

Character without Christ

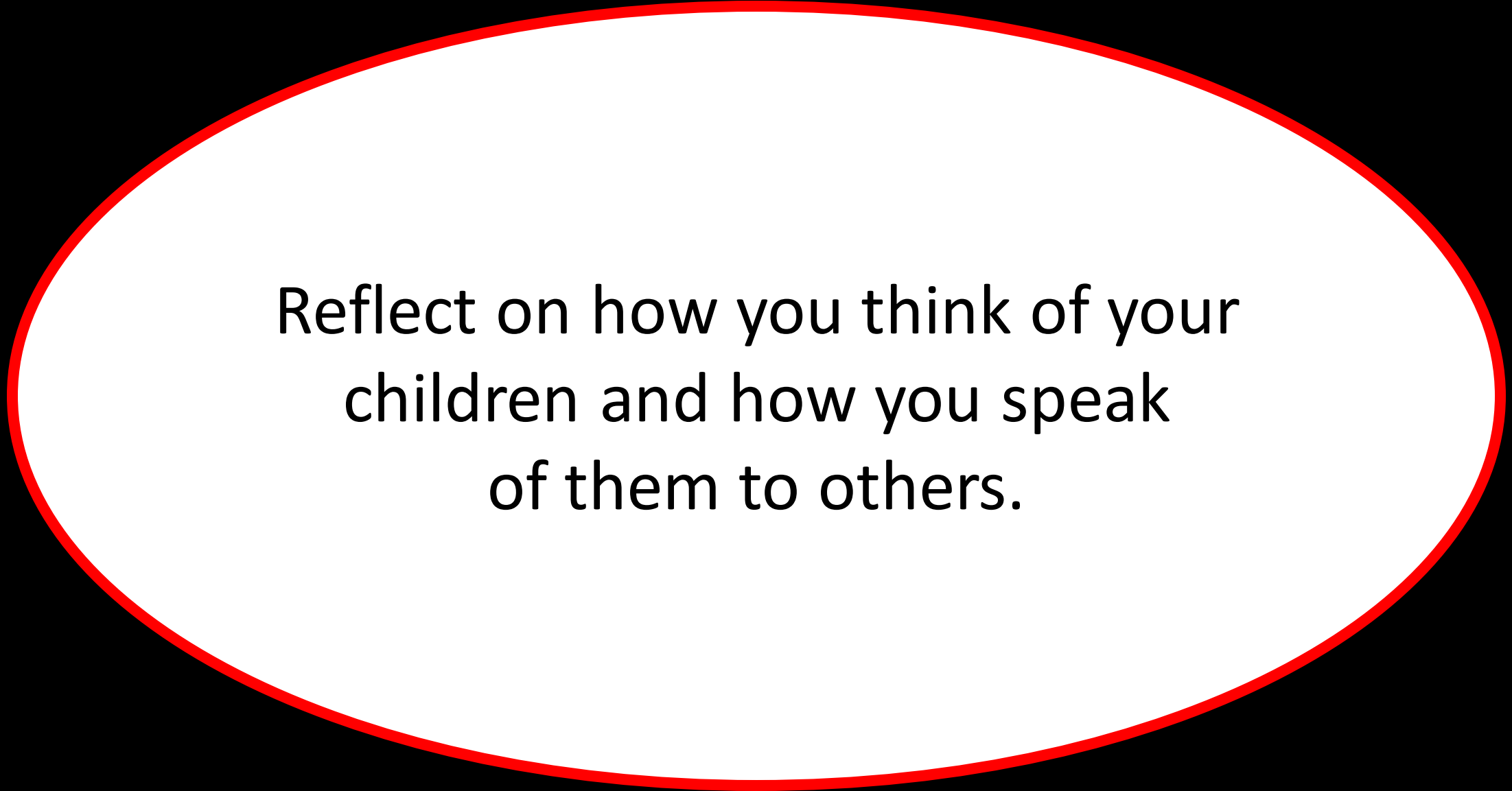
Christian without Christ

My job is to prepare you  
to meet Jesus Christ.

But I can only teach and warn;  
you must listen and change.  
I transfer a burden today.

Children will be emphasized for  
the way they are being trained,  
but parents are the real object.

How do you measure your life and  
those of your spouse and  
children?



Reflect on how you think of your  
children and how you speak  
of them to others.

Does it matter much if they are married or where they are going to school, working, or living?

Recognition of believers in the N.T.  
is entirely different from all such  
aspects of mere natural life.



I have taught you how to measure.

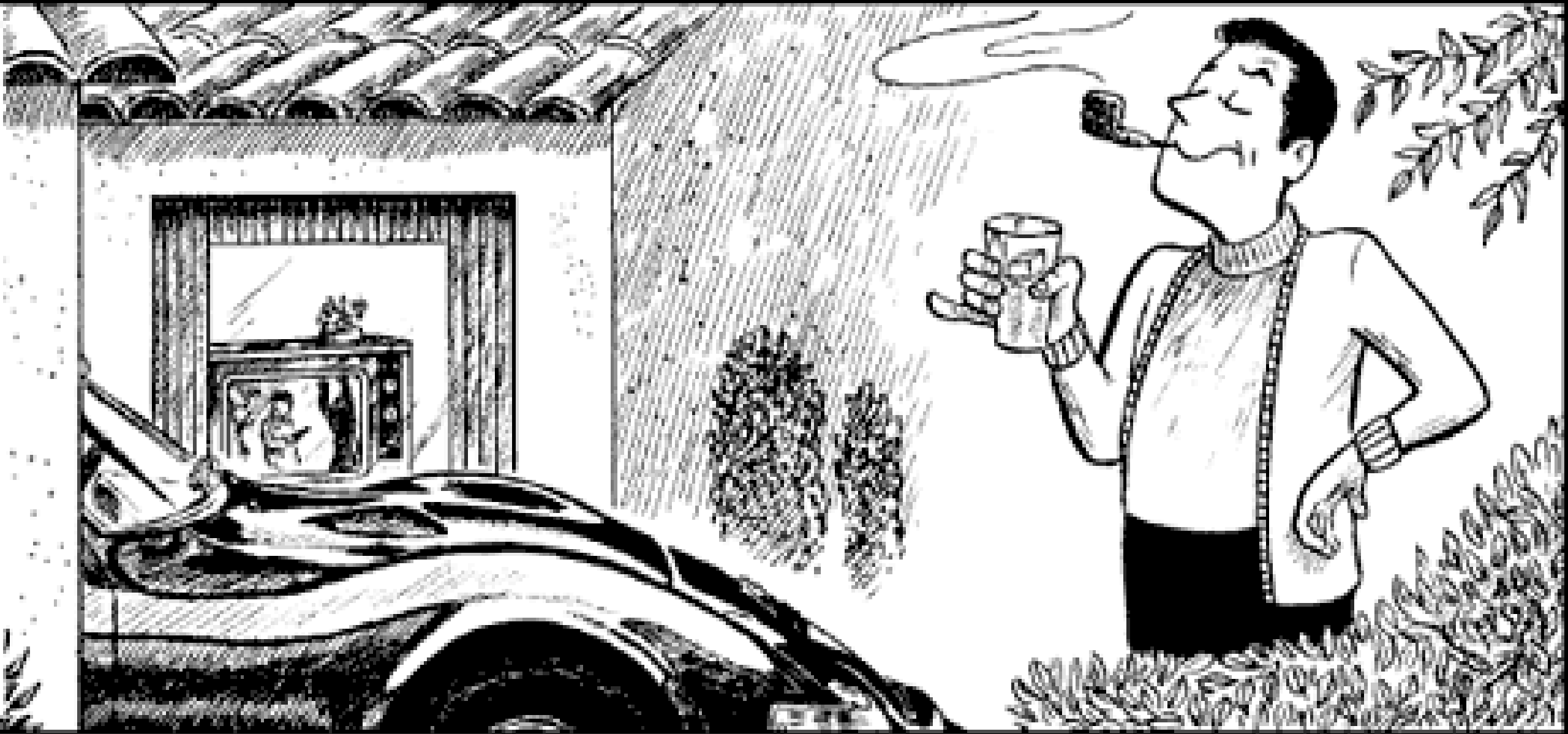
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**THIS WAS  
YOUR LIFE!**

J.T.C.



**"AND I WILL SAY TO MY SOUL, SOUL, THOU HAST MUCH GOODS LAID UP FOR MANY YEARS;  
TAKE THINE EASE, EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY."**

**Luke 12:19**



**"BUT GOD SAID UNTO HIM, THOU FOOL, THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE:"**

Luke 12:20



**"...IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT."** Hebrews 9:27



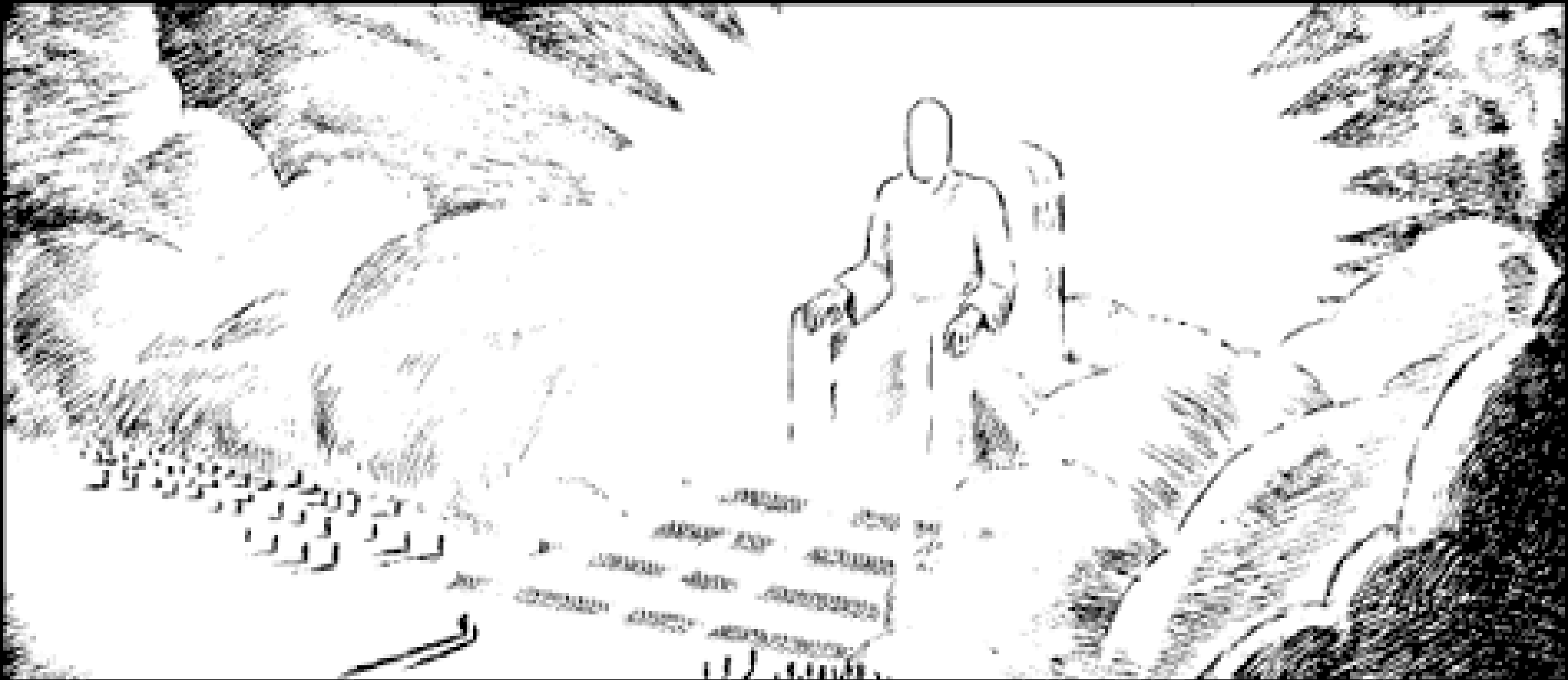
HE WAS A GOOD MAN!

"BUT WE ARE ALL AS AN  
UNCLEAN THING, AND ALL  
OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES  
ARE AS FILTHY RAGS; AND  
WE ALL DO FADE AS A LEAF;  
AND OUR INIQUITIES, LIKE  
THE WIND, HAVE TAKEN US  
AWAY." Isaiah 64:6

"MARVEL NOT AT THIS: FOR THE HOUR IS COMING, IN THE WHICH ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVES SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE," John 5:28



"AND SHALL COME FORTH; THEY THAT HAVE DONE GOOD, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE; AND THEY THAT HAVE DONE EVIL, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION." John 5:29



**"AND I SAW THE DEAD, SMALL AND GREAT, STAND BEFORE GOD; AND THE BOOKS WERE OPENED: AND ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE: AND THE DEAD WERE JUDGED OUT OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS."**

Revelation 20:12





**REVIEW  
HIS LIFE!**


**YES LORD!**



**THIS WAS  
YOUR LIFE!**


★ "JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I AM THE WAY,  
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN  
COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME."

JOHN 14:6




*BUNK* - I DON'T  
NEED CHRIST!  
THERE'S NOTHING  
WRONG WITH ME!  
I'LL MAKE IT  
MY WAY!

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I MUST HAVE  
BEEN INSANE!

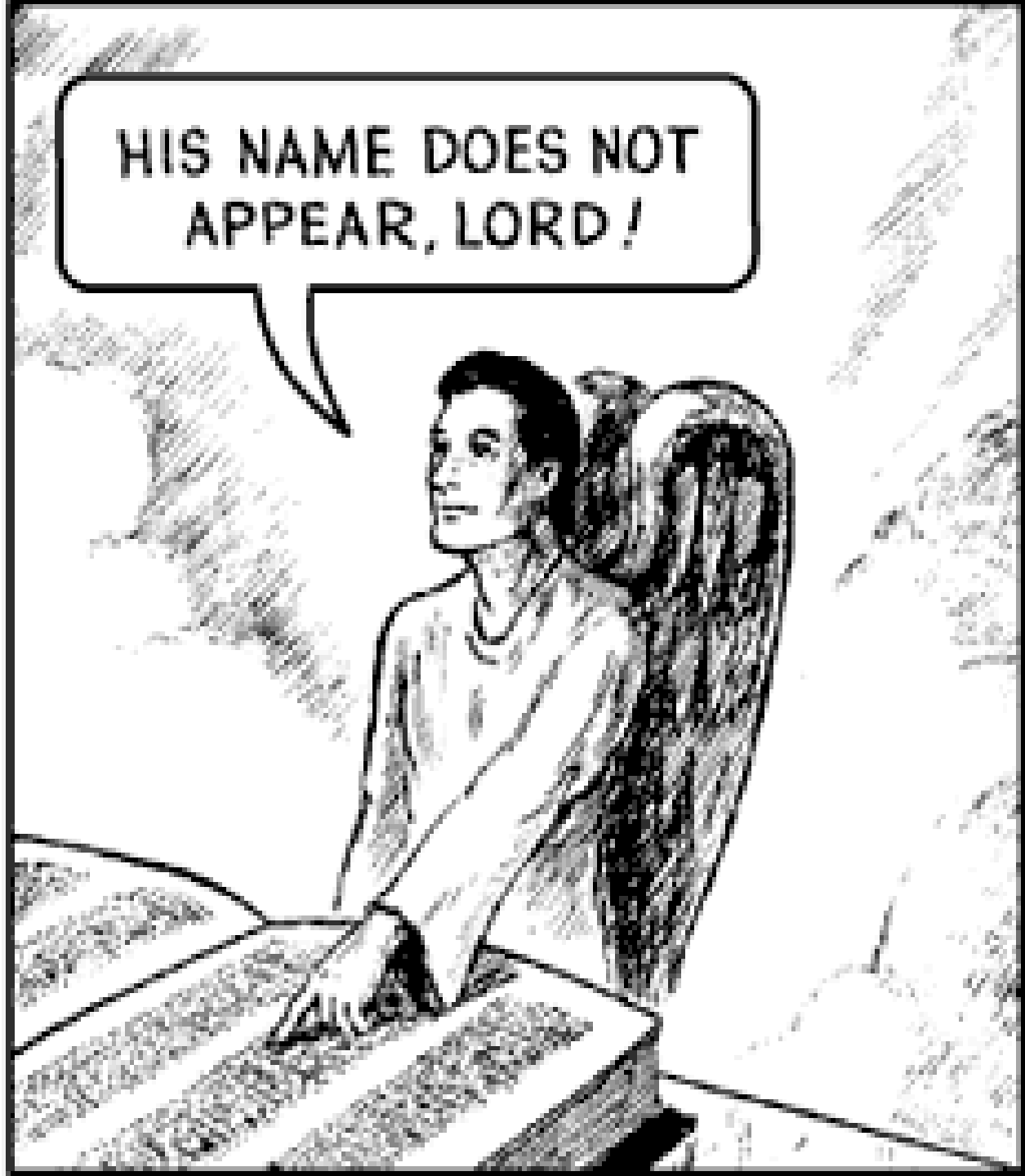


WHAT CAN I SAY? ---  
I'M *LOST!* WITHOUT *HOPE*,  
WITHOUT CHRIST!  
I'M GUILTY ---- *GUILTY!*

"BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR  
WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE  
ALSO REAP."  
Galatians 6:7

A black and white illustration of a man with a balding head, wearing a white robe. He is pointing his right hand towards the right side of the frame. The background is a simple, textured grey.

