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In The Fear of God

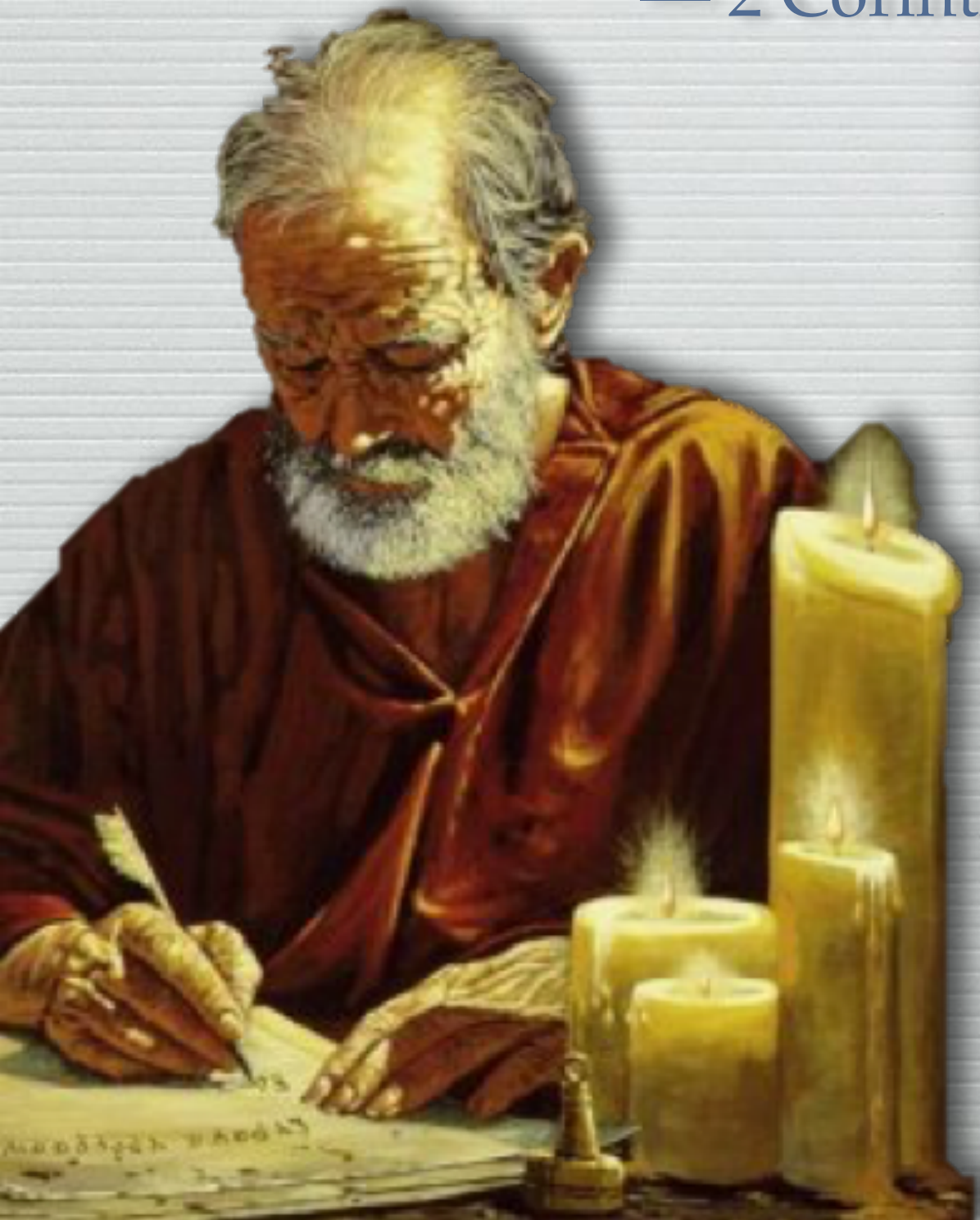
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<sup>20</sup> ... we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.  
— 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)



Ministry Compelled By  
Sincerity - (5:12-15)

The Goal of His Ministry -  
(5:16-19)

The Plea of His Ministry -  
(5:20-21)

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- ✦ Paul confesses his love for the Corinthians -
- ✦ *Love prompts honesty when it comes to another's well being - encouragement & rebuke – (cf. 2 Cor. 2:3,4; 7:2–3; 1 Cor 4:14; Gal 3:1; Phil 4:15; Phile. 7, 12, 20)*
- ✦ *“Our heart is wide open” – There was abundant room in Paul's heart for accepting and loving these brethren. (2 Cor 2:4)*



