

NAVIGATING THROUGH THE GRAY AREAS

ASSESSING OUR CONSCIENCE

1 Corinthians 10:23-33



ASSESSING THE GRAY AREAS

- Assess Attitude
- Assess Outcome
- Assess Conscience
- Assess Witness

CONSCIENCE

An inner feeling or voice
viewed as acting as a guide
to the rightness or wrongness
of one's behavior.

23 "I have the right to do anything," you say--but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"--but not everything is constructive.

24 No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

25 Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience,

26 for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

1 CORINTHIANS 10

27 If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience.

28 But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience.

1 CORINTHIANS 10

29 I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience?

30 If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

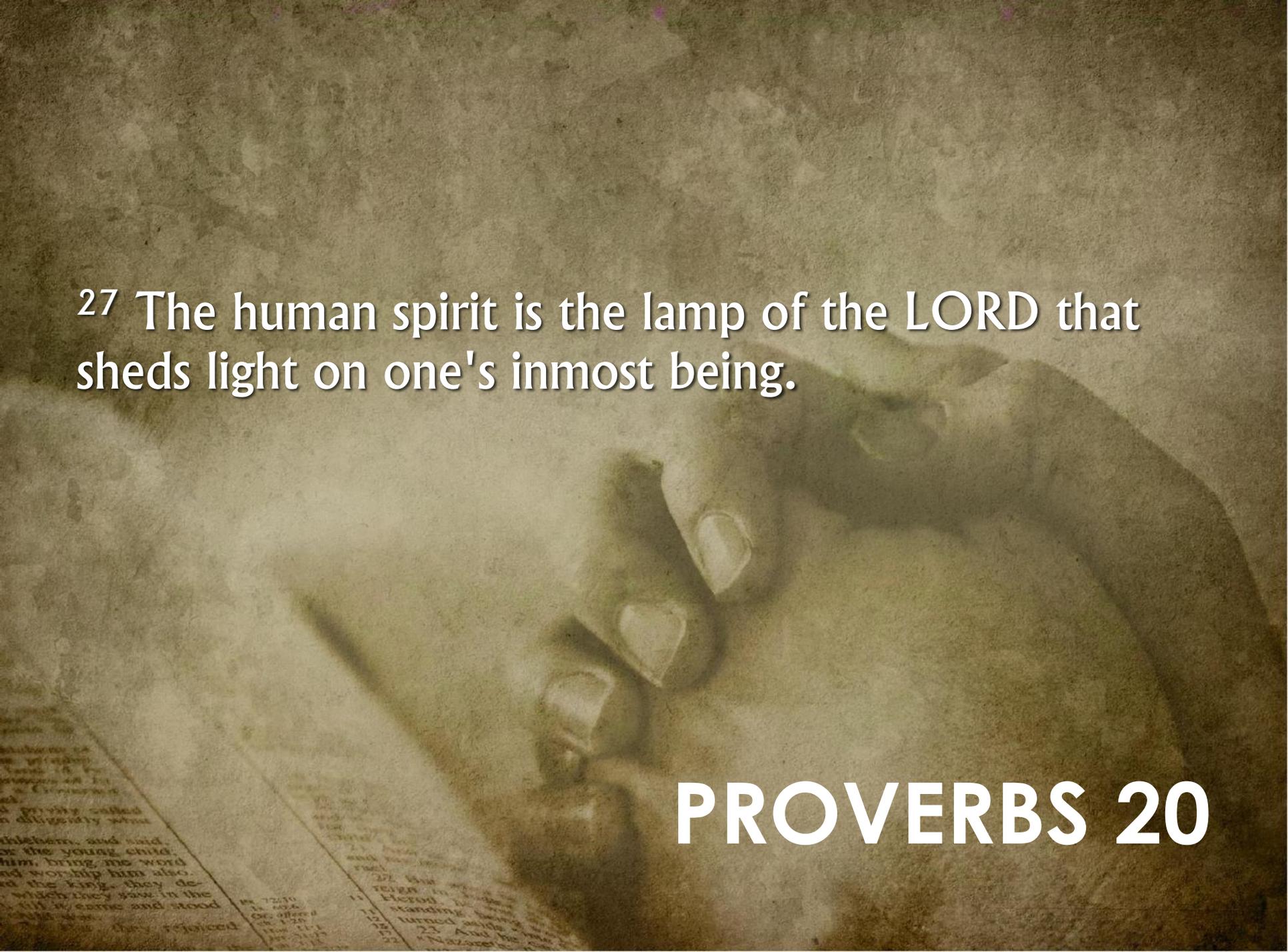
1 CORINTHIANS 10

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

32 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God

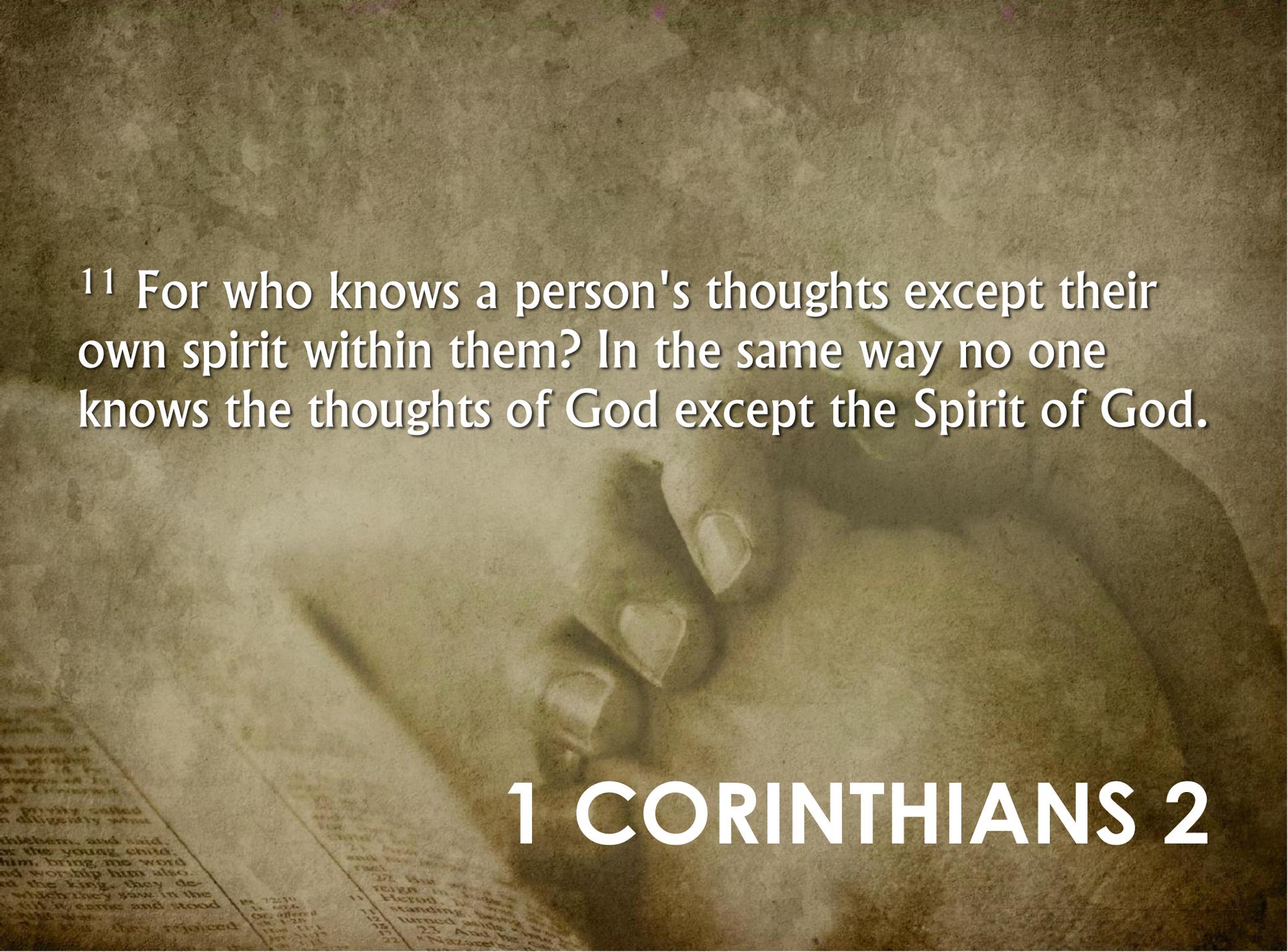
33 even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