OPEN  
THE BOOK  
OF LIFE !

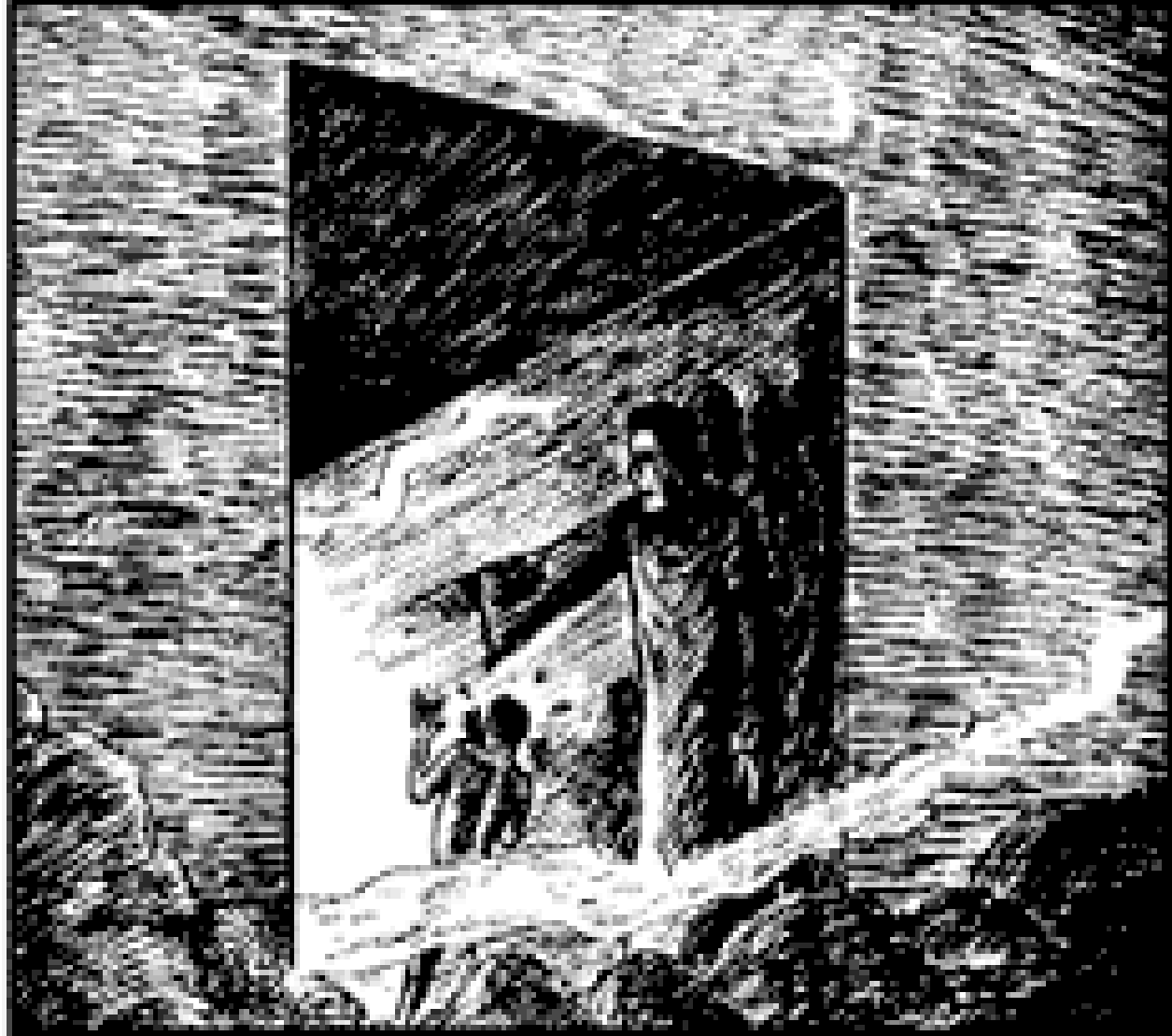
A black and white illustration of an angel with large, feathered wings, sitting at a desk. The angel is looking towards the left. The desk has some papers on it. The background is a simple, textured grey.

HIS NAME DOES NOT  
APPEAR, LORD !

**DEPART FROM ME,  
YE CURSED, INTO  
EVERLASTING FIRE,  
PREPARED FOR THE  
DEVIL AND HIS  
ANGELS**



**\*Matthew 25:41**



**"AND THESE SHALL GO AWAY INTO  
EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: BUT THE  
RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL."**

**Matthew 25:46**

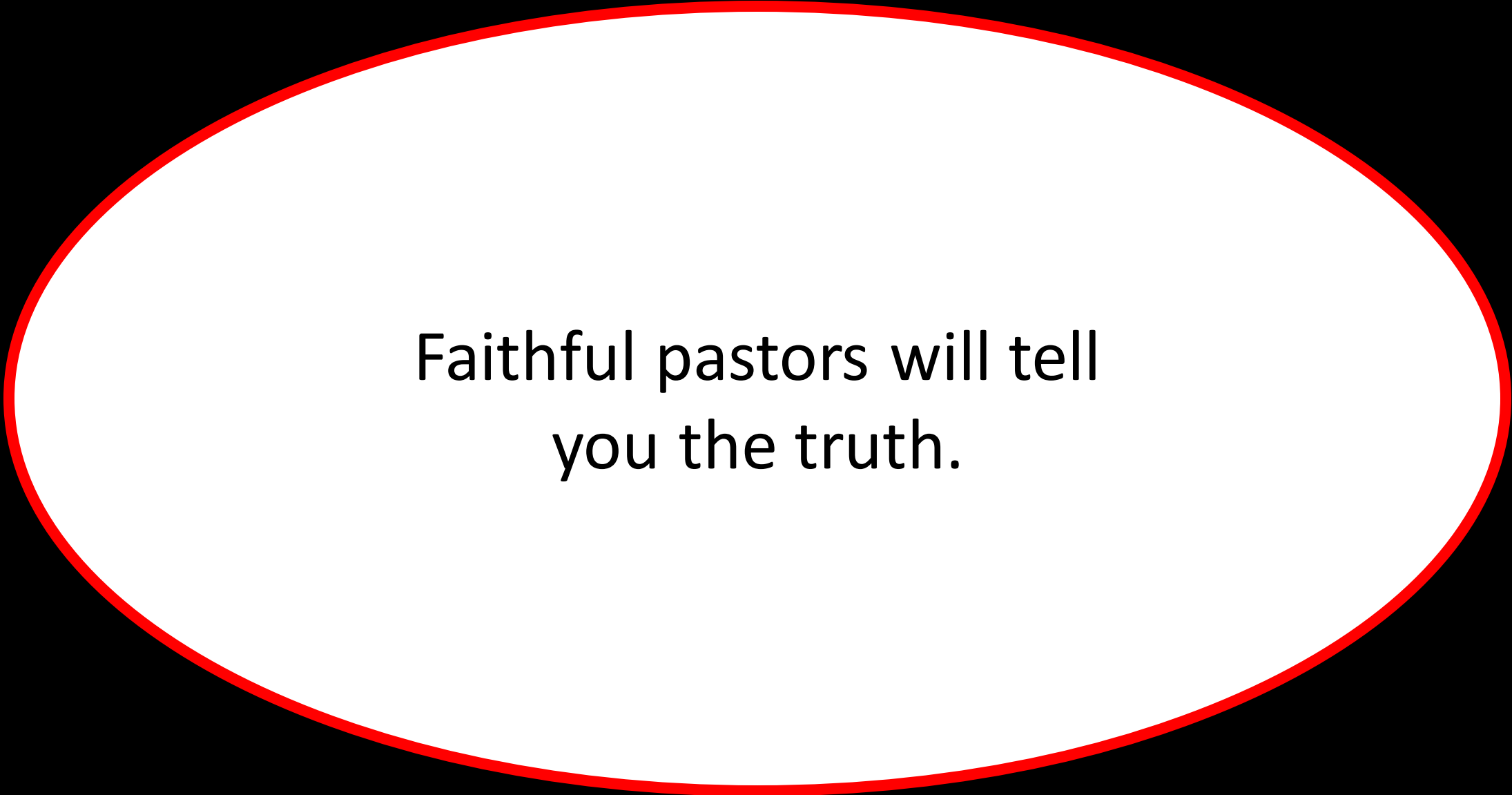


Character without Christ

All the news and noise outside  
the Bible and our church is  
dangerously worthless.

Who will tell you the truth?





Faithful pastors will tell  
you the truth.

But only a few hearers  
will appreciate it.

Am I therefore become your enemy,  
because I tell you the truth?

Galatians 4:16

These pastors know they must  
warn you about the coming  
judgment seat of Christ.

The highest degree of love is  
efforts to prepare you to  
meet the Judge of all.

Not every one that saith unto me, **Lord, Lord,**  
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;  
but he that doeth the will of my Father  
which is in heaven....

And then will I profess unto them,

**I never knew you....**

Matthew 7:21-23

Knowing therefore  
the terror of the Lord,  
we persuade men;  
but we are made manifest unto God;  
and I trust also are made manifest  
in your consciences.

II Corinthians 5:10-11

Pastors know most will ignore or reject their words, but they can deliver their own souls.



Yet if thou warn the wicked,  
and he turn not from his wickedness,  
nor from his wicked way,  
he shall die in his iniquity;  
but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Ezekiel 3:19

And they, whether they will hear,  
or whether they will forbear,  
(for they are a rebellious house,)  
yet shall know that there hath been  
a prophet among them.

Ezekiel 2:5

A faithful pastor knows his job is  
not to make you feel good  
but to do good.

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Is Dung

Character without Christ  
Is Dung and Loss

If you do not get this warning and  
change for yourself and your  
family, you lose.





A multi-generational family of seven people is taking a selfie outdoors. An older man with a grey beard and a blue sweater is holding a smartphone to take the picture. He is smiling broadly. Next to him is an older woman with grey hair, also smiling. In the center are two young children, a boy and a girl, both laughing. Behind them are a woman and a man, both smiling. The background shows a scenic outdoor setting with trees and a body of water under a bright sky. A large yellow thought bubble is superimposed over the top of the image, containing text.

*This is the perfect selfie!  
I'll post it on Facebook!*

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*What a wonderful family!  
I am fulfilled and happy!*

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*Others can only envy us!  
We have the best family!*

A multi-generational family of seven people is taking a selfie outdoors. On the left, an older man with a grey beard and balding head, wearing a blue sweater, holds a smartphone up to take the picture. Next to him is an older woman with long grey hair, wearing a light blue shirt. In the center are two young children, a boy in a pink shirt and a girl in a white shirt, both smiling broadly. To the right of the children are three younger adults: a woman with brown hair, a man with a beard and dark hair, and another woman with brown hair. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees and a body of water under a bright sky. A large yellow thought bubble with a blue outline is positioned above the group, containing the text.

*We were great parents!  
All our kids work hard!*

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*We taught them well!  
They own their homes!*

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***Our family is the best!  
All the kids are happy!***



*The kids are so happy!  
I got them the best toys!*



*This is the best picture!  
My sons got two babes!*



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*What a blessing of God!  
All our kids got degrees!*

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*We were the best parents!  
Our kids want to visit us!*

*We were great parents!  
Our kids all go to church!*



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*Our kids are loved and  
respected around town!*

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*God must be pleased with  
our blessed family!*



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And this is the writing that was written,  
**MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.**

This is the interpretation of the thing:  
**MENE;** God hath numbered thy kingdom,  
and finished it.

**TEKEL;** Thou art weighed in the balances,  
and art found wanting.

Daniel 5:25-27

Having a great family ... in your  
eyes ... by worldly measures  
... is worse than worthless.

**Mormons have better families!**



**Do they love and live  
for Jesus Christ?**

A great family is one dedicated to  
Jesus Christ, not to school, house,  
family, job, happiness, fun, etc.

He that findeth his life  
shall lose it:  
and he that loseth his life  
for my sake  
shall find it.

Matthew 10:39

For whosoever will save his life  
shall lose it:  
and whosoever will lose his life  
for my sake  
shall find it.

Matthew 16:25

Great families would rather have  
affliction with Christ than  
pleasure and riches.

By faith Moses, when he was come to years,  
refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;  
Choosing rather to suffer affliction  
with the people of God,  
than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;  
Esteeming the reproach of Christ  
greater riches than the treasures in Egypt:  
for he had respect unto the  
recompence of the reward.

Hebrews 11:24-26

Character without Christ

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Is Dung and Loss

Yea doubtless,  
and I count all things but loss  
for the excellency of the knowledge  
of Christ Jesus my Lord:  
for whom I have suffered  
the loss of all things,  
and do count them but dung,  
that I may win Christ,

Philippians 3:8

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The Best

Circumcised

Stock of Israel

Tribe of Benjamin

Hebrew of Hebrews

A Strict Pharisee

Much Zeal

Blameless

Much Gain

Brethren, I count not myself  
to have apprehended:  
but this one thing I do,  
forgetting those things  
which are behind,  
and reaching forth unto those things  
which are before,  
I press toward the mark  
for the prize of the high calling  
of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

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An Apostle

The Greatest

To the Gentiles

Wrote Epistles

Endured Trouble

All Spirit Gifts

Many Conversions

Chose Pastors

A Martyr

This pursuit of the apostle Paul  
should be the most crucial  
goal for your family.



The law and the prophets were until John:  
since that time the kingdom of God is preached,  
and every man presseth into it.

