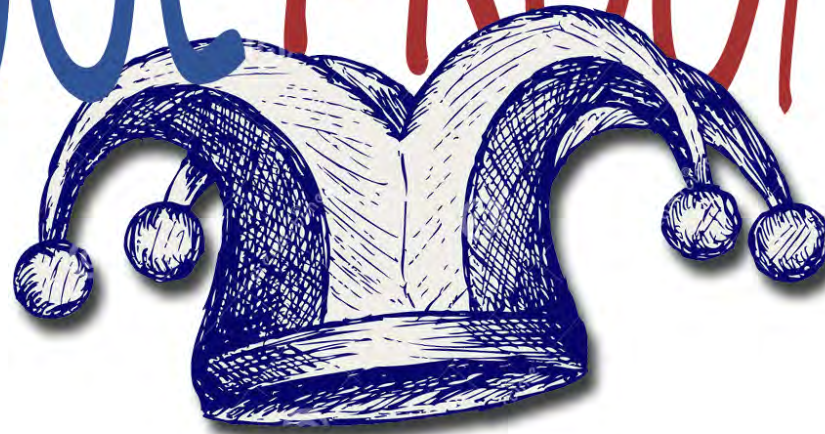
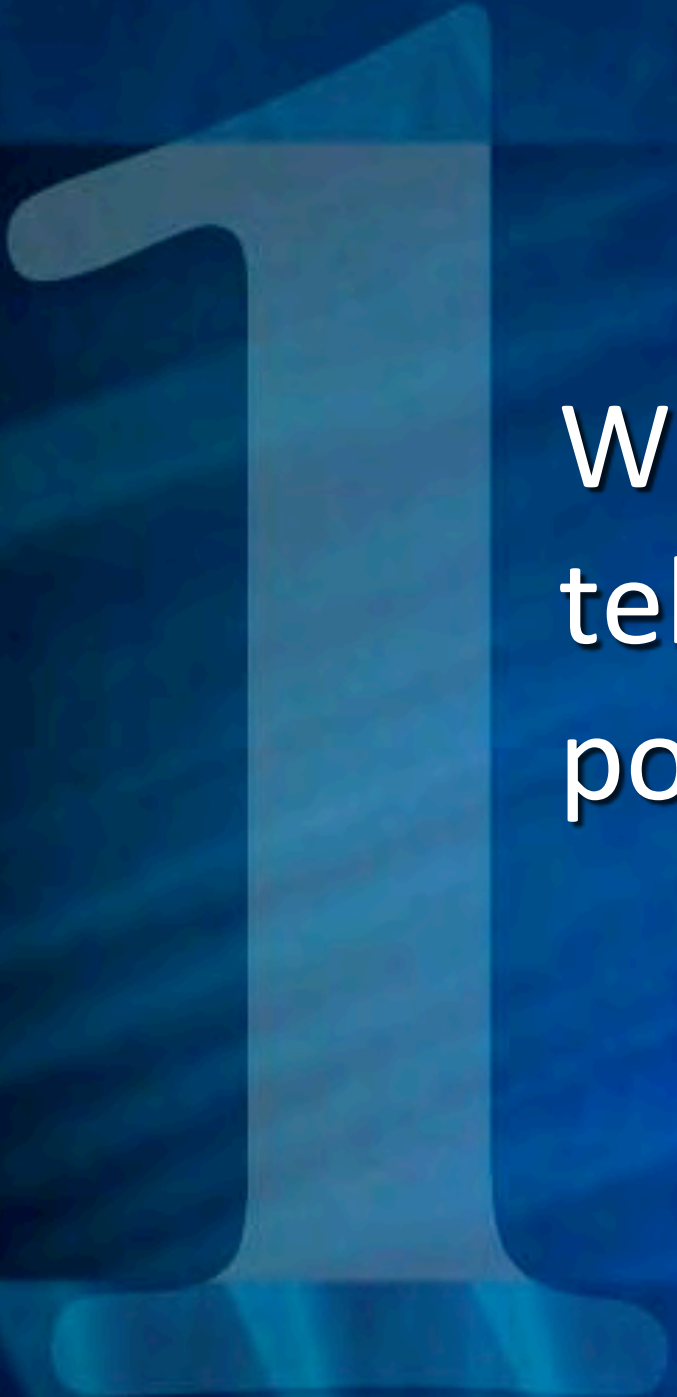


FOOL PROOF



WISDOM *from* PROVERBS



What does Proverbs  
tells us about the  
power of money?