1 CORINTHIANS 10



27 The human spirit is the lamp of the LORD that sheds light on one's inmost being.

PROVERBS 20



¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2

OUR CONSCIENCE IS VITAL



...lehem, and said,
...or the young child,
...him, bring me word
...nd worship him also.
...d the king, they de-
...hich they saw in the
...till it came and stood
...child was.
...the star, they rejoiced

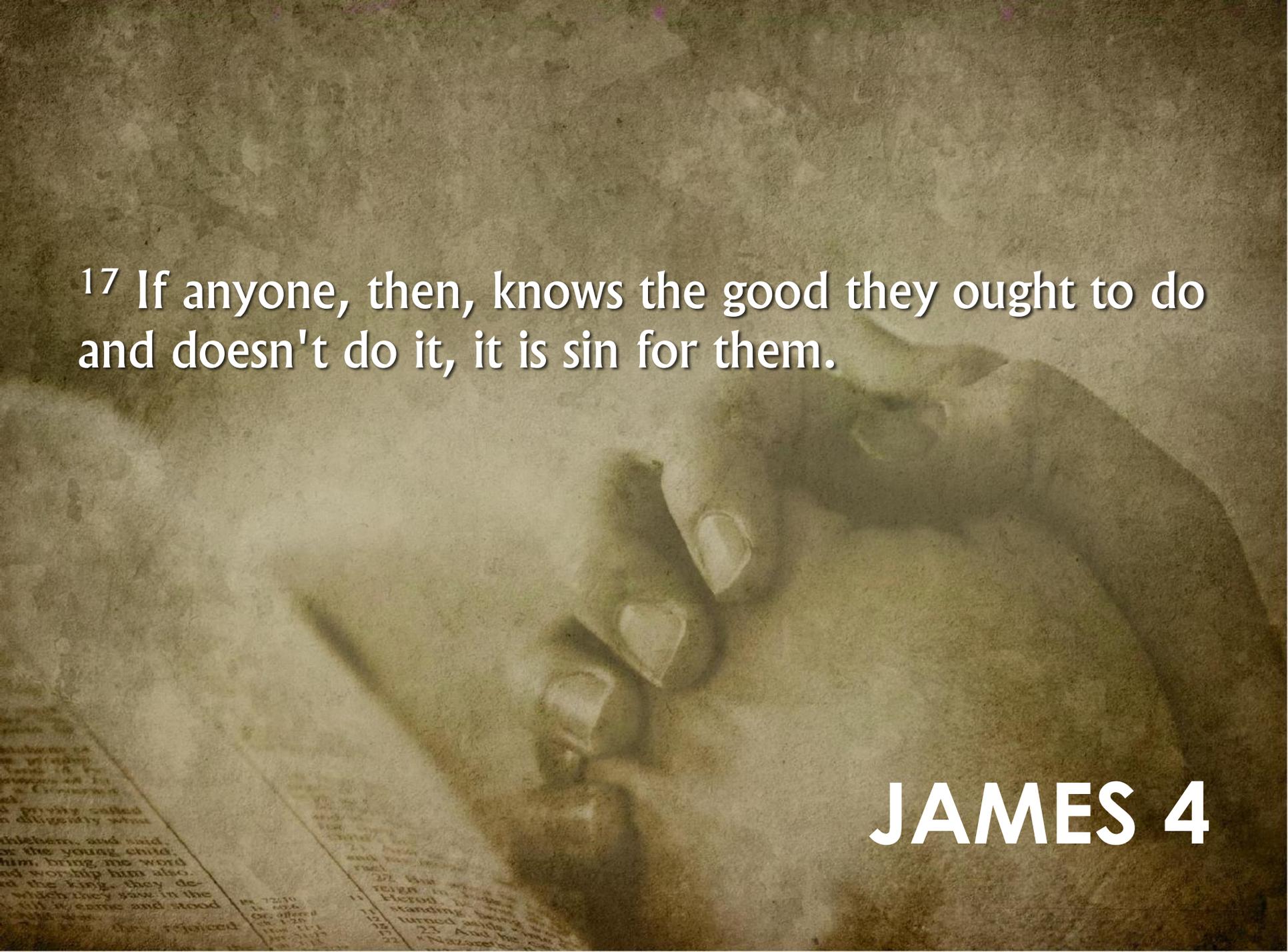
Ps. 72:10
Is. 60:6
Or. offered
ch. 1:28
Rev. 11:1
Jer. 31:15
Job 2:13