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- ✦ Paul appeals to them to reciprocate that love -
- ✦ *The question then, was there room in the Corinthian's heart for Him and the truth of the gospel?*
- ✦ *Whatever strain existed between them was due to their shortcomings and not his - they had "squeezed him out of their hearts with distrust & suspicion" – (2 Cor 12:15; Gal 4:15,16)*



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- ◆ "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers." - 14
- ◆ *A warning against the dangers of compromise*
- ◆ *There were several competitors for the affection of the Corinthians -*
  - ◆ *The Judaizing teachers who denounced the authority of the apostles - (cf. 2 Cor. 11:2-4)*
  - ◆ *Pagan Idolatry - (cf. 1 Cor. 10:14)*



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- ◆ *Some needed to repent - 2 Cor 12:20,21*
- ◆ *Participation with pagans in their idol worship – 1 Cor 10:14-22*
- ◆ *Sexual immorality – 1 Cor 5; 6:12-20*
- ◆ *Eating meat sacrificed to idols – 1 Cor 8:1-13; 10:23-11:1*



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- ◆ *An allusion to the command not to bind animals together in an uneven yoke to plow - Deut 22:10*
- ◆ *This joining together with unbelievers is a reference to engaging with the unbelievers in sinful practices (sin).*
- ◆ *This is NOT a reference primarily to "marriage" – but to marry one ineligible would be an application – (1 Cor. 7:13-16; Mat 19:9)*



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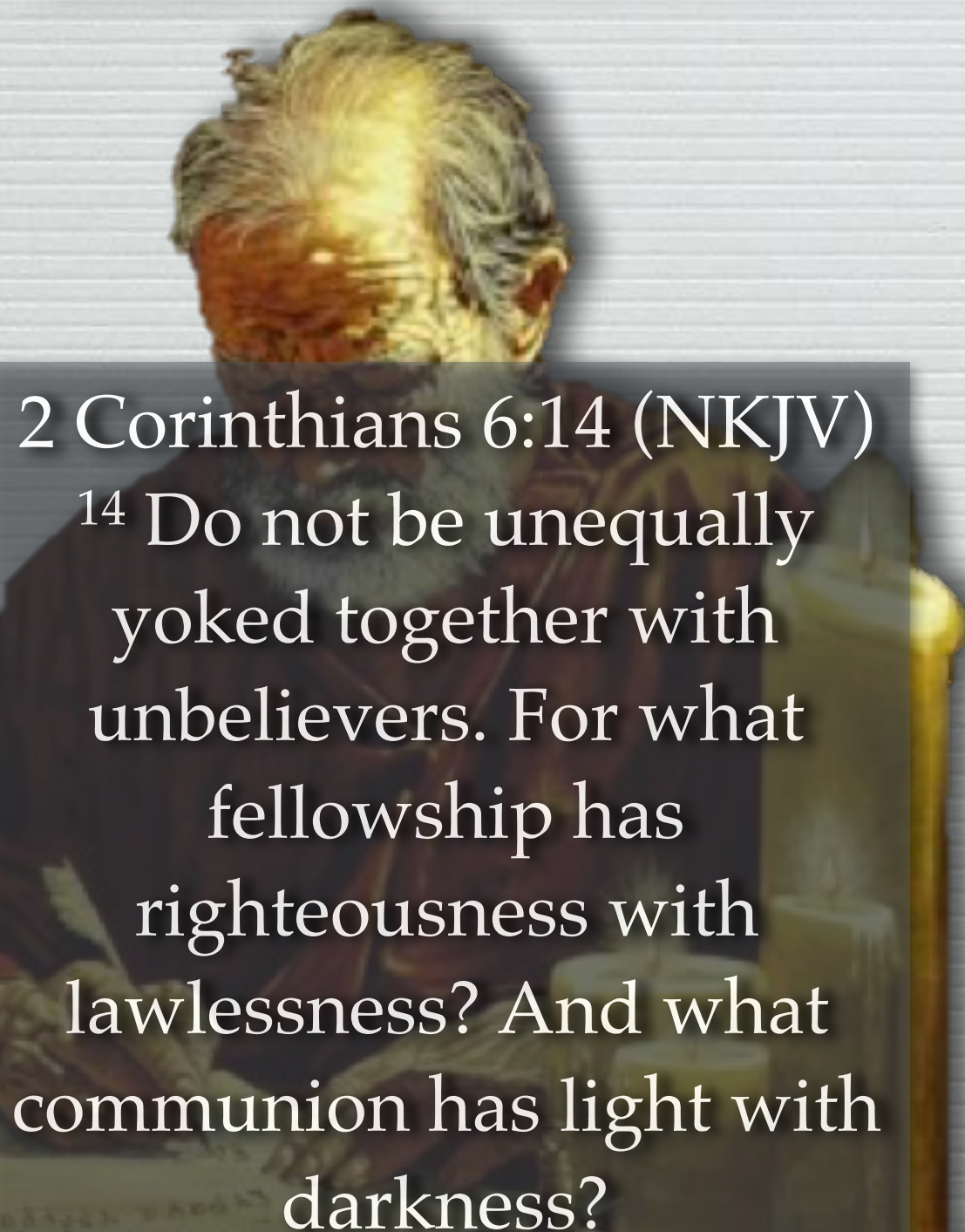
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- ◆ Paul asked five rhetorical questions (2 Cor. 6:14–16)
- ◆ *what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?*
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- ◆ *15 And what accord has Christ with Belial (worthless, lawless)?*
- ◆ *Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?*
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### ◆ Some applications

