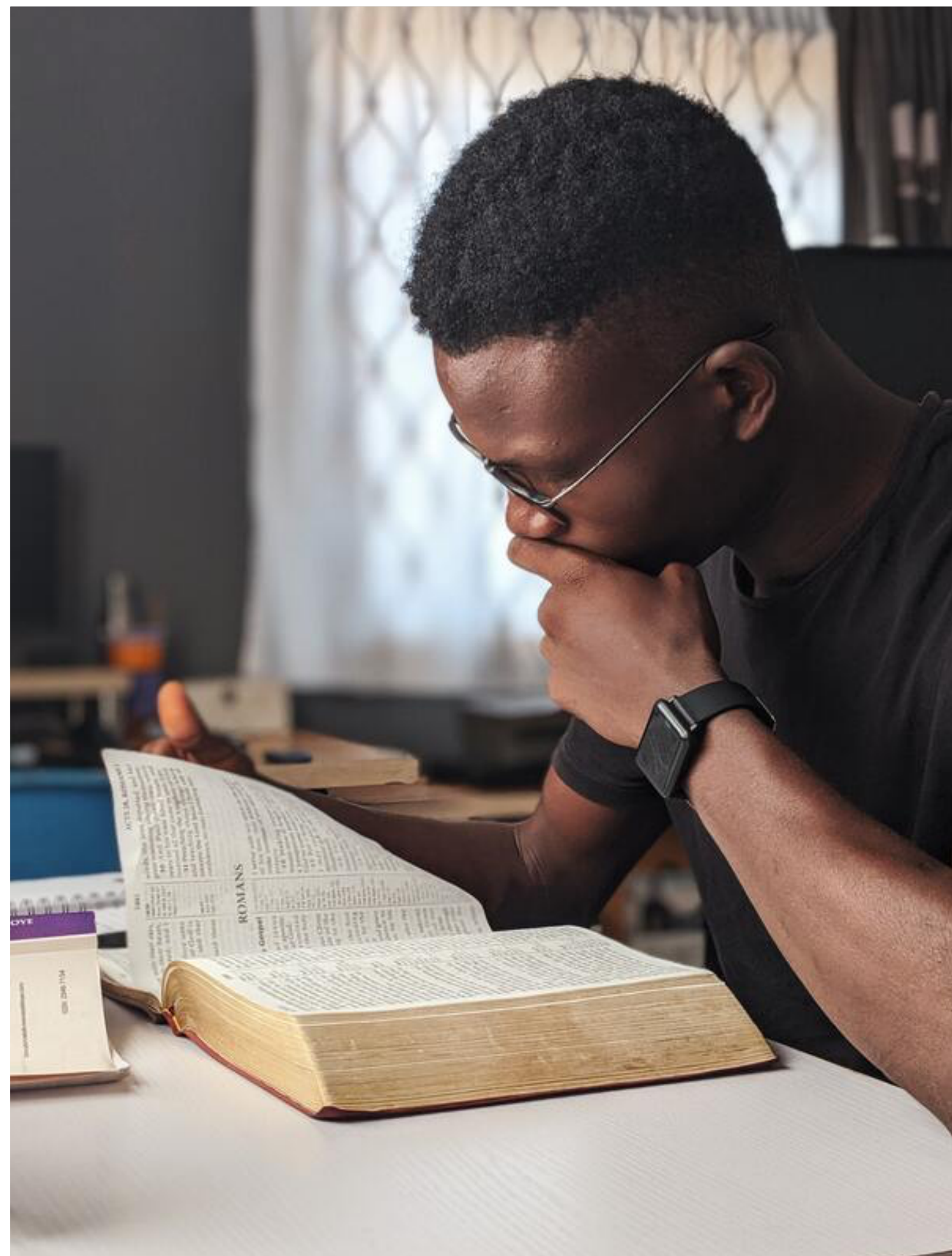


1 Peter 1:3–5 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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