Luke 16:16

And from the days of John the Baptist until now  
the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence,  
and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12

You cannot serve two masters,  
though your flesh, the world,  
and Satan say you can.

No man can serve two masters:  
for either he will hate the one,  
and love the other;  
or else he will hold to the one,  
and despise the other.

Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:24

Ye adulterers and adulteresses,  
know ye not that the friendship  
of the world is enmity with God?  
whosoever therefore will be a friend  
of the world is the enemy of God.

James 4:4

Love not the world,  
neither the things that are in the world.  
If any man love the world,  
the love of the Father is not in him.

I John 2:15

Character without Christ  
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if you have not made Christ the  
most crucial part of their lives.



# Child Training Goals and Priorities



SPIRITUAL GOALS (#1)	Character Goals (#2)	Role/Function Goals (#3)	Practical Goals (#4)
Fear of God (Eccl 12:13; Ps 34:11)	<u>BOTH</u>	<u>BOTH</u>	<u>BOTH</u>
Love of God (Deut 6:4-5; 10:12)	Love Others (Ro 12:10; I Co 13:4-7)	Transferable Skill (I Thess 4:11-12)	Use Wise Counsellors (Prov 15:22)
Delight in God (Jer 9:23-24)	Gracious (Prov 11:16,22; 22:11)	Friends (Prov 9:6; 13:20; 27:10)	Etiquette & Manners (I Co 10:31-33)
Bible Authority (Ps 119:128)	Reputation (Prov 22:1; Luke 2:52)	Inputs (Ps 101:3; Prov 19:27)	Public Speaking Skill (II Sa 14:1-17)
Bible Knowledge (II Tim 3:15-17)	Faithful (Prov 20:6; 11:13; 14:5)	Hospitality (Rom 12:13; Heb 13:2)	Computer & Phone Expertise
Fellowship in Christ (Jn 14:15-24)	Wisdom (Prov 4:5-13; 14:8,15,18)	Engage & Participate (Eph 5:21)	Internet Research Skills
Assurance of Heaven (II Pe 1:8-11)	Sober & Serious (Titus 2:4,7)	Child Training (Prov 1:8; 29:15)	Bank Accounts & Loans
Baptism & Church (Acts 2:38-41)	Servant Heart (Ga 5:13; I Co 16:15)	Romance & Sex (Solomon's Song)	Real Estate Transactions
Live by Faith (II Cor 5:7; Heb 11:6)	Joyful (Prov 15:13,15; Hab 3:17-19)	Conventional (I Cor 9:22; 13:5)	Insurance & Govt Programs
Mortify the Flesh (Col 3:1-11)	Rule Emotions (Prov 16:32; 25:28)	Creative (Prov 8:12; Ruth 3:1-5)	Taxes – Income, Real, SS, Sales
Walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25)	Diligence (Prov 22:29; 31:15,27)	<u>GIRLS</u>	Diet and Exercise for Fitness
Pray Effectually (Luke 11:1-13)	Temperance (I Cor 9:24-27)	Submissive (Gen 3:16; Eph 5:22-24)	<u>GIRLS</u>
Resist Devil (Eph 4:27; 6:10-20)	Peacemaker (Mat 5:9; Jas 3:17-18)	Not Amazed (I Pet 3:6; I Sam 25:19)	Shopping Prudence (Prov 31:13-14)
Love of Worship (Ps 34:1-3)	Considerate (Phil 2:3-4; Eph 4:1-3)	Reverent (Eph 5:33; I Pet 3:1-6)	Jobs for Women (Prov 31:16,24)
Love of Church (Ps 27:4; 122:1-9)	Obedient (Ep 6:1-3; I Pet 2:13-20)	Infant & Child Care (Ruth 4:16)	Charity Initiative (Prov 31:20)
Tree of Life (Prov 11:30; 22:17-21)	<u>GIRLS</u>	Domestic Duties (Pr 31:15,21,27)	Time Management & Structure
	Virtuous (Prov 31:10-31; Ruth 3:11)	Keeper at Home (I Tim 5:13-14)	Feminine Gracefulness, Elegance
	Chaste/Modest (Tit 2:5; Is 3:16-24)	Flexible (Ruth 1:16-18; Song 2:10)	Mentor Children for Teaching
	Energetic & Tough (Gen 24:15-20)	Bold Shulamite (Song 1:2,12; 3:4)	Basic Mechanical Skills
	Meek & Quiet (I Cor 14:34-35)	Sartorial & Décor (Prov 31:22)	Elementary Nursing Skills (CNA)
	Pure & Virgin (De 22:13-21; Jer 3:3)	Hate SOICE Women (Pr 30:21-23)	<u>GIRLS</u>
	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
	Gentle & Merciful (Pr 20:28; Mic 6:8)	Know Female Needs (I Pet 3:7)	School & Degree Maxed (Ec 10:10)
	Vigilant Leader (I Cor 16:13)	Money Smart (Prov 14:4; 27:18)	Career Trajectory Maxed (Pr 17:2)
	Bold & Confident (Prov 28:1)	Money Saved (Pr 11:16; 21:17,20)	Dress for Success (Gen 41:42)
	Pure & Virtuous (Ps 101:2-3)	Cherish & Nourish (Eph 5:25-30)	Basic Medical Knowledge
	Communicative (John 15:15)	Loyal & Royal Lover (Prov 5:19)	Household M&R Knowledge
	Zealous (Gal 4:18; II Kgs 10:16)	Manager of Conflict Resolution	LetGodBeTrue Website Expertise
	Knowledge (Prov 12:1; 18:15; 19:2)	Family Planning in All Aspects	Evaluate All Relationships
			Learn Total Household Costs

NOTE: Table is not exhaustive. There are detailed documents for most entries. See related outline ([here](#)) or search website. Let this table lead to better goals and priorities.

You should not have had children  
if you have not made Christ the  
most crucial part of their lives.

Hard Worker

College Degree

Physically Fit

Baptized at 18

Savings Account

No Public Sins

Good Grades

Attends Church

Respectful

Eagle Scout

Makes Bed

Bible Quizzer

No Tickets

Church Friends

Helps Elderly

Youth Group

Reads Bible

Loves Kids

These measures of “success” are  
nothing and exist in millions  
of reprobates worldwide.

Any other measure you think  
good is no better than those  
in this list, if short of **CHRIST**.

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We will praise you for doing these things, all the while knowing they are nothing.

Jesus was about His  
Father's business at 12.

Samuel worshipped God  
in Shiloh around 5.

And he said unto them,  
How is it that ye sought me?  
wist ye not that I must be  
about my Father's business?

Luke 2:49

Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD;  
as long as he liveth  
he shall be lent to the LORD.  
And he worshipped the LORD there.

I Samuel 1:28

I thank the God of glory that my  
mother sang to me about Jesus  
Christ before I was born.

She did much more of it and other things pertaining to Christ after I was born.

What was her favorite verse?

It marks her body at Graceland East.

It is on the front of this pulpit.

**For to me to live is Christ,  
and to die is gain.**

Philippians 1:21



She will have been with Jesus  
Christ for ten years in  
just four days.

When God convicted me about  
this sermon two weeks ago, my  
mother had nothing to do with it.

Your credit score important to you?

It is a great measure of character!

What about the one in heaven?

Laying up in store for themselves  
a good foundation  
against the time to come,  
that they may lay hold on eternal life.

I Timothy 6:19

**Jesus Christ is the criteria.**

**Jesus Christ is the measure.**

**Jesus Christ is the standard.**

**Jesus Christ is the objective.**



First Sermon 7/11/2021  
Through slide #105

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Slides #106 - #203

Without faith and love of Jesus Christ, all character and conduct are worthless before a holy God.

An high look,  
and a proud heart,  
and the plowing  
of the wicked,  
is sin.

Proverbs 21:4

The thought of foolishness is sin:  
and the scorner is an abomination to men.

Proverbs 24:9

And he that doubteth  
is damned if he eat,  
because he eateth  
not of faith:  
for whatsoever is not of faith  
is sin.

Romans 14:23

Jesus Christ was strict and severe  
even with His churches by Paul  
at Ephesus and Laodicea.

I know thy works,  
and thy labour, and thy patience  
and how thou canst not bear them which are evil:  
and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles,  
and are not, and hast found them liars:  
And hast borne, and hast patience,  
and for my name's sake hast laboured,  
and hast not fainted.

Revelation 2:2-3

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee,  
because thou hast left thy first love.  
Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen,  
and repent, and do the first works;  
or else I will come unto thee quickly,  
and will remove thy candlestick out of his place,  
except thou repent.

Revelation 2:4-5



I know thy works,  
that thou art neither cold nor hot:  
I would thou wert cold or hot.  
So then because thou art lukewarm,  
and neither cold nor hot,  
I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:15-16

Because thou sayest,  
I am rich, and increased with goods,  
and have need of nothing;  
and knowest not  
that thou art wretched,  
and miserable,  
and poor,  
and blind,  
and naked:

Revelation 3:17

Why did you have children and  
not point them always and  
only to Jesus Christ?

Show them life is all about Him!

Only then try to tell them of Him.

# What Are Your Pastor's Favorites?

Favorite Psalm ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... Why?

Favorite Book ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... Why?

Favorite Song ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... Why?

Favorite Sermon ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... Why?

# What Are Your Favorites?

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Favorite Book ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... Why?

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We must do all we can to protect  
and provoke our children and  
youth in the right direction.

What is the right direction?

It is not character without Christ.

It is Christ first and then character.



Forget all the fatalistic nonsense  
of whether they are born again  
or not; stress the right goals.

Old folks must examine their lives  
to see if they had poor priorities.

It is better to end your life like  
Manasseh than like Solomon.

You think diligence is good?

No pastor has preached it harder.

But it is nothing without Christ.

Many reprobates around  
the world and in our city  
outwork your children!

She seeketh wool, and flax,  
and worketh willingly with her hands.

Proverbs 31:13

She riseth also while it is yet night,  
and giveth meat to her household,  
and a portion to her maidens.

Proverbs 31:15

She girdeth her loins with strength,  
and strengtheneth her arms.

Proverbs 31:17

She looketh well to the ways of her household,  
and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Proverbs 31:27



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she shall be praised.**

Proverbs 31:30

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Proverbs 31:30 (N.T. Version)

Anyone can be diligent.

There are nations known for it.

Anyone can be disciplined.

Paul used reprobates to illustrate it.

Animals are trained past many men.

Only diligence on the job done to  
Jesus Christ works to please God.

Servants, obey in all things  
your masters according to the flesh;  
not with eyeservice, as menpleasers;  
but in singleness of heart, fearing God:  
And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily,  
as to the Lord, and not unto men;  
Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive  
the reward of the inheritance:  
for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:22-24

Servants, be obedient to them  
that are your masters according to the flesh,  
with fear and trembling,  
in singleness of your heart  
as unto Christ;  
Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers;  
but as the servants of Christ,  
doing the will of God from the heart;  
With good will doing service,  
as to the Lord, and not to men:

Ephesians 6:5-7

*Pastor, don't you think you are  
making too little of good  
character in kids?*









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*Pastor, don't you think you are  
making this a bigger issue  
than it truly is?*

*David was a man after God's own heart, but he sinned even worse than me.*

Other than those blips in his life,  
he loved and lived for God more  
than you ever imagined doing.

Do your children love Jesus Christ  
and want to serve Him only  
in all things they do?

# Three Basic Rules

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved” (1 Cor 10:31-33).

#1: Everything you say and do should be to God's glory.

#2: Everything you say and do should not offend others.

#3: Everything you say and do is to convert sinners.

And whatsoever ye do  
in word or deed,  
do all in the name  
of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God  
and the Father  
by him.

Colossians 3:17



Are they known for bearing  
spiritual fruit in service  
to Jesus Christ?

Abide in me, and I in you.  
As the branch cannot  
bear fruit of itself,  
except it abide  
in the vine;  
no more can ye,  
except ye abide in me.

John 15:4

Only spiritual fruit counts with  
God and righteous men, not  
jobs, money, fitness, etc.

And this I pray,  
that your love may abound  
yet more and more  
in knowledge and in all judgment;  
That ye may approve things that are excellent;  
that ye may be sincere and without offence  
till the day of Christ;  
Being filled with the fruits of righteousness  
which are by Jesus Christ,  
unto the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

FAITH seeks, not mental assent.  
LOVE sacrifices to serve saints.  
JOY is in the Lord, not just life.  
PATIENCE endures by a hope.  
FORGIVENESS copies Jesus.

# Compare Character to Christ

Works Hard

Good Grades

Builds Savings

Cleans Room

Knows Job

Prays Hard

Good Works

Builds Souls

Cleans Heart

Knows Bible

# Good Grades or Good Works

Computers

Psychology

Literature

Finance

Engineering

Loves Souls

Joyful in God

Peace in Christ

Devours Bible

Always Spiritual

Real character ... character that  
counts ... is to be like Christ.



Real character ... character that  
counts ... is to live for Christ.

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make not provision for the flesh,  
to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Romans 13:14

Ye are our epistle written in our hearts,  
known and read of all men:  
Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared  
to be the epistle of Christ  
ministered by us,  
written not with ink,  
but with the Spirit of the living God;  
not in tables of stone,  
but in fleshy tables of the heart.

II Corinthians 3:2-3

Even our love and service  
to others must be for  
Christ's sake.

And the King shall answer  
and say unto them,  
Verily I say unto you,  
Inasmuch as ye have done it  
unto one of the least  
of these my brethren,  
ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40

Let all bitterness, and wrath,  
and anger, and clamour,  
and evil speaking,  
be put away from you,  
with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Competition out of pride is called  
emulation in the Bible.  
It is a sin.

But there is competition that can  
be godly if done only for  
Christ's glory.



Jesus saith to Simon Peter,  
Simon, son of Jonas,  
lovest thou me more than these?  
He saith unto him, Yea, Lord;  
thou knowest that I love thee.  
He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

John 21:15

Bible examples show mercy for faults, weakness, or ignorance by great love for God (Christ).

David did that which was right  
in the eyes of the LORD,  
and turned not aside  
from any thing that he commanded him  
all the days of his life,  
save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

I Kings 15:5

But the high places were not removed:  
nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect  
with the LORD all his days.

I Kings 15:14

Work is not the measure of a man,  
but rather what a man does  
after he must work.

## Work or Works After Work

Takes Overtime

Maxes out 401k

Gets Promoted

Employee of Week

Takes Work Home

All Services

Eager for Bible

Friends of Jesus

Reviews Sermons

Delights in God

Do they initiate conversation  
about Jesus Christ?

Do they crave and make time with  
God and the Bible to meet Jesus?



And thou shalt love  
the Lord thy God  
with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength:  
this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30

**How do you  
and your children  
show the love?**

**Church attendance?**  
**Bible Quizzing?**  
**Youth Group?**

**These are not a personal  
relationship with Jesus Christ  
and a life sold out for Him.**

# **Christ Jesus Himself!**

**Not Baptism**

**Not Doctrine**

**Not Church**

**Not Family**

**Not Bible**

**Christ Jesus Himself!**

**Not just facts about Jesus Christ!**

Do not let the Bible be for a  
reading chart, for quizzing,  
but to meet Jesus Christ.

Search the scriptures;  
for in them ye think  
ye have eternal life:  
and they are they  
which testify of me.

John 5:39



The scribes and Pharisees knew  
the Bible better than any quizzer.

**They murdered Jesus Christ!**

There is all kinds of knowledge,  
truth, and wisdom in the Bible.