- ◆ *Supporting false teachers - 2 Cor 11:4; Gal. 2:5; 6:6-13*
- ◆ *Engaging in idolatry - 1 Cor. 8-10*
- ◆ *Entering into an ungodly business venture - Eph 5:7-18*
- ◆ *An unlawful marriage - Mat 19:9*
- ◆ *Supporting ungodly political agenda's - (Same sex marriage, abortion activist groups, etc.)*



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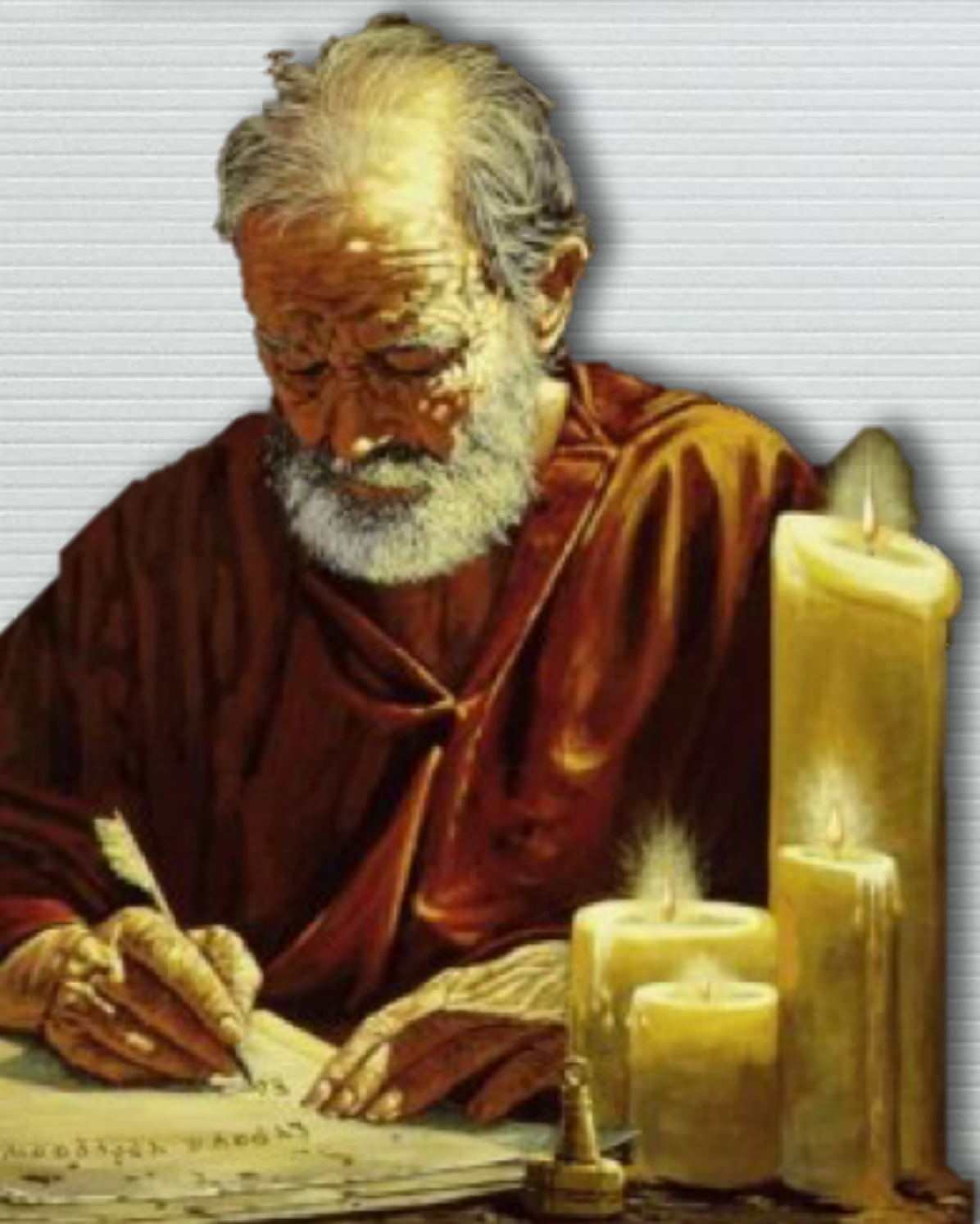
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- ◆ **For you are the temple of God**
  - ◆ *The church is the temple of God (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph 2:22)*
  - ◆ *Paul's fifth rhetorical question provided a transition to his citing several Old Testament verses. Ex. 29:45. Le. 26:12. Ps. 90:1. Eze. 43:7, 9. Zec. 2:10, 11*
  - ◆ *The promise of God to live among His people was ultimately fulfilled in Christ (Matt. 1:23).*