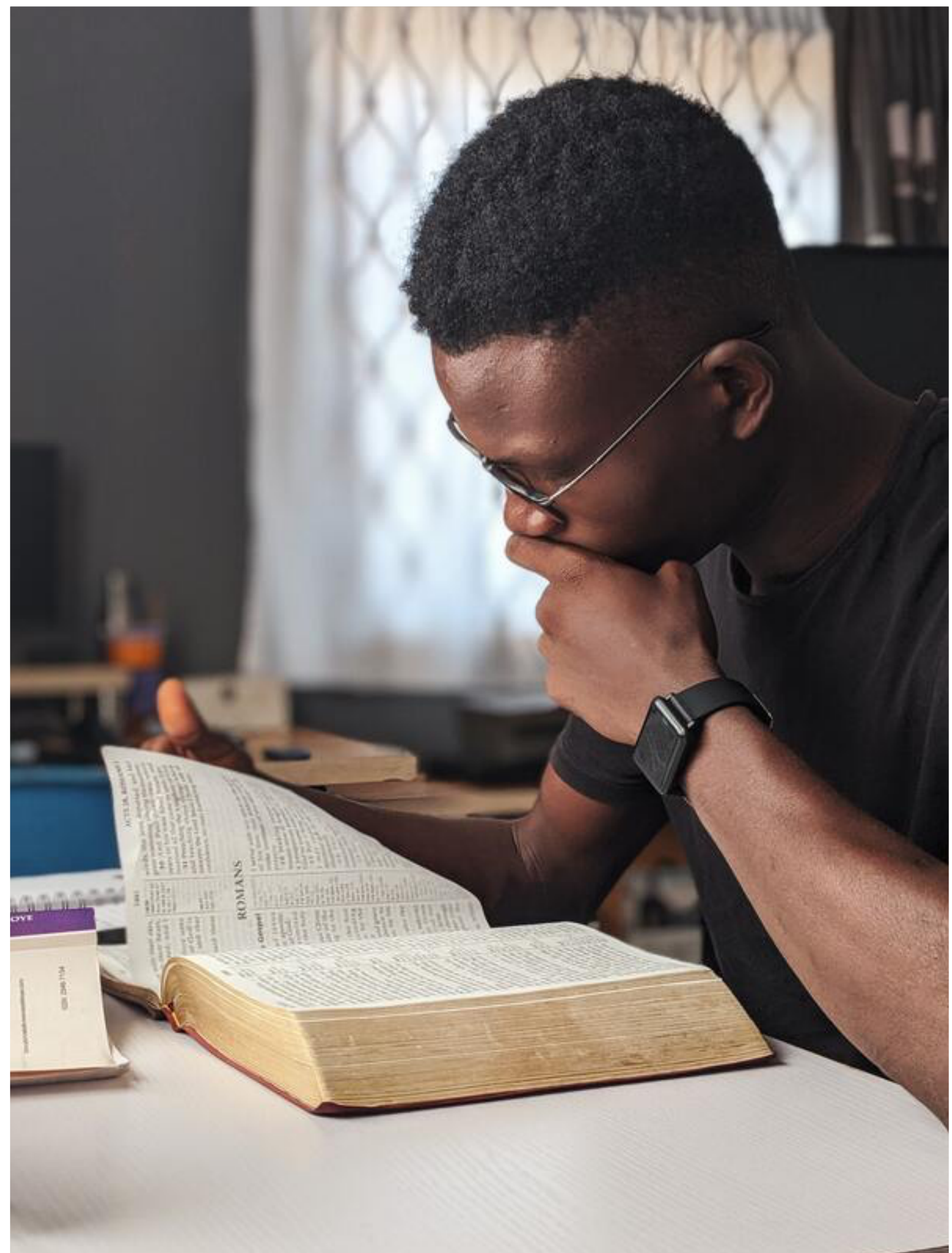


Titus 1:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, ³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