But it is the revelation of God's  
Son that trumps all revelation.

And without controversy  
great is the mystery of godliness:  
God was manifest in the flesh,  
justified in the Spirit,  
seen of angels,  
preached unto the Gentiles  
believed on in the world,  
received up into glory.

I Timothy 3:16

In some ways we exalt Proverbs,  
though reprobates appreciate it.

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Son that trumps all revelation.

Almighty God the LORD Jehovah  
along with His Son have special  
love for some and live with them.

What is the condition for this  
special relationship that  
only a few realize?

He that hath my commandments,  
and keepeth them,  
he it is that loveth me:  
and he that loveth me  
shall be loved of my Father,  
and I will love him,  
and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

If a man love me,  
he will keep my words:  
and my Father will love him,  
and we will come unto him,  
and make our abode with him.

John 14:23



## What Inputs Do They Emphasize?

Reading Anything

Talk to Boyfriend

Time with Pals

Worldly Music

Internet/Movies

Reading the Bible

Praying to God

Time with Saints

Christian Music

Sermons, Studies

Do they desire above all else to  
be in church for every service?

One thing have I desired of the LORD,  
that will I seek after;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to enquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4

We have far more of the beauty of  
the LORD in a N.T. church than  
David ever had in the O.T.

What are your spouse, children,  
and you alive for and die for?

For whether we live,  
we live unto the Lord;  
and whether we die,  
we die unto the Lord:  
whether we live therefore,  
or die, we are the Lord's.  
For to this end Christ both died,  
and rose, and revived,  
that he might be Lord  
both of the dead and living.

Romans 14:8-9

Do they have favorite verses,  
songs, sermons, Psalms, and  
books of Bible about Jesus?

Is their greater ambition  
a truck or a tithe?



What do they love more?

A paycheck or a promise from  
their great high Priest?

***Only one life twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

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Character without Christ

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Is Dung and Loss

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and I count all things but loss  
for the excellency of the knowledge  
of Christ Jesus my Lord:  
for whom I have suffered  
the loss of all things,  
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that I may win Christ,

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The Best

Circumcised

Stock of Israel

Tribe of Benjamin

Hebrew of Hebrews

A Strict Pharisee

Much Zeal

Blameless

Much Gain



Gamaliel

Rhetorician

Authority of Elders

School in Jerusalem

Taught Jewish Traditions

Expert in the Law

Persecuted Christians

Roman Citizen

Great Zeal

Brethren, I count not myself  
to have apprehended:  
but this one thing I do,  
forgetting those things  
which are behind,  
and reaching forth unto those things  
which are before,  
I press toward the mark  
for the prize of the high calling  
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An Apostle

The Greatest

To the Gentiles

Wrote Epistles

Endured Trouble

All Spirit Gifts

Many Conversions

Chose Pastors

A Martyr

Character is a very good goal for children, but without Christ even it is dung and loss.

Which makes measures less than  
character even worse in value.

**Degree**  
**Grades**  
**Fitness**  
**Income**  
**Cleanliness**

Without faith and love of Jesus Christ, all character and conduct are worthless before a holy God.

But without faith  
it is impossible to please him:  
for he that cometh to God  
must believe that he is,  
and that he is a rewarder  
of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6



And thou shalt love  
the Lord thy God  
with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength:  
this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30

He that loveth father or mother  
more than me  
is not worthy of me:  
and he that loveth son or daughter  
more than me  
is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:37

If any man  
love not  
the Lord Jesus Christ,  
let him be

**Anathema**

**Maranatha.**

I Corinthians 16:22

Grace be with all them  
that love our Lord Jesus Christ  
in sincerity. Amen.

Ephesians 6:24

Whom having not seen, ye love;  
in whom, though now ye see him not,  
yet believing, ye rejoice  
with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

I Peter 1:8

We love him,  
because he first loved us.

I John 4:19

Nevertheless

I have somewhat against thee,  
because thou hast left thy first love.

Revelation 2:4

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We must do all we can to protect  
and provoke our children and  
youth in the right direction.

What is the right direction?

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It is Christ first and then character.

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You do not want to meet Jesus the Lord of glory with “character” but without personal love and service.



This coming event is more certain  
than anything in your life  
including death.

And as it is appointed  
unto men once to die,  
but after this the judgment:

Hebrews 9:27

This most important event is  
ignored by pagans and  
most Christians.

If we will be faithful to the Bible,  
then we must bring it up in  
all its terrifying glory.





It is revealed as a basic fact from  
the first generations on earth  
to the last book of the Bible.

Let us hear the conclusion  
of the whole matter:  
Fear God,  
and keep his commandments:  
for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

For God shall bring  
every work into judgment,  
with every secret thing,  
whether it be good,  
or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam,  
prophesied of these, saying,  
Behold, the Lord cometh  
with ten thousands of his saints,  
To execute judgment upon all,  
and to convince all that are ungodly  
among them of all their ungodly deeds  
which they have ungodly committed,  
and of all their hard speeches  
which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jude 1:14-15

Before the LORD:  
for he cometh,  
for he cometh to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness,  
and the people with his truth.

Psalm 96:13

When the Son of man shall come in his glory,  
and all the holy angels with him,  
then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:  
And before him shall be gathered all nations:  
and he shall separate them one from another,  
as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:  
And he shall set the sheep on his right hand,  
but the goats on the left.

Matthew 25:31-33

Marvel not at this:  
for the hour is coming,  
in the which all that are in the graves  
shall hear his voice,  
And shall come forth;  
they that have done good,  
unto the resurrection of life;  
and they that have done evil,  
unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28-29

And the times of this ignorance  
God winked at;  
but now commandeth all men  
every where to repent:  
Because he hath appointed a day,  
in the which he will judge the world  
in righteousness by that man  
whom he hath ordained;  
whereof he hath given assurance unto all men,  
in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31



And he commanded us  
to preach unto the people,  
and to testify that it is he  
which was ordained of God  
to be the Judge of quick and dead.

Acts 10:42

But why dost thou judge thy brother?  
or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?  
for we shall all stand  
before the judgment seat of Christ.  
For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord,  
every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.  
So then every one of us  
shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12

For we must all appear  
before the judgment seat of Christ;  
that every one may receive  
the things done in his body,  
according to that he hath done,  
whether it be good or bad.  
Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord,  
we persuade men;...

II Corinthians 5:10-11

I charge thee therefore  
before God,  
and the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who shall judge the quick and the dead  
at his appearing and his kingdom;

II Timothy 4:1

Wherein they think it strange  
that ye run not with them  
to the same excess of riot,  
speaking evil of you:  
Who shall give account  
to him that is ready to judge  
the quick and the dead.

I Peter 4:4-5



If you feel small beside the ocean  
or on a mountain, wait until you  
stand before this throne!

And I saw a great white throne,  
and him that sat on it,  
from whose face the earth  
and the heaven fled away;  
and there was found no place for them.

Revelation 20:11





And I saw the dead,  
small and great,  
stand before God;  
and the books were opened:  
and another book was opened,  
which is the book of life:  
and the dead were judged  
out of those things  
which were written in the books,  
according to their works.

Revelation 20:12



**REVIEW  
HIS LIFE!**

**YES LORD!**



**THIS WAS  
YOUR LIFE!**

And the sea gave up the dead  
which were in it;  
and death and hell delivered up  
the dead which were in them:  
and they were judged every man  
according to their works.

And death and hell  
were cast into the lake of fire.

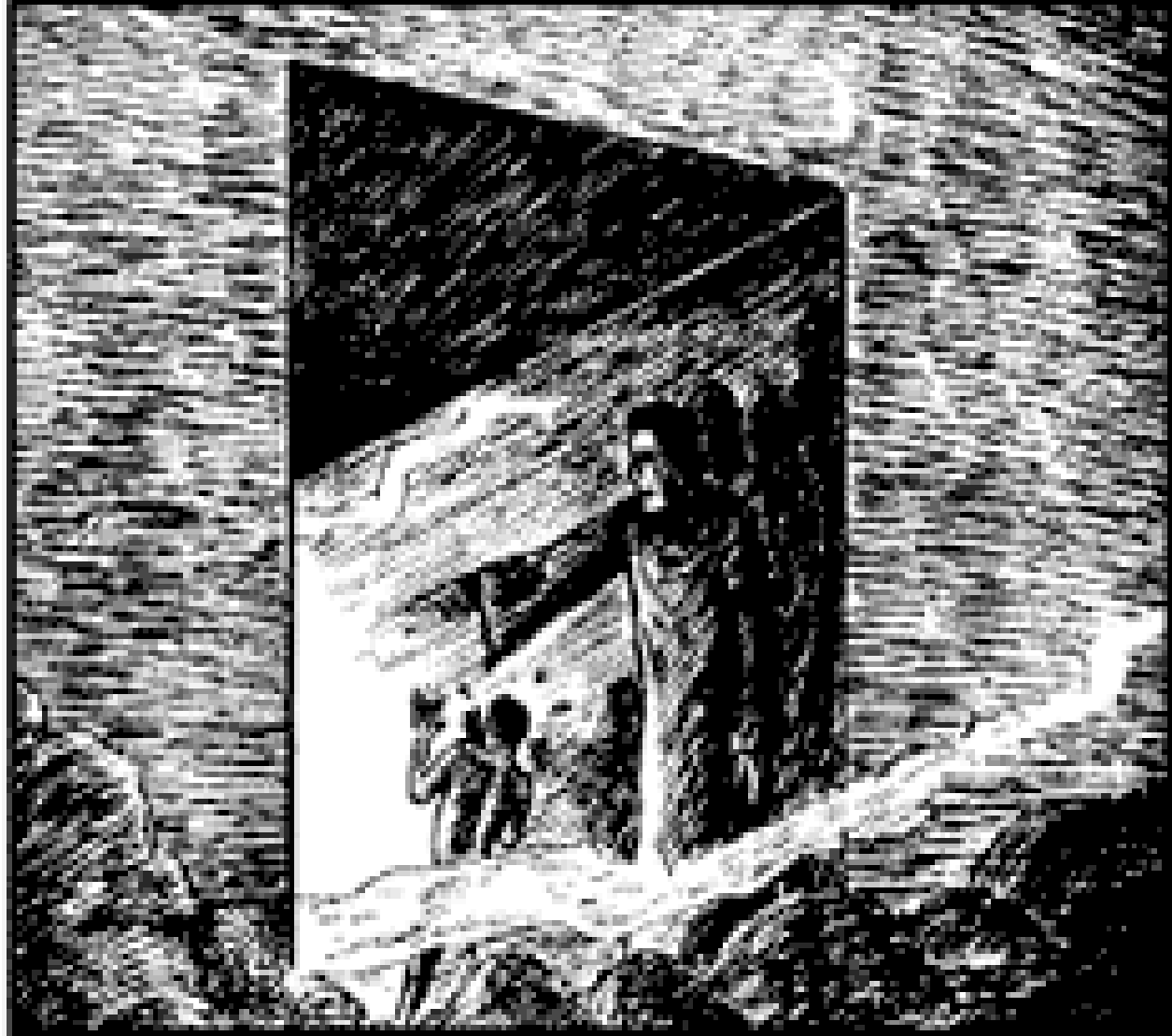
This is the second death.

Revelation 20:13-14

**DEPART FROM ME,  
YE CURSED, INTO  
EVERLASTING FIRE,  
PREPARED FOR THE  
DEVIL AND HIS  
ANGELS**



**\*Matthew 25:41**




**"AND THESE SHALL GO AWAY INTO  
EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: BUT THE  
RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL."**

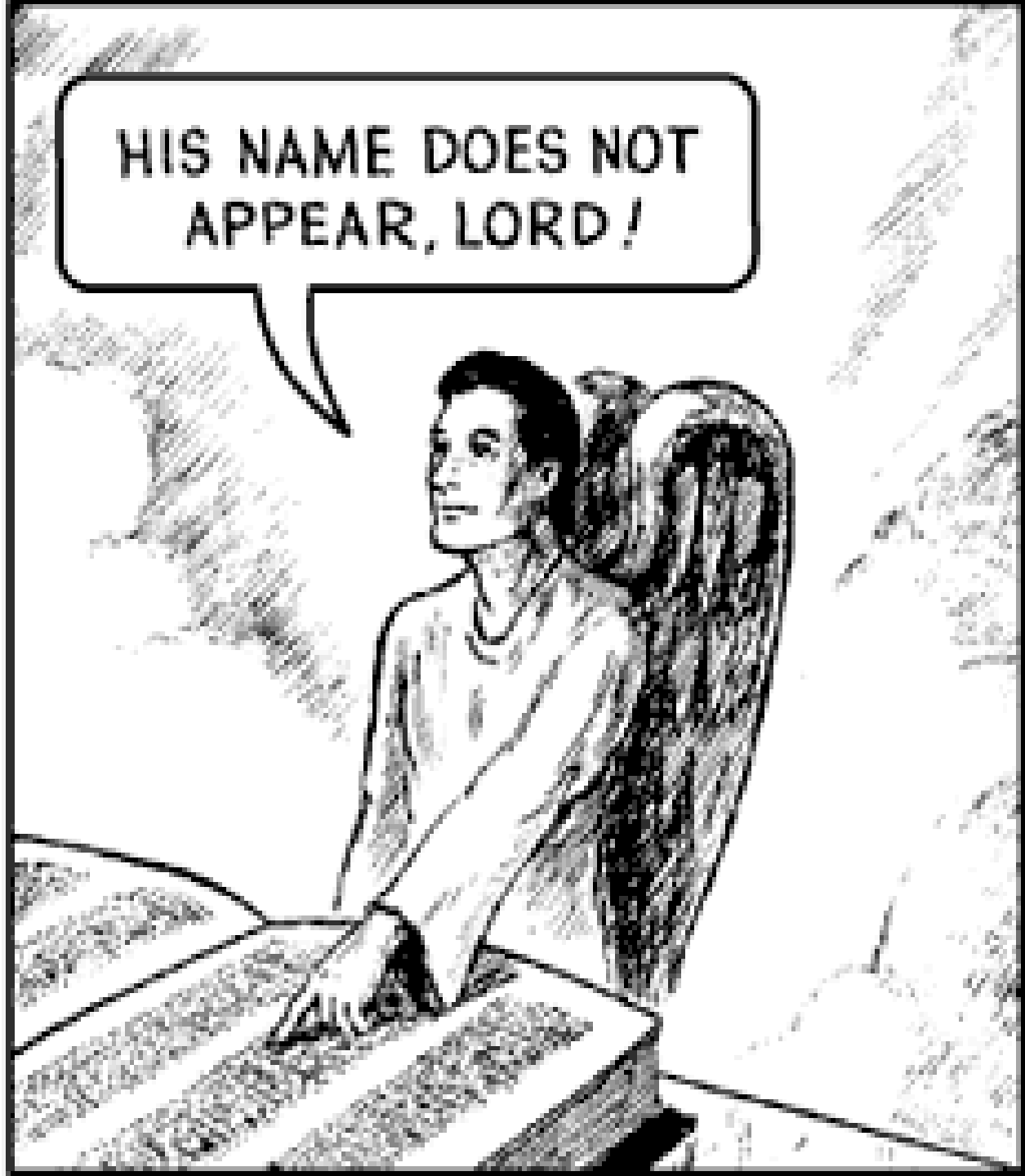
**Matthew 25:46**

And whosoever  
was not found written  
in the book of life  
was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

A black and white illustration of a man with a balding head, wearing a white robe. He is pointing his right hand towards the right side of the frame. The background is a simple, textured grey.