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21 And he
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stood, he
turned aside
23 And he
Nazareth

¹⁹ Holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

1 TIMOTHY 1



¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

JAMES 4

OUR CONSCIENCE SHOULD STAY SENSITIVE

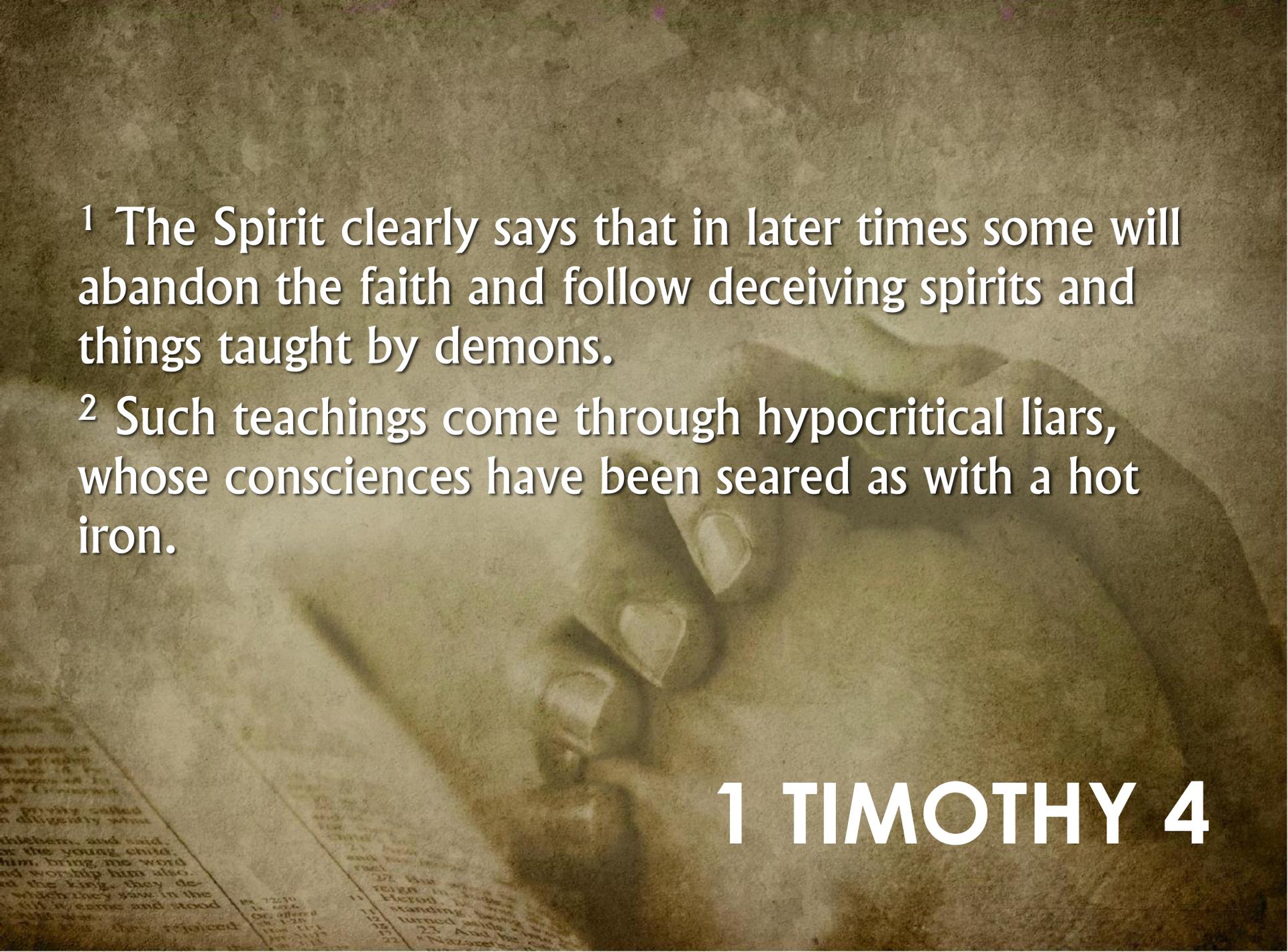


22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.