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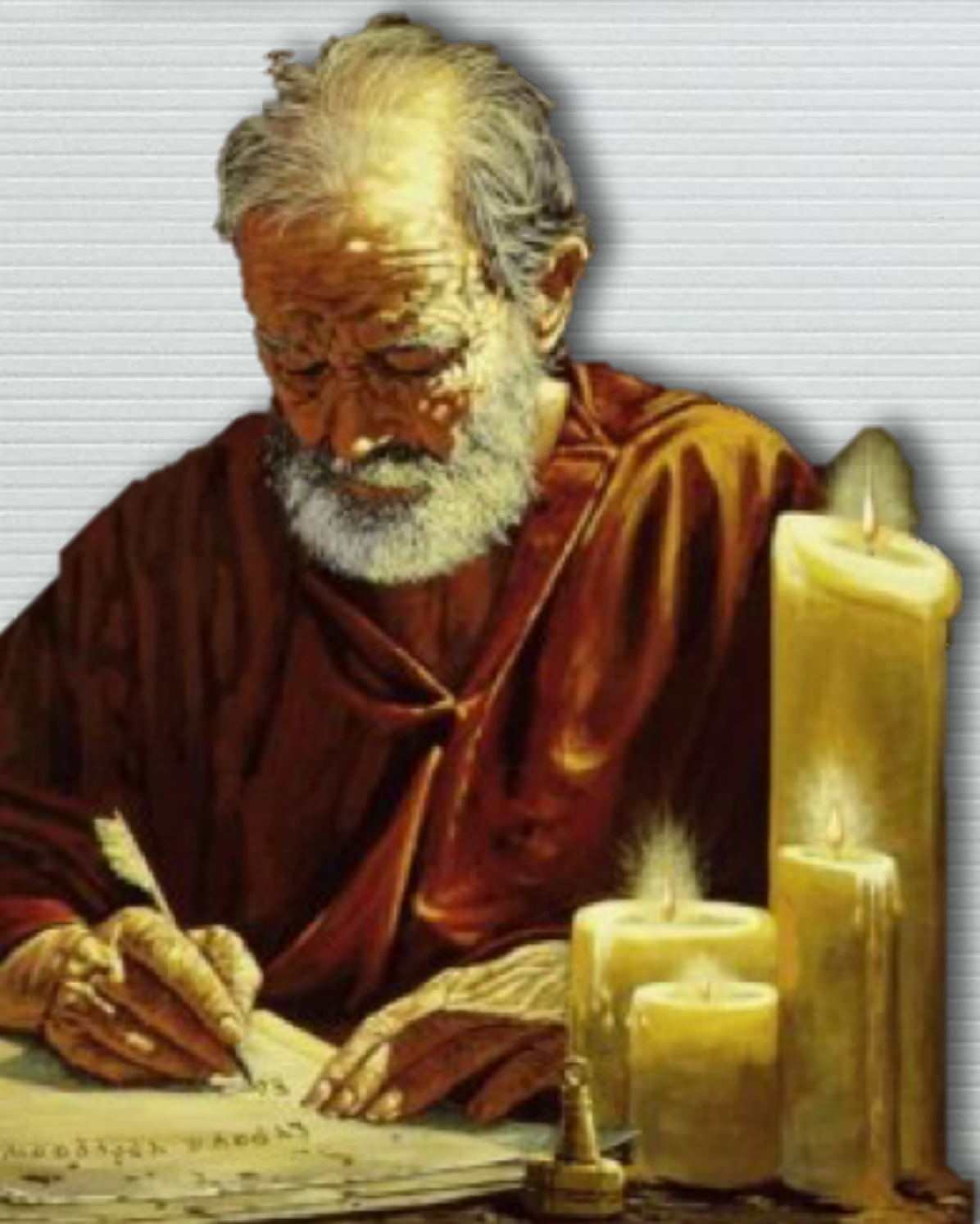
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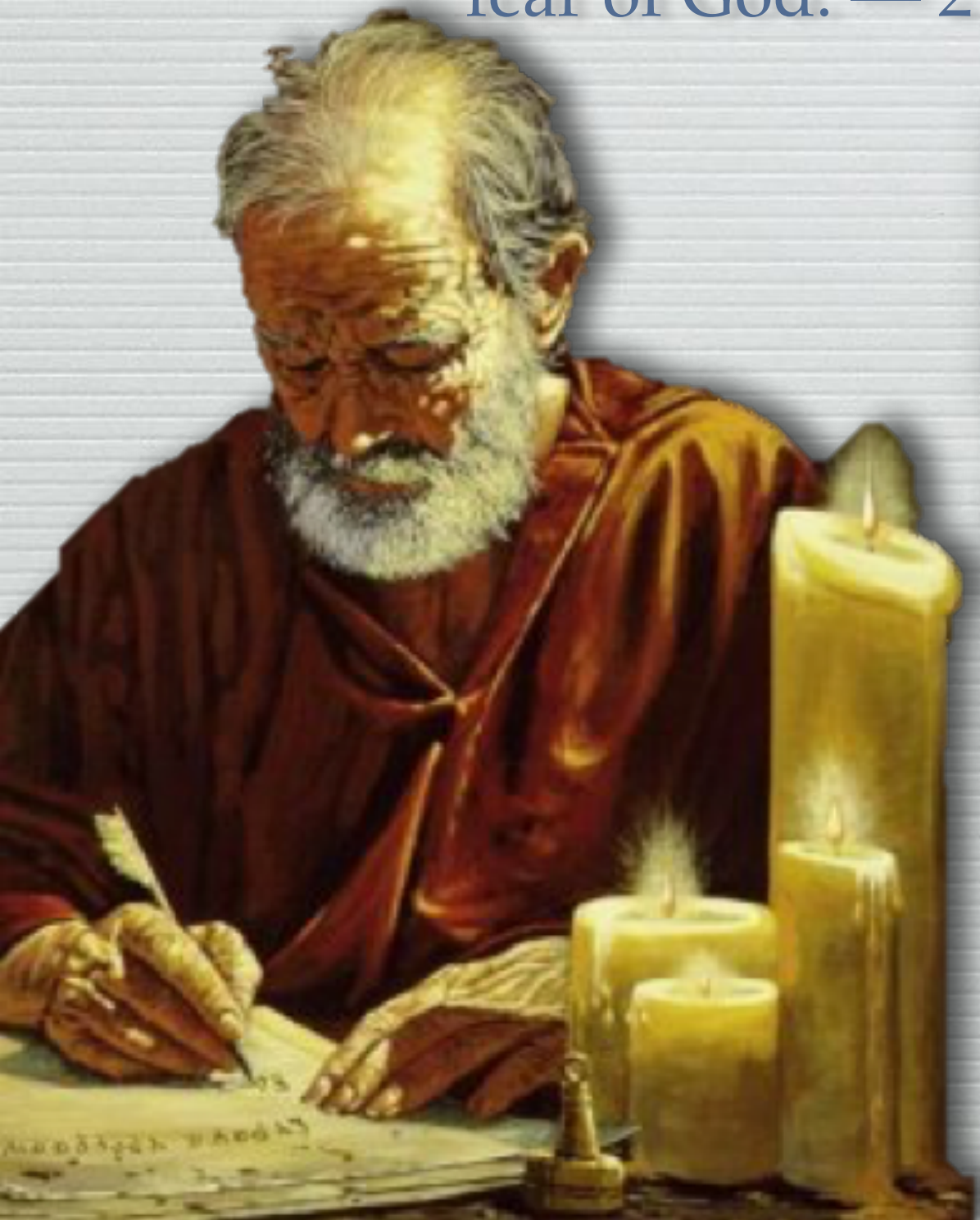
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Are we engaging in  
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Are we pursuing purity  
/ holiness?







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# 1 PETER 1:13–17 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;



# 1 PETER 1:13–17 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy,  
you also be holy in all your conduct,  
<sup>16</sup> because it is written, “Be holy, for  
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according to each one’s work,  
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