OPEN  
THE BOOK  
OF LIFE !

A black and white illustration of an angel with large, feathered wings, sitting at a desk. The angel is looking towards the left. The desk has some papers on it. The background is a simple, textured grey.

HIS NAME DOES NOT  
APPEAR, LORD !

Fatalism is a heresy that distorts  
salvation to remove human  
responsibility and fear.



Consider confident and zealous  
Paul for his efforts to gain  
full assurance.

For we must all appear  
before the judgment seat of Christ;  
that every one may receive  
the things done in his body,  
according to that he hath done,  
whether it be good or bad.  
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II Corinthians 5:10-11

Wherefore we labour,  
that, whether present or absent,  
we may be accepted of him.

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Yea doubtless,  
and I count all things but loss  
for the excellency of the knowledge  
of Christ Jesus my Lord:  
for whom I have suffered  
the loss of all things,  
and do count them but dung,  
that I may win Christ,  
If by any means I might attain  
unto the resurrection of the dead.

Philippians 3:8-11

And what did Paul exhort the  
Philippians to do themselves?

Wherefore,  
my beloved,  
as ye have always obeyed,  
not as in my presence only,  
but now much more in my absence,  
work out your own salvation  
with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

And what did Peter exhort his readers to do themselves?

And if ye call on the Father,  
who without respect of persons  
judgeth according to every man's work,  
pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

I Peter 1:17



Where do your children lay up  
their treasures, and how  
do they do it?

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,  
where moth and rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves break through and steal:  
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves do not break through nor steal:  
For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

Laying up in store for themselves  
a good foundation against the time to come,  
that they may lay hold on eternal life.

I Timothy 6:19

Does it matter much if your children are married or where they go to school, work, or live?

Recognition of believers in the N.T.  
is entirely different from all such  
aspects of mere natural life.

I commend unto you Phebe our sister,  
which is a servant of the church  
which is at Cenchrea:  
That ye receive her in the Lord,  
as becometh saints,  
and that ye assist her in whatsoever  
business she hath need of you:  
for she hath been a succourer of many,  
and of myself also.

Romans 16:1-2

Greet Priscilla and Aquila  
my helpers in Christ Jesus:  
Who have for my life  
laid down their own necks:  
unto whom not only I give thanks,  
but also all the churches of the Gentiles.  
Likewise greet the church that is in their house.

Romans 16:3-5

The elder unto the elect lady  
and her children,  
whom I love in the truth;  
and not I only,  
but also all they that have known the truth;  
For the truth's sake,  
which dwelleth in us,  
and shall be with us for ever.

II John 1:1-2



Beloved, thou doest faithfully  
whatsoever thou doest to the brethren,  
and to strangers;  
Which have borne witness  
of thy charity before the church:  
whom if thou bring forward  
on their journey after a godly sort,  
thou shalt do well:  
Because that for his name's sake they went forth,  
taking nothing of the Gentiles.

III John 1:5-7

A multi-generational family of seven people is captured in a joyful moment outdoors. An older man with a white beard, wearing a blue sweater, is on the left, holding a smartphone to take a selfie. Next to him is an older woman with grey hair, also smiling broadly. In the center are two young children, a boy and a girl, both laughing. To their right are a woman and a man, both smiling. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees and a body of water under a bright, hazy sky. A large yellow thought bubble is superimposed over the top of the image, containing the text.

*God must be pleased with  
our blessed family!*

Having a great family ... in your  
eyes ... by worldly measures  
... is worse than worthless.

**Mormons have better families!**

**Do they love and live  
for Jesus Christ?**

**Are they spiritually  
minded with eyes  
toward heaven?**

A great family is one dedicated to Jesus Christ, not to family, school, job, fitness, happiness, fun, etc.

You should not have had children  
if you have not made Christ the  
most crucial part of their lives.

Hard Worker

College Degree

Physically Fit

Baptized at 18

Savings Account

No Public Sins

Good Grades

Attends Church

Respectful



Eagle Scout

Makes Bed

Bible Quizzer

No Tickets

Church Friends

Helps Elderly

Youth Group

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Loves Kids

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Colossians 3:17

# Compare Character to Christ

Works Hard

Good Grades

Builds Savings

Cleans Room

Knows Job

Prays Hard

Good Works

Builds Souls

Cleans Heart

Knows Bible

# Good Grades or Good Works

Computers

Psychology

Literature

Finance

Engineering

Loves Souls

Joyful in God

Peace in Christ

Devours Bible

Always Spiritual

Real character ... character that  
counts ... is to be like Christ.

Real character ... character that  
counts ... is to live for Christ.

## Work or Works After Work

Takes Overtime

Maxes out 401k

Gets Promoted

Employee of Week

Takes Work Home

All Services

Eager for Bible

Friends of Jesus

Reviews Sermons

Delights in God

**Christ Jesus Himself!**

**Not just facts about Jesus Christ!**



Do not let the Bible be for a  
reading chart, for quizzing,  
but to meet Jesus Christ.

## What Inputs Do They Emphasize?

Reading Anything

Text Boyfriend

Time with Pals

Worldly Music

Internet/Movies

Reading the Bible

Praying to God

Time with Saints

Christian Music

Sermons, Studies

For whether we live,  
we live unto the Lord;  
and whether we die,  
we die unto the Lord:  
whether we live therefore,  
or die, we are the Lord's.  
For to this end Christ both died,  
and rose, and revived,  
that he might be Lord  
both of the dead and living.

Romans 14:8-9

Do they have favorite verses,  
songs, sermons, Psalms, and  
books of Bible about Jesus?

***Only one life twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

Do you understand the love we  
ought to have for Jesus Christ?

It is not mental assent;  
it is far more than faith;  
it is not merely doctrine.

This is not some mystical matter  
of contemplative meditation  
of RCC monks and nuns.



It is passionate personal desire  
to know, win, and please  
the Son of God.







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<b>John</b>	<b>Lay on the Lord's bosom at supper and wrote about it.</b>



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but he was truly a great  
lover of Christ.

We used Paul's loss and dung statement to win Christ, but note what he sought to gain.

That I may know him,  
and the power of his resurrection,  
and the fellowship of his sufferings,  
being made conformable unto his death;

Philippians 3:10

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It is far more than praying in  
Jesus' name, though it  
can be part of it.

It is far more than singing about  
Jesus unless you make singing  
personal praise to Him.

Great love for any person involves  
learning how to please him and  
to avoid any displeasure.

# Is there cause to love Jesus Christ?

**His perfect person**

**His love for us**

**His promises**

**His return**

**His reciprocity**

**His beauty/glory**

**He saved us**

**His position**

**His judgment**

**His door to God**



Simon the Pharisee and a sinner  
woman from his city got to  
hear a rule of grace.

Wherefore I say unto thee,  
Her sins, which are many,  
are forgiven;  
for she loved much:  
but to whom little is forgiven,  
the same loveth little.

Luke 7:47

Our degree of passionate love for  
Jesus indicates if we are more  
like Simon or the woman.

We are not ashamed to be Pauline  
Christians, for he taught us to  
follow Christ through him.

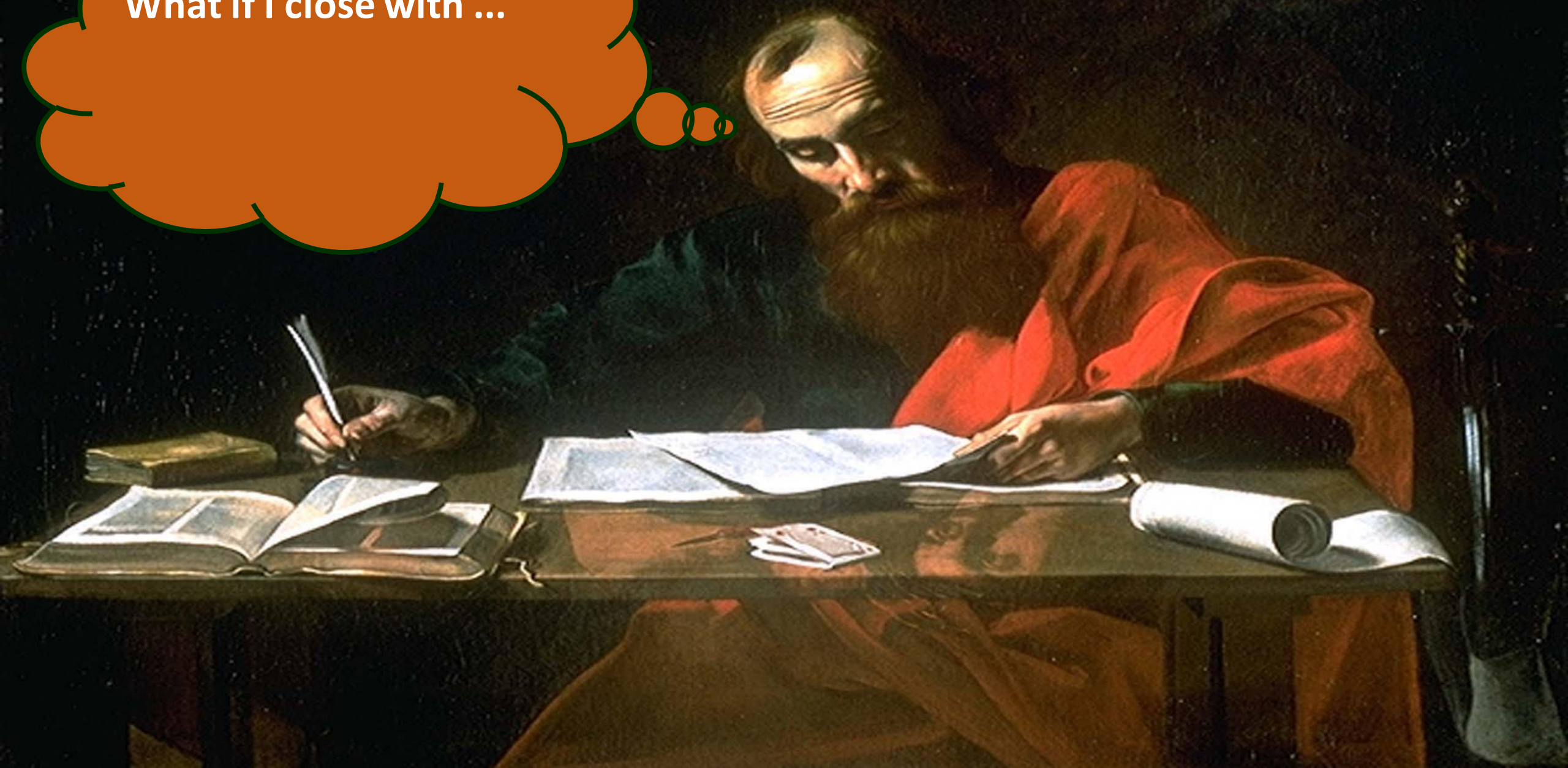
For the love of Christ constraineth us;  
because we thus judge,  
that if one died for all,  
then were all dead:  
And that he died for all,  
that they which live  
should not henceforth  
live unto themselves,  
but unto him  
which died for them....

II Corinthians 5:14-15

What would the greatest apostle  
say to each of his churches  
by the Holy Ghost?



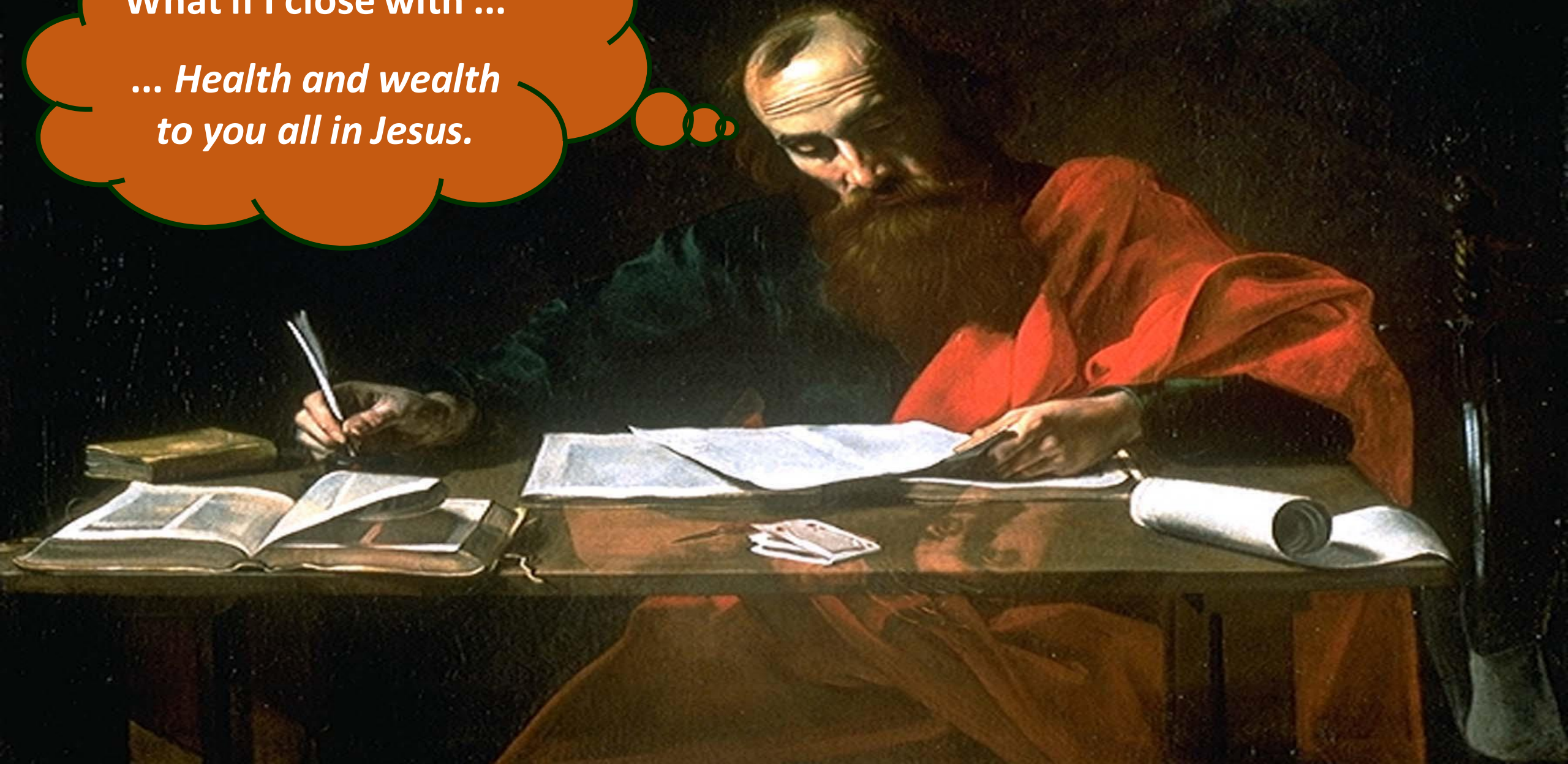
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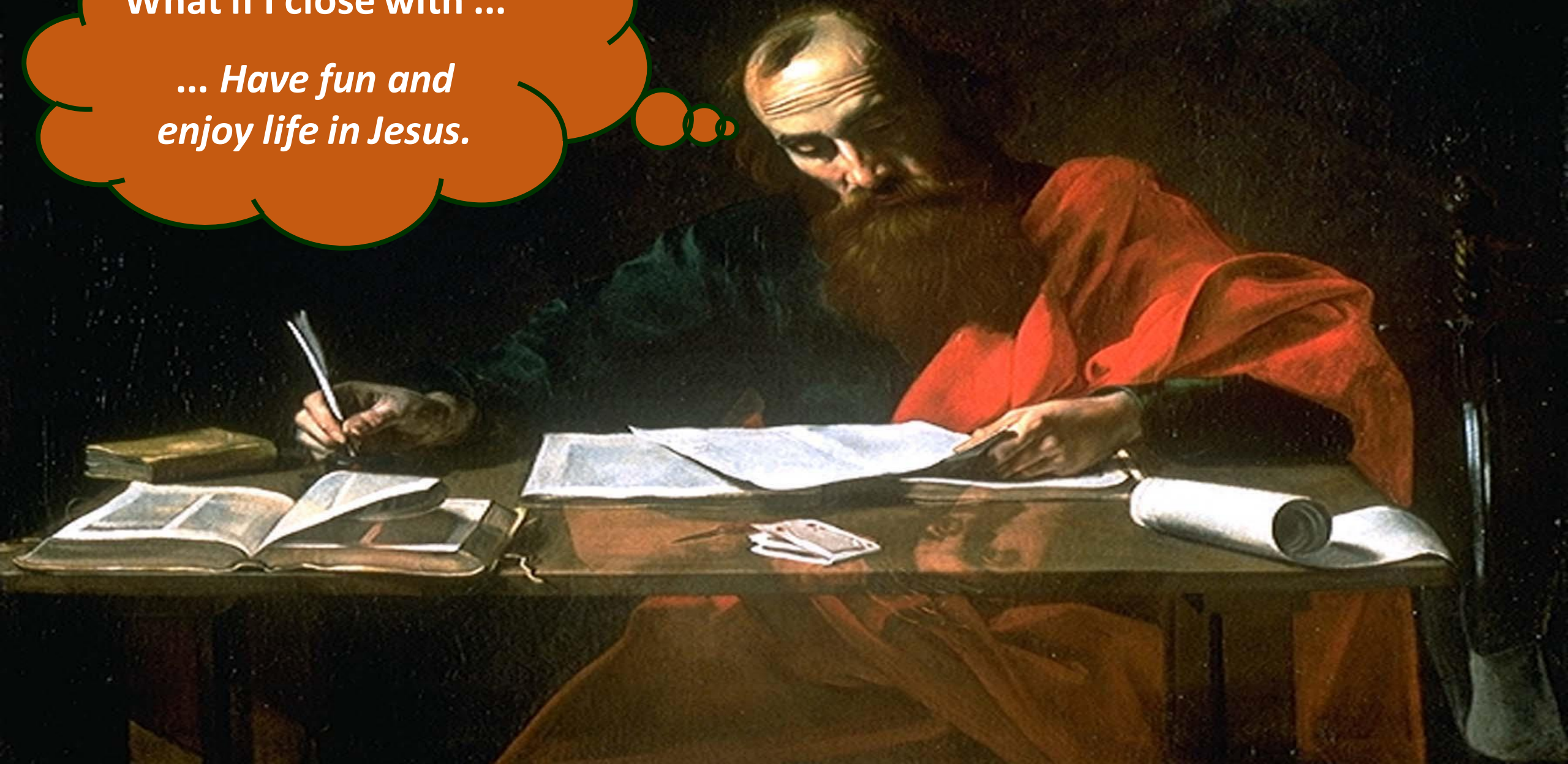
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*... Health and wealth  
to you all in Jesus.*