ROMANS 14

⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

ROMANS 13



¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

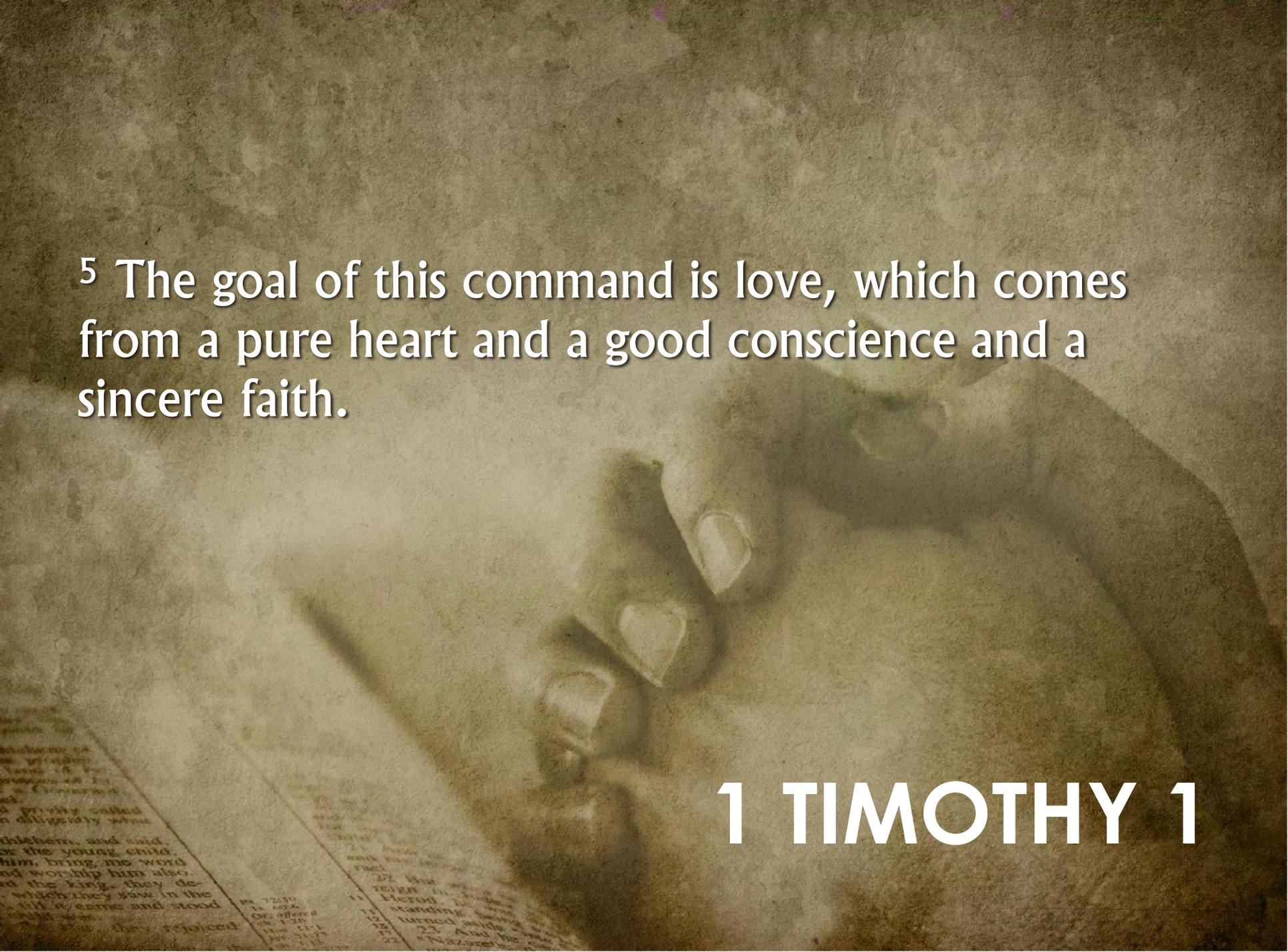
1 TIMOTHY 4

OUR CONSCIENCE SHOULD STAY SENSITIVE