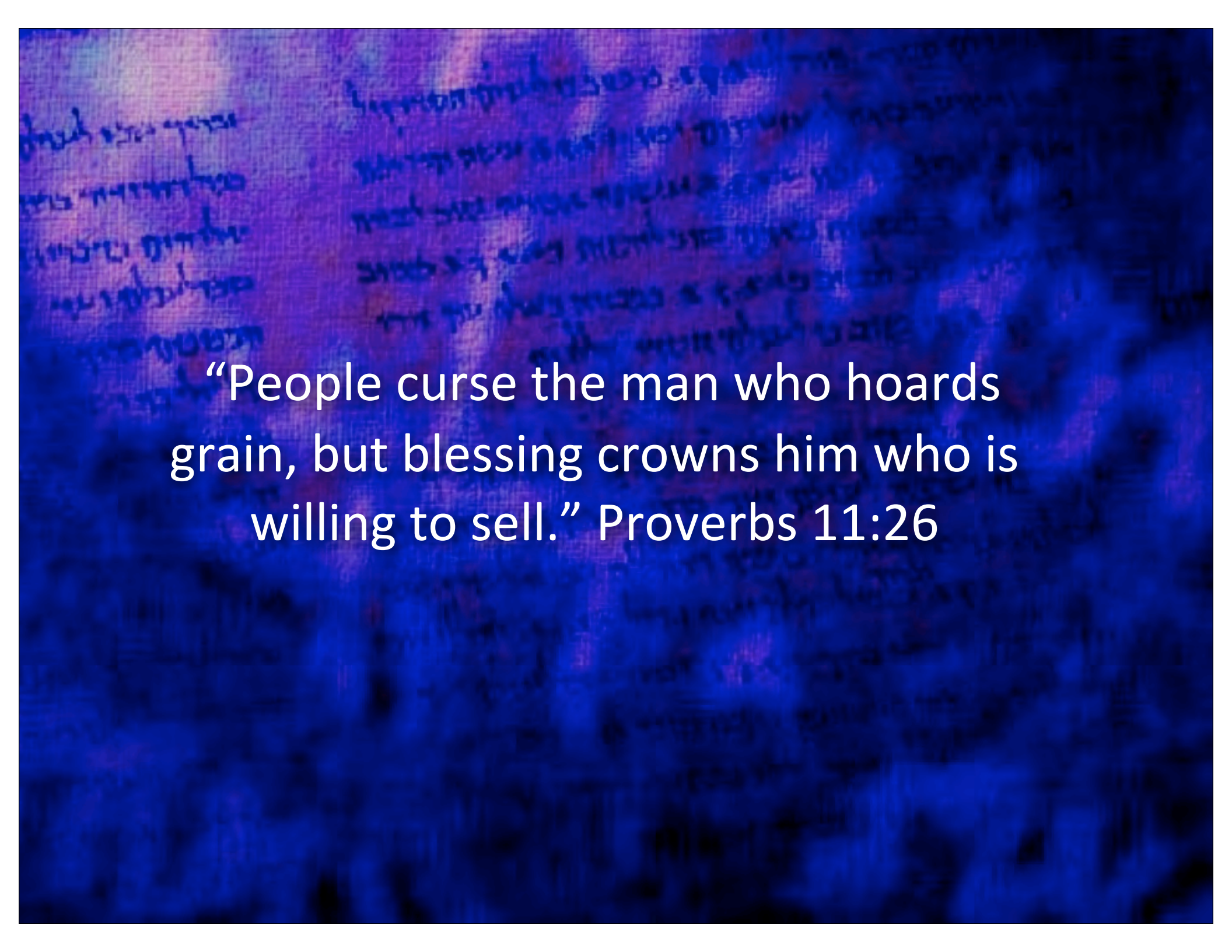
"The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but  
accurate weights are his delight."

Proverbs 11:1.

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1. money has the power to  
corrupt your integrity.