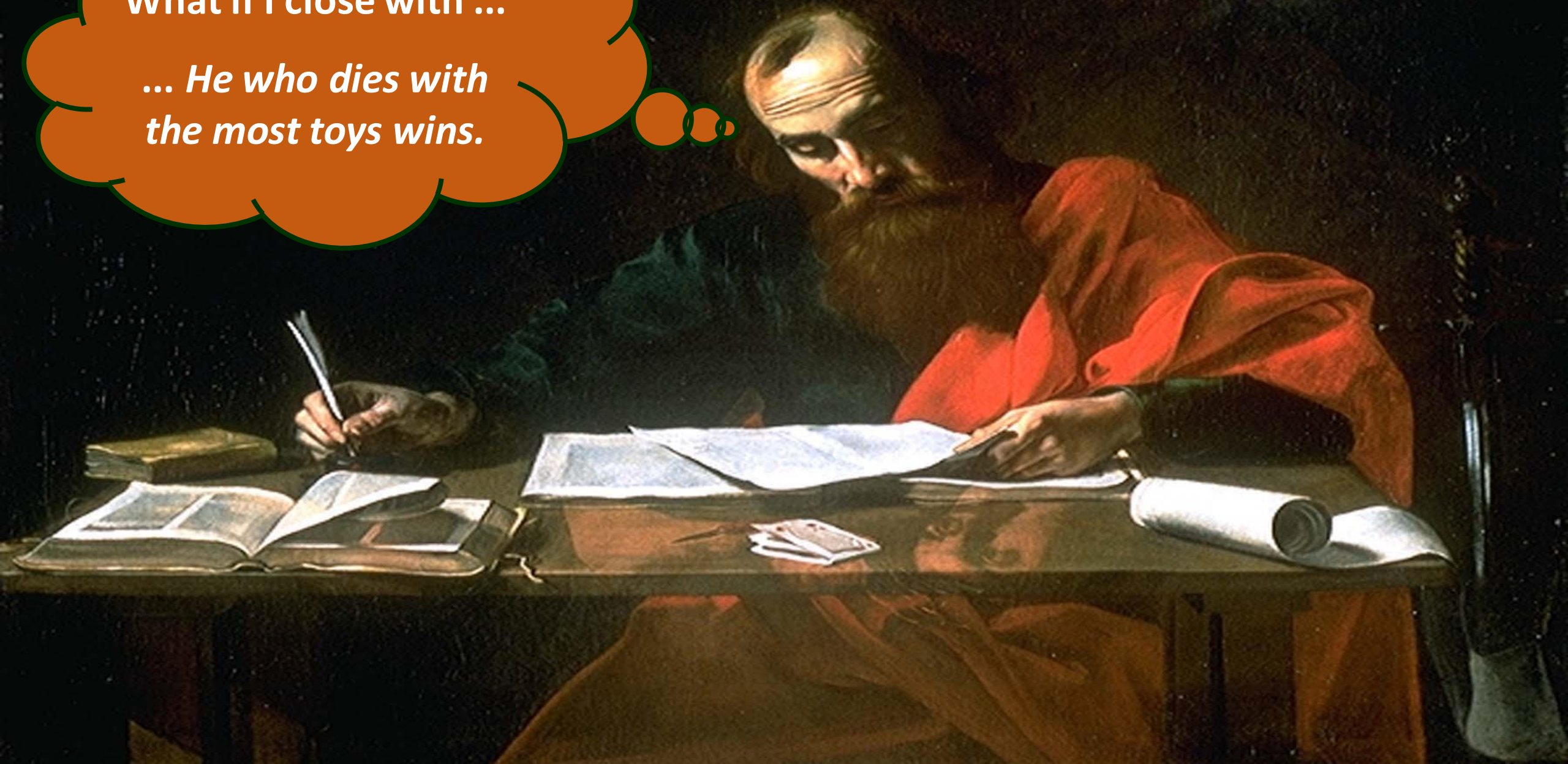
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*... Have fun and  
enjoy life in Jesus.*



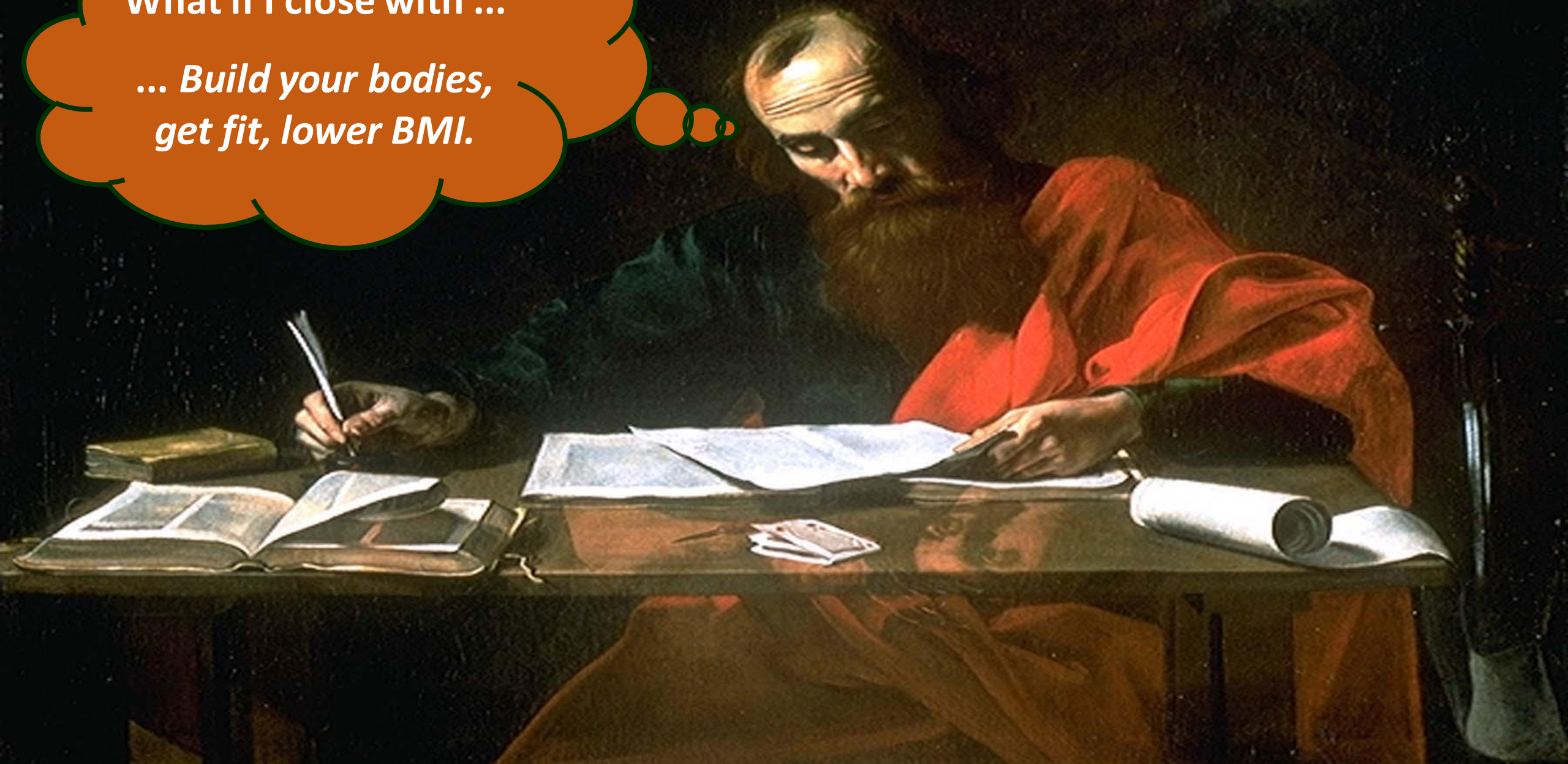
What if I close with ...

*... He who dies with  
the most toys wins.*



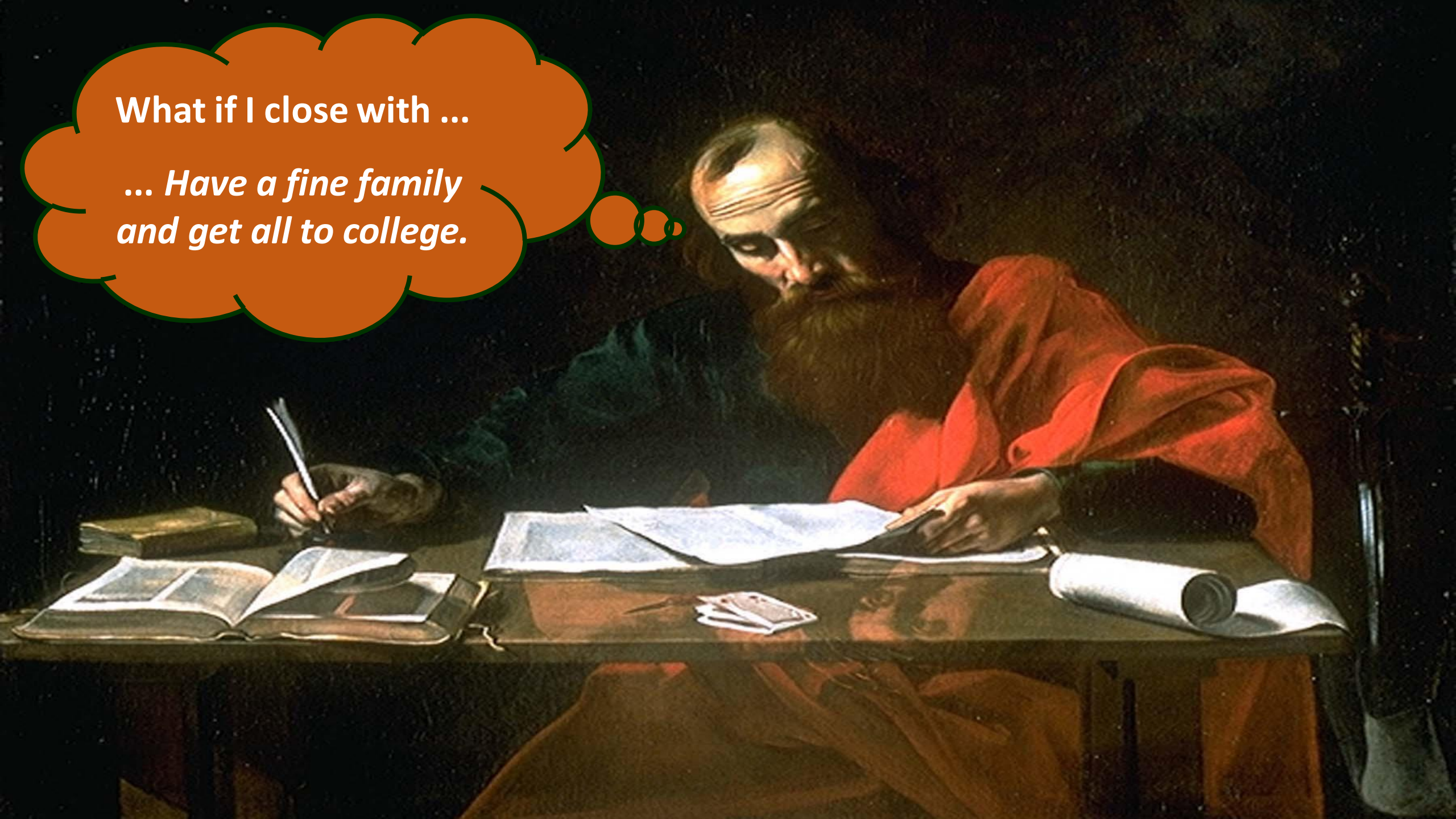
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*... Build your bodies,  
get fit, lower BMI.*