OUR CONSCIENCE SHOULD STAY CLEAR





⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 TIMOTHY 1

OUR CONSCIENCE SHOULD STAY CLEAR



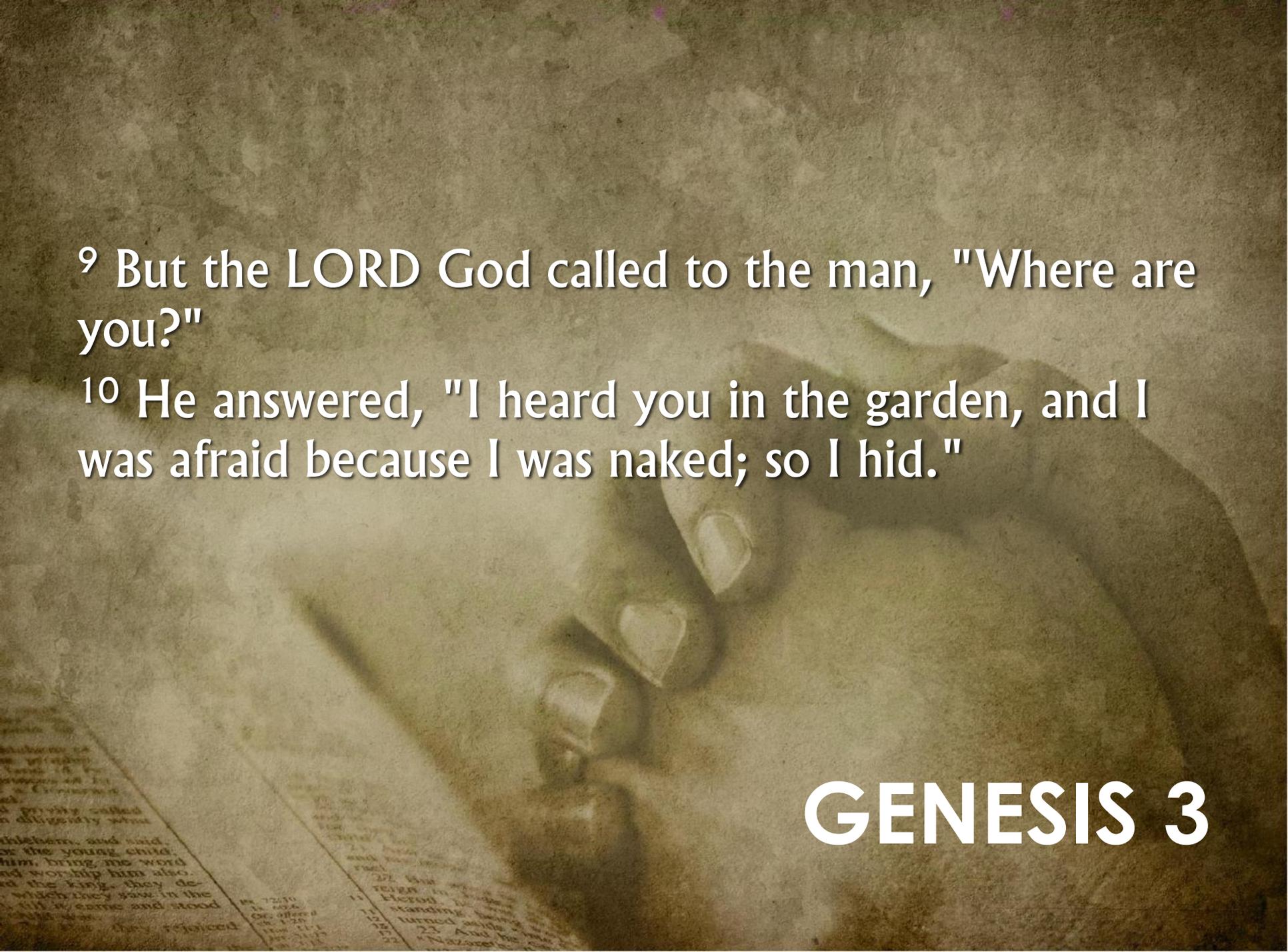
²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