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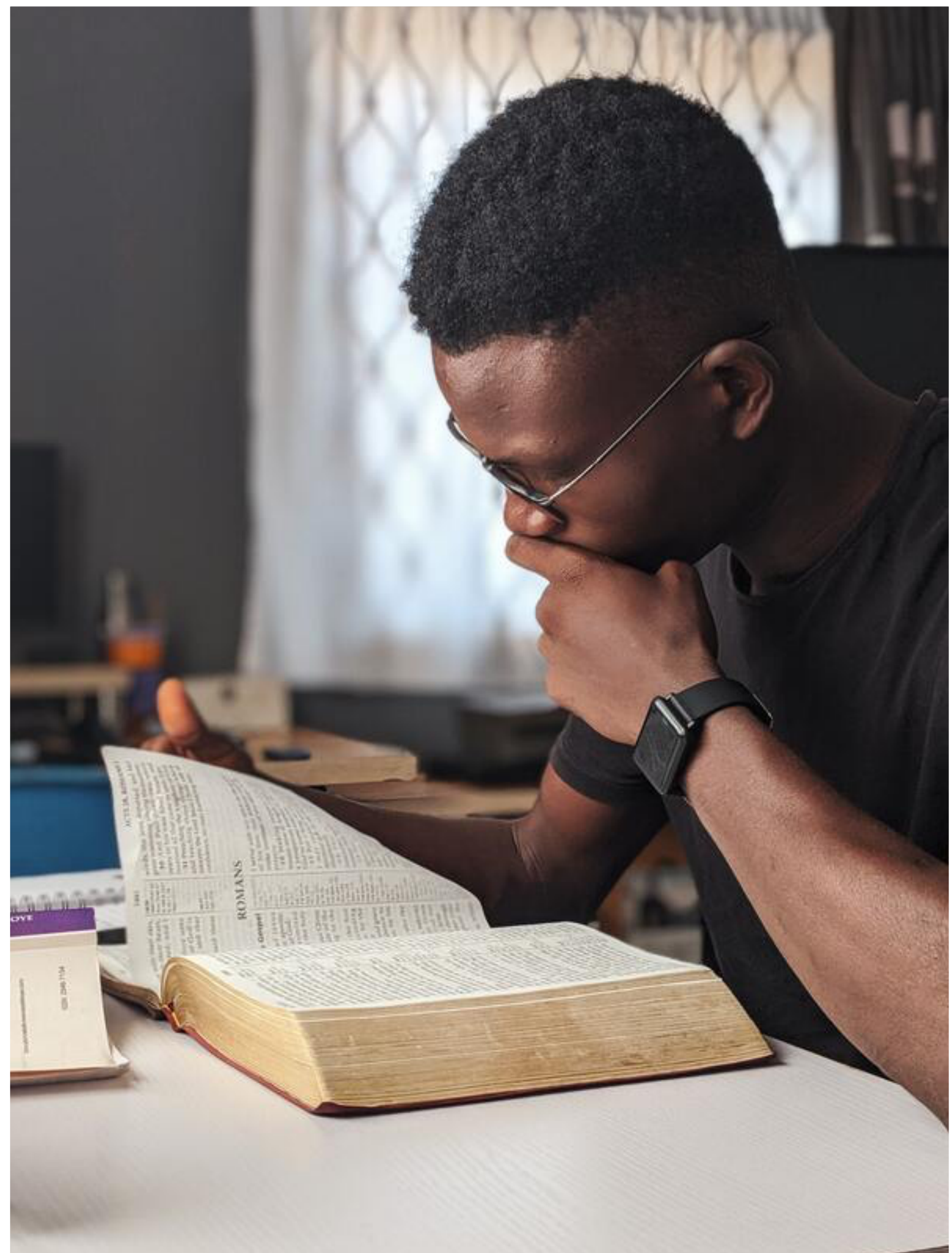