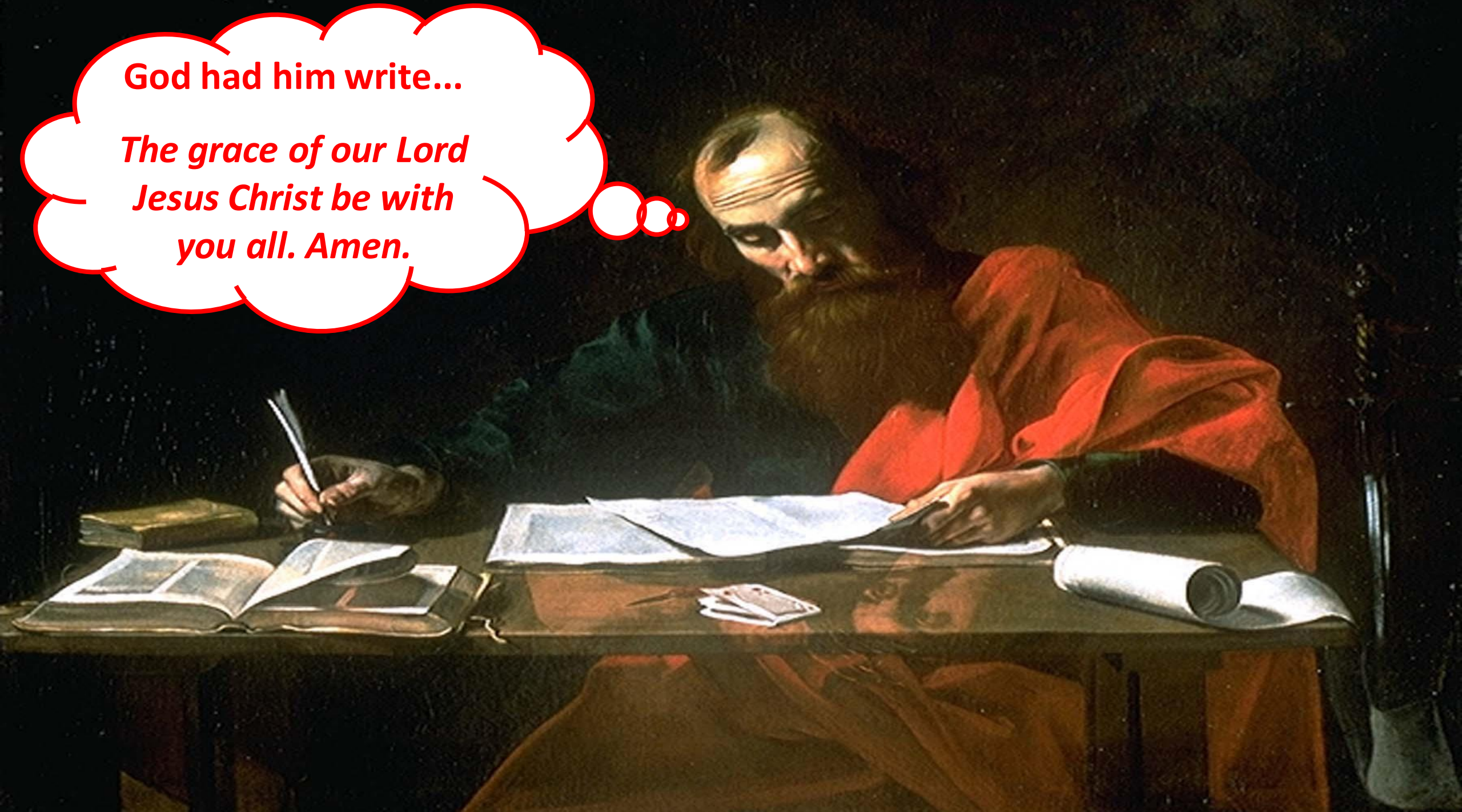
What if I close with ...

*... Have a fine family  
and get all to college.*



**God had him write...**

***The grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ be with  
you all. Amen.***



What else did this special servant  
of Jesus Christ say about  
God's Son?

For I determined  
not to know  
any thing among you,  
save Jesus Christ,  
and him crucified.

I Corinthians 2:2



For other foundation  
can no man lay  
than that is laid,  
which is Jesus Christ.  
Now if any man build  
upon this foundation  
gold, silver, precious stones  
wood, hay, stubble;  
Every man's work shall be made manifest:

I Corinthians 3:11-13

But God forbid  
that I should glory,  
save in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by whom the world is crucified unto me,  
and I unto the world.

Galatians 6:14

What was Paul's great prayer  
request for Ephesus with  
the greatest reward?

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
May be able to comprehend with all saints  
what is the breadth, and length,  
and depth, and height;  
And to know the love of Christ,  
which passeth knowledge,  
that ye might be filled  
with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

## Five results for neglecting Christ.

1. The Holy Ghost will not reveal Him to you.
2. The Holy Ghost will be a grieved enemy.
3. You lose offered intimacy with Christ.
4. God will remove His Spirit and spew you.
5. If His child, He will grievously scourge you.

John 14-16; Rev 2-3; Heb 12

Would your children rather work  
out or learn Christ's will  
for their lives?

For bodily exercise profiteth little:  
but godliness is profitable unto all things,  
having promise of the life that now is,  
and of that which is to come.

This is a faithful saying  
and worthy of all acceptation.

I Timothy 4:8-9

The body is inferior to the spirit,  
and emphasizing it will  
steal your soul.



But we want to use both body and  
spirit to honor Jesus Christ,  
for He died for both.

What? know ye not that your body  
is the temple of the Holy Ghost  
which is in you, which ye have of God,  
and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price:  
therefore glorify God in your body,  
and in your spirit,  
which are God's.

I Corinthians 6:19-20

These key verses have nothing  
to do with these things:

Tobacco

Fitness

Suntan

Alcohol

Nutrition

Clothing

Junk Food

Juicing

These key verses have everything  
to do with this thing:

**Fornication**

How can we allow any music  
in our ear holes that does  
not glorify Christ?

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own;

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Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him Who died for Thee,  
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Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
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Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren,  
and exhort you by the Lord Jesus,  
that as ye have received of us  
how ye ought to walk and to please God,  
so ye would abound more and more.  
For ye know what commandments  
we gave you by the Lord Jesus.


I Thessalonians 4:1-2

And this I pray, that your love  
may abound yet more and more  
in knowledge and in all judgment;  
That ye may approve things that are excellent;  
that ye may be sincere and without offence  
till the day of Christ;  
Being filled with the fruits of righteousness,  
which are by Jesus Christ,  
unto the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

*Bill, why did you  
love your business  
more than me?*

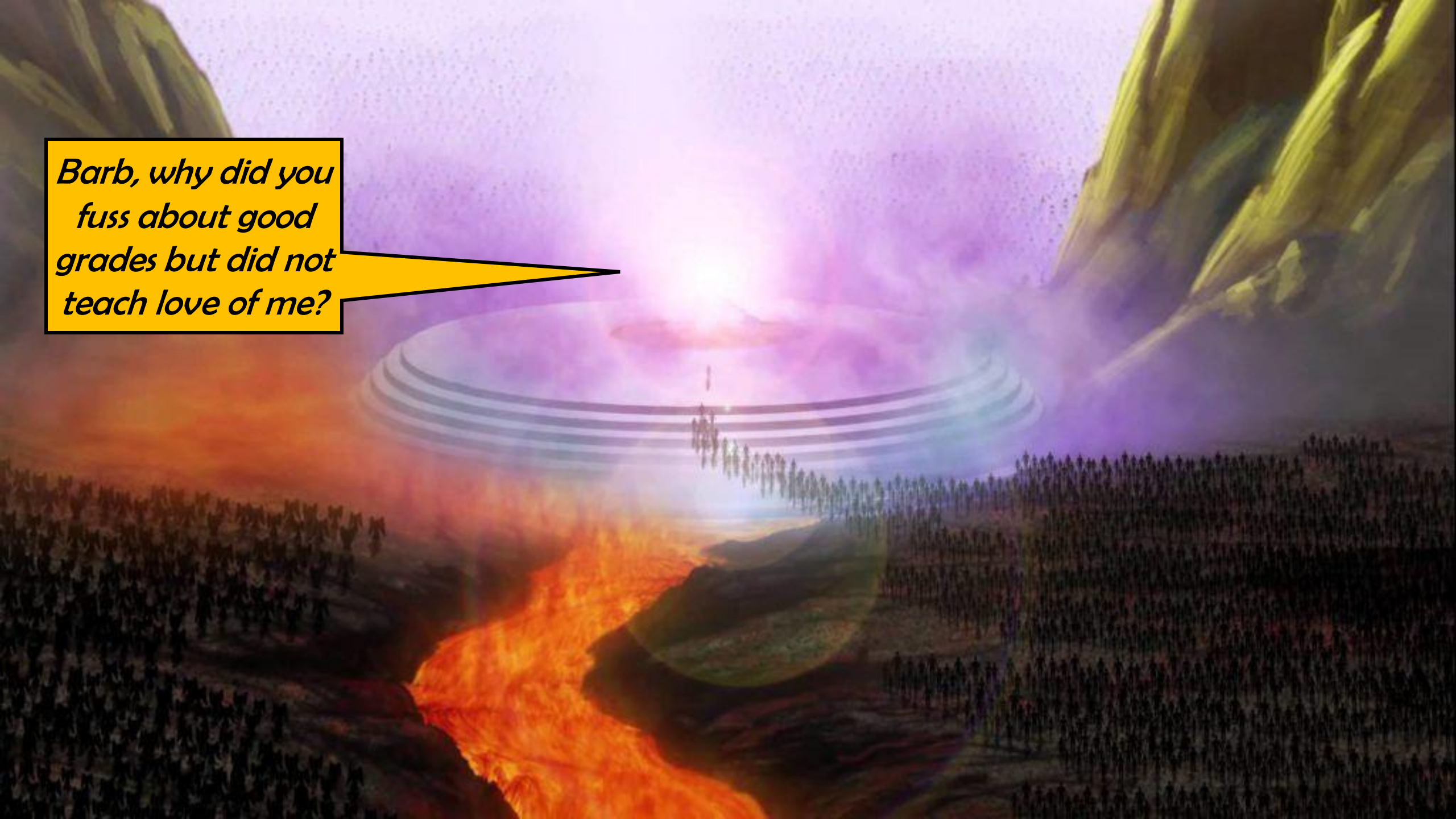


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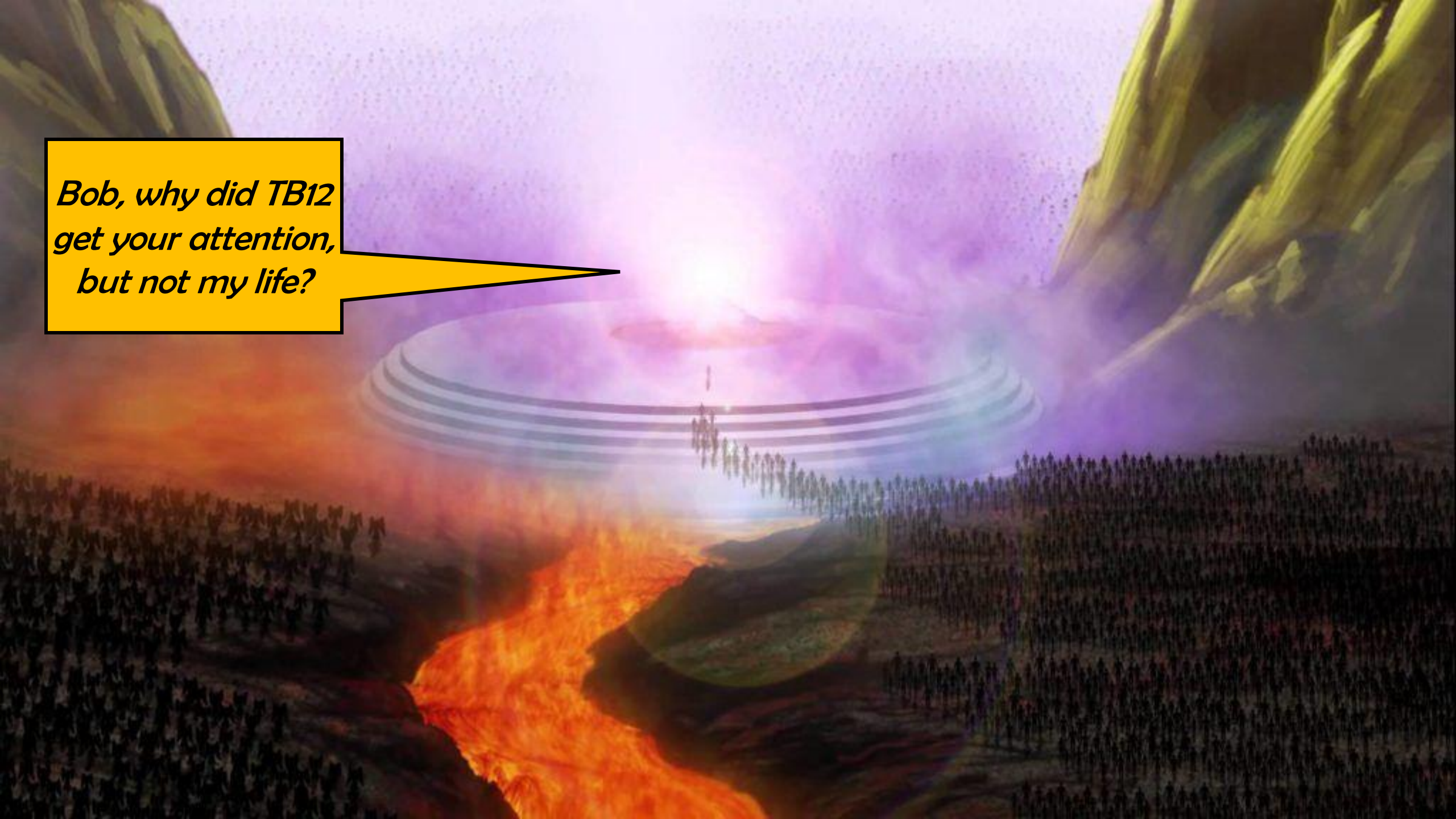
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*Barb, why did you  
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teach love of me?*