GENESIS 2

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

GENESIS 3



⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

GENESIS 3

OUR CONSCIENCE SHOULD STAY CLEAR



¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

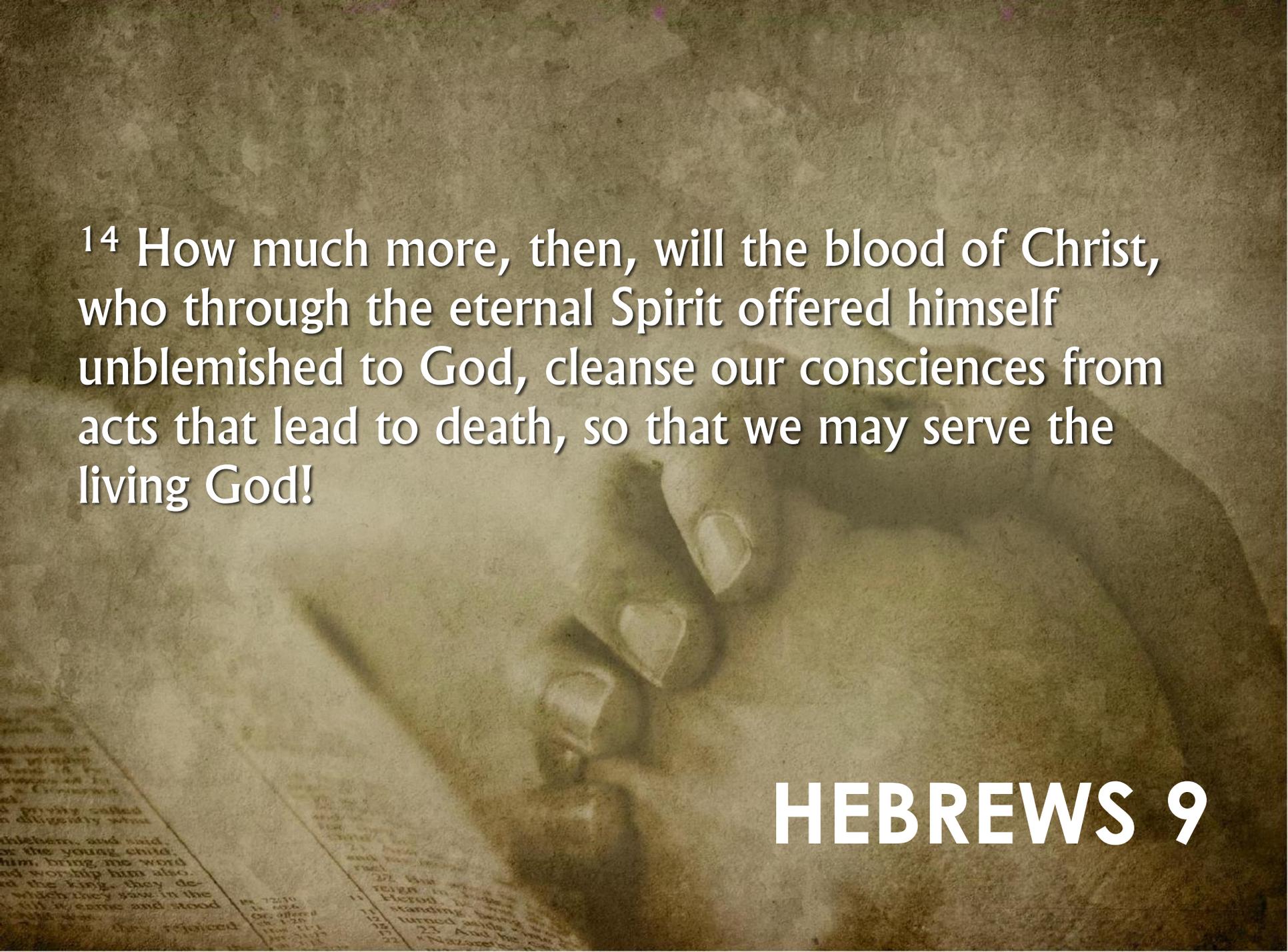
HEBREWS 13

¹² Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.