Philippians 1:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

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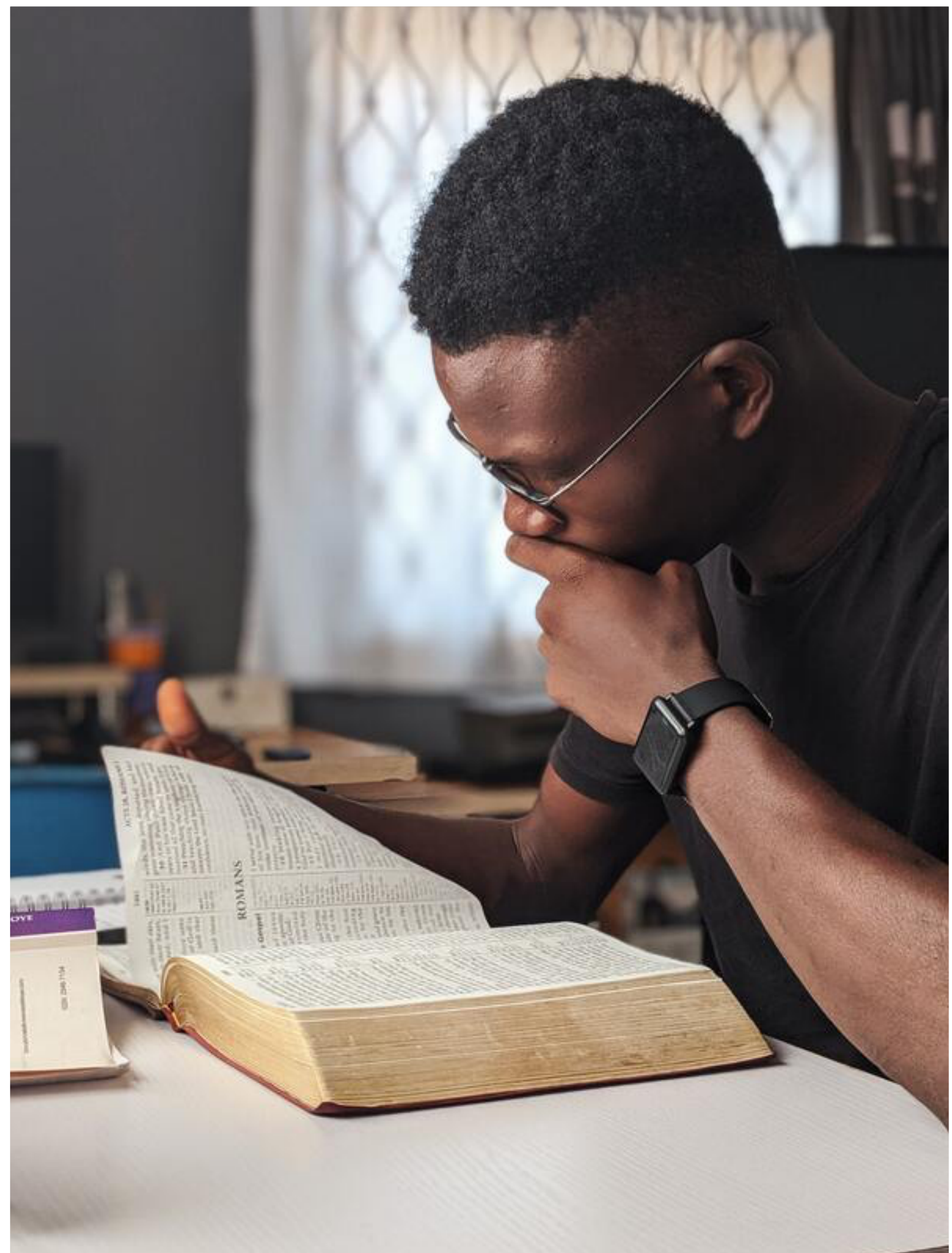


1 John 3:2–3 (NKJV)

² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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ADD TO YOUR FAITH ...