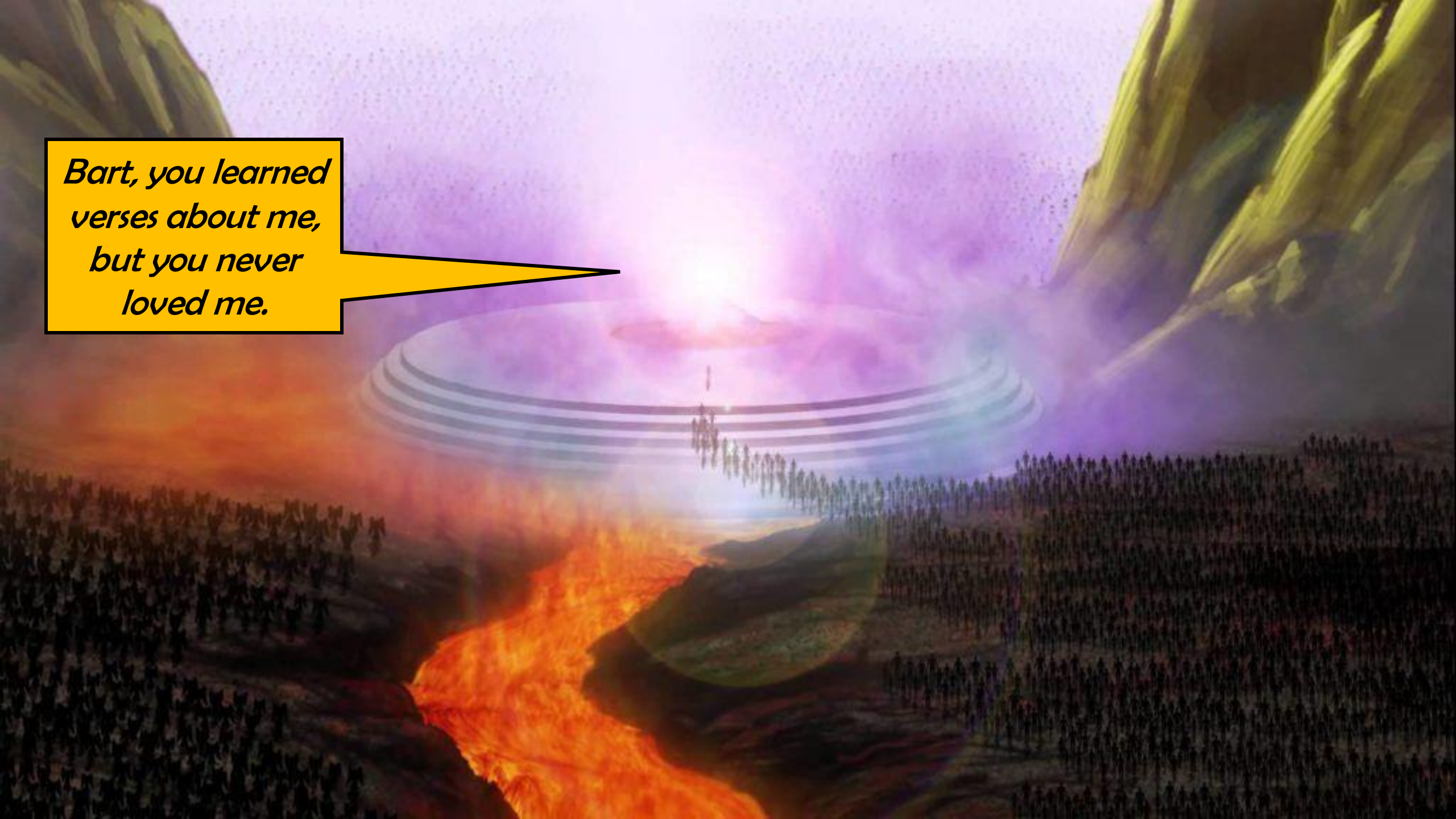
*Bob, why did TB12  
get your attention,  
but not my life?*



*Belle, why did you  
crave social media  
friends, but not my  
friendship?*



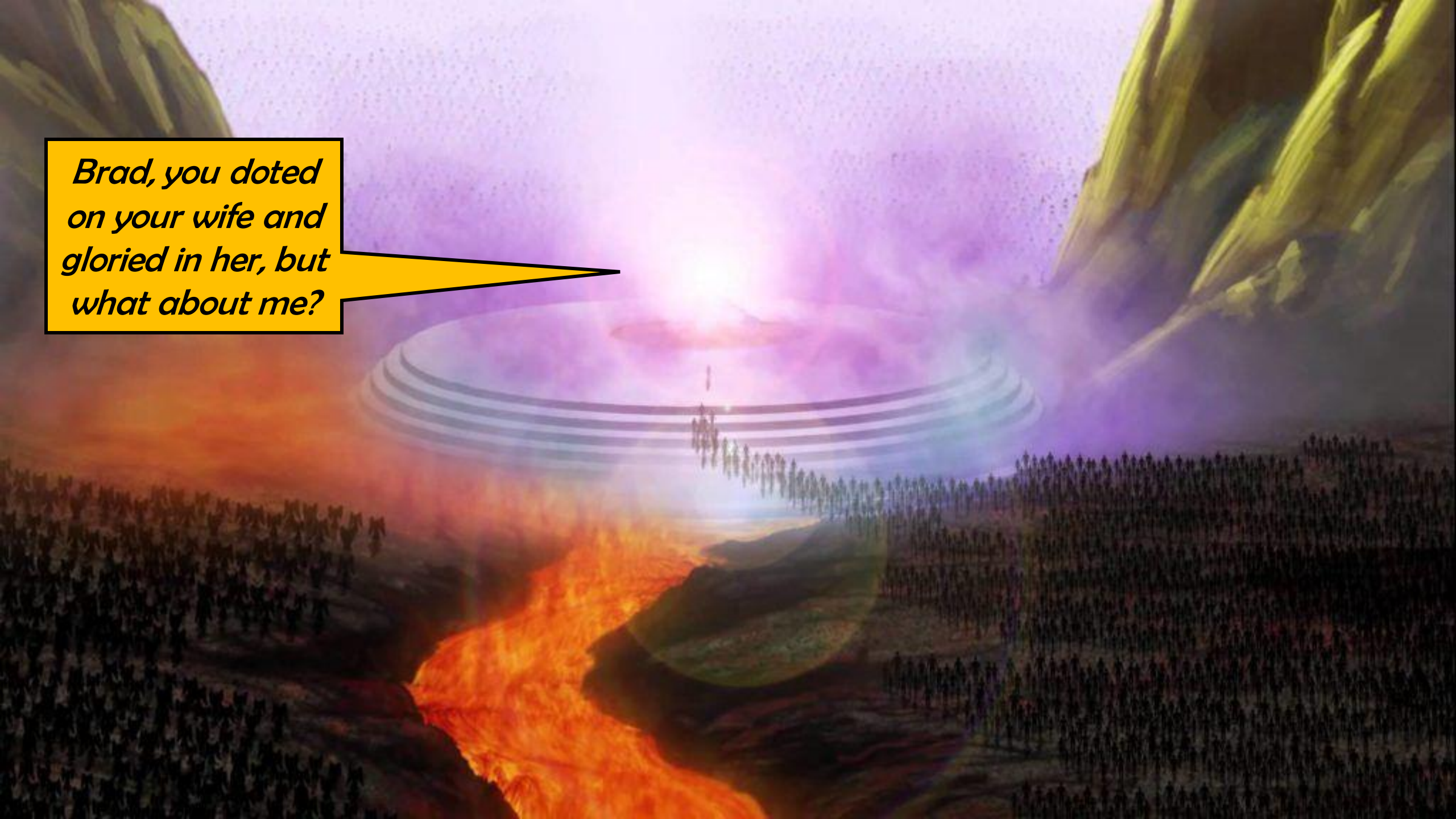
*Bart, you learned  
verses about me,  
but you never  
loved me.*




*Bonnie, I gave you  
everything in your  
life, but I only got  
your leftovers.*



*Brad, you doted  
on your wife and  
gloried in her, but  
what about me?*



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(For many walk,  
of whom I have told you often,  
and now tell you even weeping,  
that they are the enemies  
of the cross of Christ:  
Whose end is destruction,  
whose God is their belly,  
and whose glory is in their shame,  
who mind earthly things.)

Philippians 3:18-19



If any man come to me,  
and hate not his father,  
and mother,  
and wife,  
and children,  
and brethren,  
and sisters,  
yea, and his own life also,  
he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26

God saved you to know and love  
Himself and His Son ... to love the  
members of His family ... and to  
be more and more like Christ.

And this is life eternal,  
that they might know thee  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ,  
whom thou hast sent.

John 17:3

Beloved, let us love one another:  
for love is of God;  
and every one that loveth  
is born of God,  
and knoweth God.  
He that loveth not  
knoweth not God;  
for God is love.

I John 4:7-8

But we all,  
with open face beholding  
as in a glass the glory of the Lord,  
are changed into the same image  
from glory to glory,  
even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

II Corinthians 3:18

Character without Christ  
Is Dung and Loss

A multi-generational family of seven people is captured in a joyful moment outdoors. An older man with a white beard and a blue sweater is on the left, holding a smartphone to take a selfie. Next to him is an older woman with grey hair, smiling broadly. In the center are two young children, a boy and a girl, both laughing. To their right are a woman and a man, both smiling. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees and a body of water under a bright sky. A large yellow thought bubble is superimposed over the top of the image, containing the text.

***Our Christian family is  
safe for life and eternity!***

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,  
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;  
but he that doeth the will  
of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21



Every one that heareth these sayings of mine,  
and doeth them not,  
shall be likened unto a foolish man,  
which built his house upon the sand:  
And the rain descended,  
and the floods came,  
and the winds blew,  
and beat upon that house;  
and it fell:  
and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:26-27

The ground of a certain rich man  
brought forth plentifully:  
And he thought within himself, saying,  
Soul, thou hast much goods  
laid up for many years;  
take thine ease,  
eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:16-19

But God said unto him, Thou fool,  
this night thy soul shall be required of thee:  
then whose shall those things be,  
which thou hast provided?

Luke 12:20



If any man  
love not  
the Lord Jesus Christ,  
let him be

**Anathema**

**Maranatha.**

I Corinthians 16:22



I have by design emphasized  
children for the parents and  
children gently and kindly.

But it should start with parents,  
though I exhort our children  
to run to Christ by faith.



## ***Pastor, What Should I Do?***

- Repent! Like Acts 2:38! Confess your folly to God of neglecting His Son!
- Tell God what you will give up and what you will take up to love Jesus!
- Make those changes as soon as possible and passionately love His Son!
- Remember the five basic inputs (R,P,F,M,E) and turn them inside out!
- Live every day in every part of it by GOS with certain eternity in view.
- Tell someone what you have done to have an accountability partner.

Everything in you and around you  
hates Jesus Christ ... your flesh ...  
the world ... and the devil.

You must change activities and  
inputs to exalt Jesus Christ to  
His rightful place in your life.

It is primarily a change in  
emphasis and priorities.

It is easy to do ... reorganize your  
habits and time ... **BUT WILL YOU?**

What can we do better to make  
Jesus Christ more important  
in our hearts and lives?

The New Testament, written for us  
by command of Jesus Christ,  
speaks of His coming.

For our conversation is in heaven;  
from whence also we look for the Saviour,  
the Lord Jesus Christ:

Philippians 3:20

Looking for that blessed hope,  
and the glorious appearing  
of the great God and our Saviour  
Jesus Christ;

Titus 2:13



So Christ was once offered  
to bear the sins of many;  
and unto them that look for him  
shall he appear the second time  
without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9:28

And to wait for his Son from heaven,  
whom he raised from the dead,  
even Jesus,  
which delivered us from the wrath to come.

I Thessalonians 1:10

Henceforth  
there is laid up for me  
a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord,  
the righteous judge,  
shall give me at that day:  
and not to me only,  
but unto all them also  
that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:8





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## What We Can Do to Love Christ More (2)

<b>Thank God for giving His Son for you</b>	<b>The N.T. has many verses about Him</b>
<b>Bring Him up at every social event</b>	<b>Consciously be a living epistle of Him</b>
<b>Examine too much love for anything</b>	<b>Encourage each other to more love</b>
<b>Hate worldly music or entertainment</b>	<b>Avoid those that do not love Him</b>
<b>Serve the church that is His body</b>	<b>Tenaciously protect His supper/table</b>
<b>Shout His praise in word or song</b>	<b>Keep His every command obsessively</b>
<b>Use a journal to write praise, prayer</b>	<b>Read poetry of hymns about Christ</b>
<b>Fear anything too precious to flush</b>	<b>Glory in Him and crucify the world</b>

# *Pastor, Do You Have Any Sermons to Recommend?*

- **He Is Altogether Lovely ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2011/he-is-altogether-lovely/>
- **Unsearchable Riches of Christ ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2015/unsearchable-riches/>
- **Knowing Christ ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2003/knowning-christ/>
- **Christ in Glory ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2014/christ-in-glory/>
- **Hebrews – An Exposition ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-1988/hebrews/>
- **World’s Greatest Lover ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2000/worlds-greatest-lover/>
- **Fellowship with Christ ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2013/fellowship-with-christ/>
- **Filled with Fulness of God ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2013/filled-with-god/>
- **Drawing Nigh to God ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2013/drawing-nigh-to-god/>
- **The Beauty of Jesus Christ ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/the-beauty-of-jesus-christ/>
- **Messianic Psalms ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2013/messianic-psalms/>
- **Psalm 45 ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2009/psalm-45/>
- **Christ in I Timothy 3:16 ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2020/christ-of-i-timothy-316/>
- **Crucifixion in I Timothy 3:16 ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2020/crucifixion-in-i-timothy-316/>
- **More Sermons about Jesus Christ ...** <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/christ/>



Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, and  
Judge of all men, has offered  
you the unbelievable!

Behold,  
I stand  
at the door,  
and knock:  
if any man hear my voice,  
and open the door,  
I will come in to him,  
and will sup with him,  
and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

This wonderful offer, based on  
Him saving us, is in context  
with spewing them out.



Like with Lady Wisdom, the  
judgment for rejecting  
the offer is severe.

If thou be wise,  
thou shalt be wise for thyself:  
but if thou scornest,  
thou alone shalt bear it.

Proverbs 9:12

But he that sinneth against me  
wrongeth his own soul:  
all they that hate me love death.

Proverbs 8:36

Like with the Jews of our Lord's generation, the judgment for rejecting the offer is severe.

For the days shall come upon thee,  
that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee,  
and compass thee round,  
and keep thee in on every side,  
And shall lay thee even with the ground,  
and thy children within thee;  
and they shall not leave in thee  
one stone upon another;  
because thou knewest not  
the time of thy visitation.

Luke 19:42-44

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and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

God the Father loves His Son, and  
it is foolhardy in the highest  
degree to neglect Him.

For the Father loveth the Son....

For the Father judgeth no man,  
but hath committed all judgment  
unto the Son:

That all men should honour the Son,  
even as they honour the Father.

He that honoureth not the Son  
honoureth not the Father  
which hath sent him.

John 5:20-23



You cannot go back to days you  
never truly loved Him  
and do better.

As many as I love,  
I rebuke and chasten:  
be zealous therefore,  
and repent.

Revelation 3:19



To him that overcometh  
will I grant to sit  
with me in my throne,  
even as I also overcame,  
and am set down  
with my Father in his throne.

He that hath an ear,  
let him hear  
what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:21-22

# *For Further Study*

- **The Judgment Seat of Christ ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2002/judgment-seat-of-christ/>
- **Warnings about Hell ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2017/warnings-about-hell/>
- **Appointed to Death and Judgment ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2005/appointed-to-death-and-judgment/>
- **Is There a Burning Hell? ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2000/is-there-a-burning-hell/>
- **The Book of Life ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2001/book-of-life/>
- **The Cross at Judgment Day ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2018/the-cross-at-judgment-day/>
- **Sojourning Here in Fear (I Peter 1:17) ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2012/sojourning-here-in-fear/>
- **The Lord's Coming (Matthew 25) ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2005/matthew-25/>
- **Three Choices You Make Daily (slides) ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2015/three-choices-for-living/>
- **Two Parables Explained (Matthew 21-22) ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2010/two-parables-explained/>
- **Eternal Life Is a Gift ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2005/eternal-life-is-a-gift/>
- **Till Death Do Us Part (Funeral Sermon) ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2011/till-death-do-us-part-funeral/>
- **Death of the Righteous ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-1998/the-death-of-the-righteous/>
- **Assurance of Eternal Life ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2014/assurance-of-eternal-life/>
- **Accepted and Adopted ...** <https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2016/accepted-and-adopted/>