2 CORINTHIANS 1

KEEP IT CLEAR BY DOING
WHAT IS RIGHT





¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

HEBREWS 9

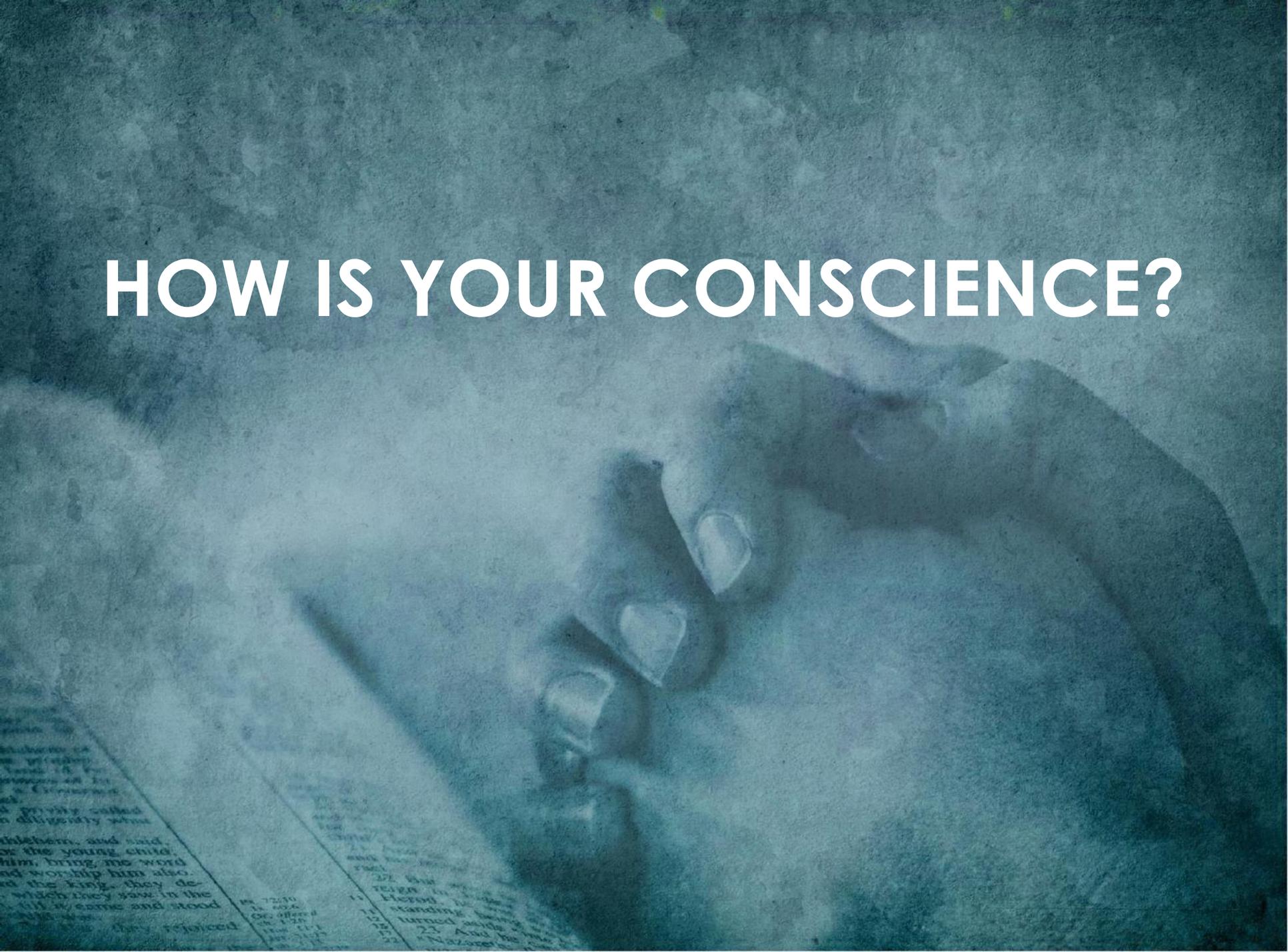
⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1

KEEP IT CLEAR BY MAKING IT RIGHT



HOW IS YOUR CONSCIENCE?



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— HAVE A GREAT WEEK! —