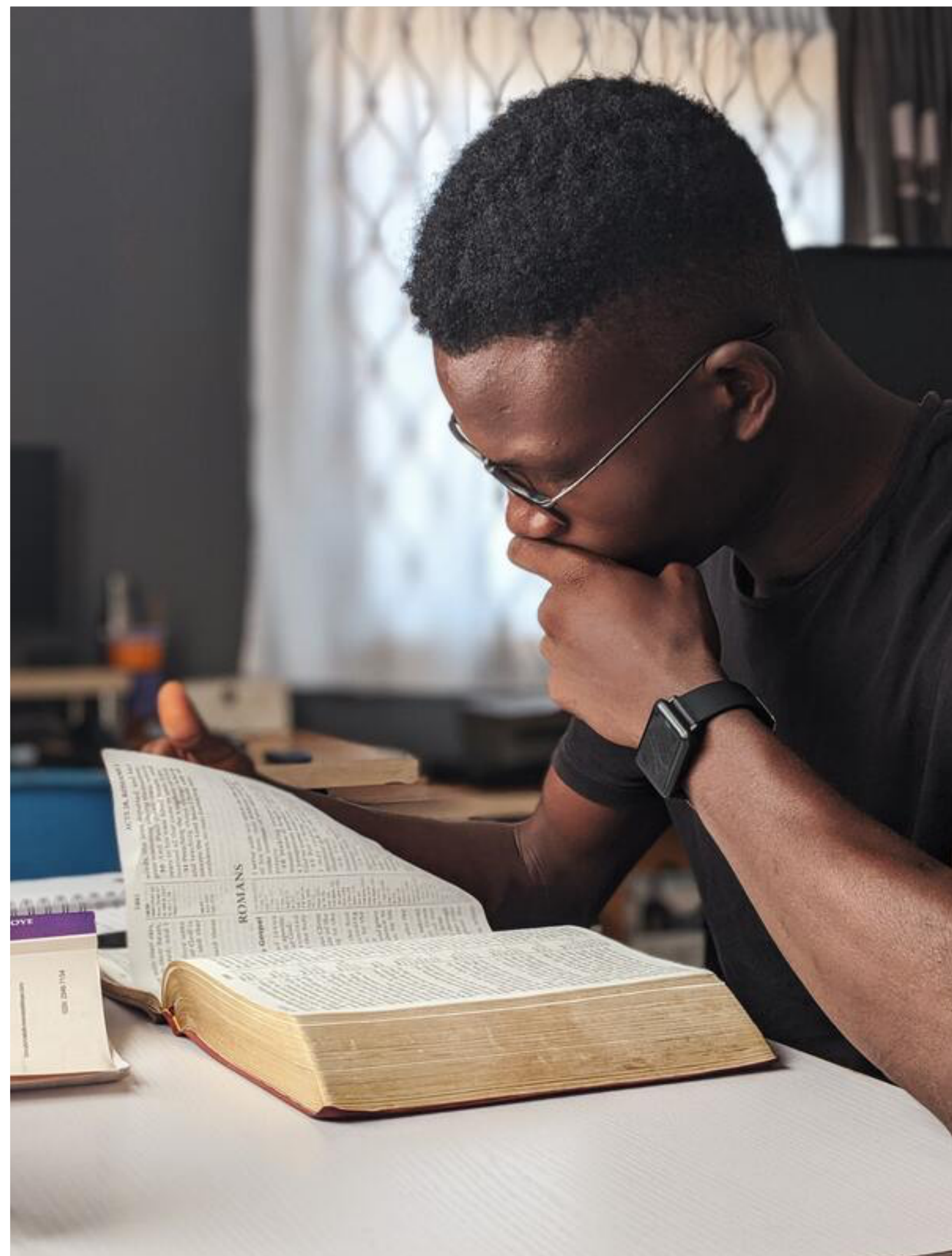


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ADD TO YOUR FAITH ... LOVE



- The bond of perfection (Col. 3:14)
- And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:13)
- Must Love God Supremely (Mark 12:29-31; John 14:15,23; 1 John 5:1-3)
- Love God's Word (Ps 119:97-104)
- God is love – Those who possess a Godward attitude – will seek to love as He loves (1 John 5:1; 1 Pet 1:22; 1 John 4:20)

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Is The Only Thing That Will Matter To You In The End

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1 Timothy 4:6–11 (NKJV)

⁶ If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. ⁷

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