2. money has the power to  
make it only about you.



“People curse the man who hoards  
grain, but blessing crowns him who is  
willing to sell.” Proverbs 11:26

**So what is Proverbs condemning?**

**A business with only one bottom line:**

**PERSONAL PROFIT**



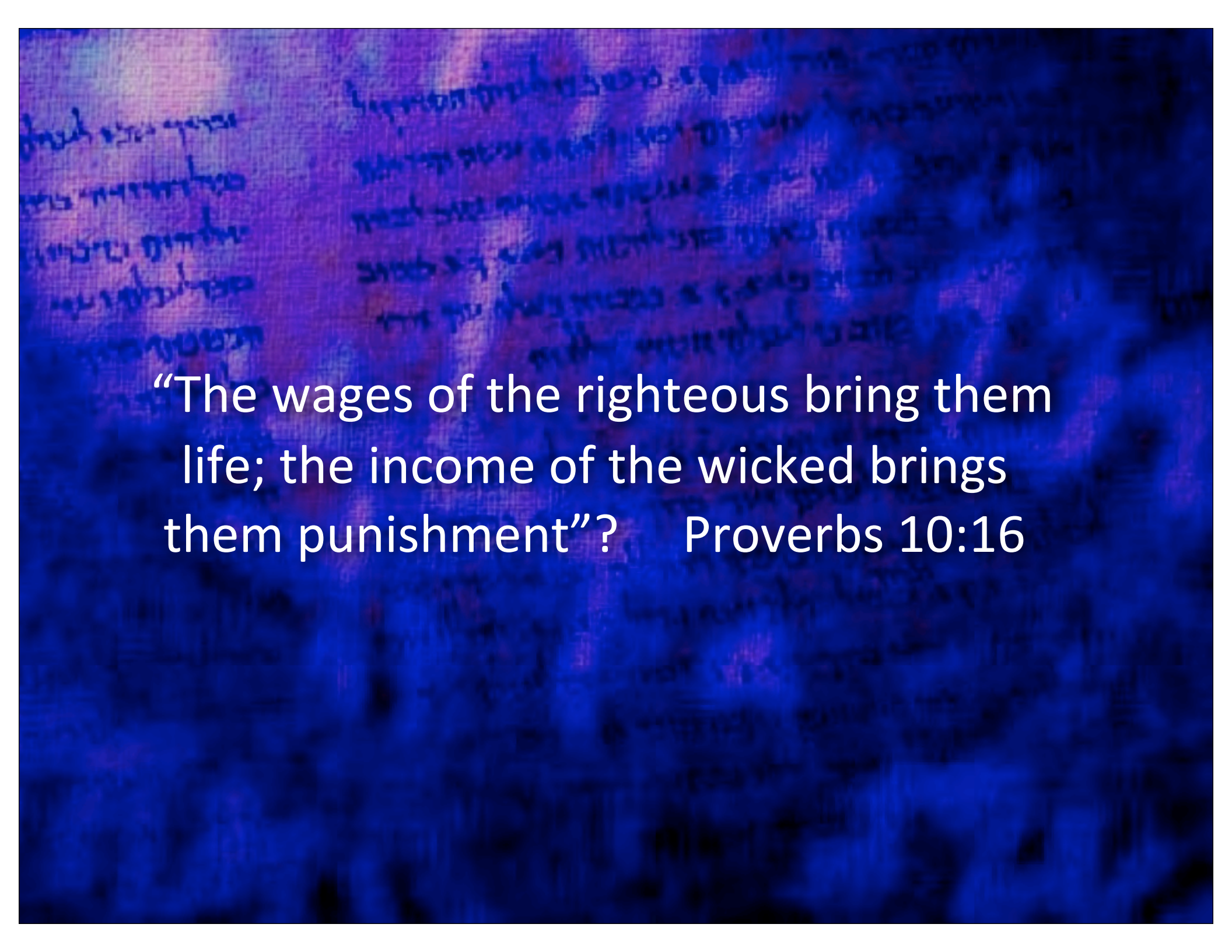
Bruce Waltke- Old Testament Hebrew scholar

Every time you see the word *righteous* in the book of Proverbs, it refers to those who value community, the common good as well as personal profit.

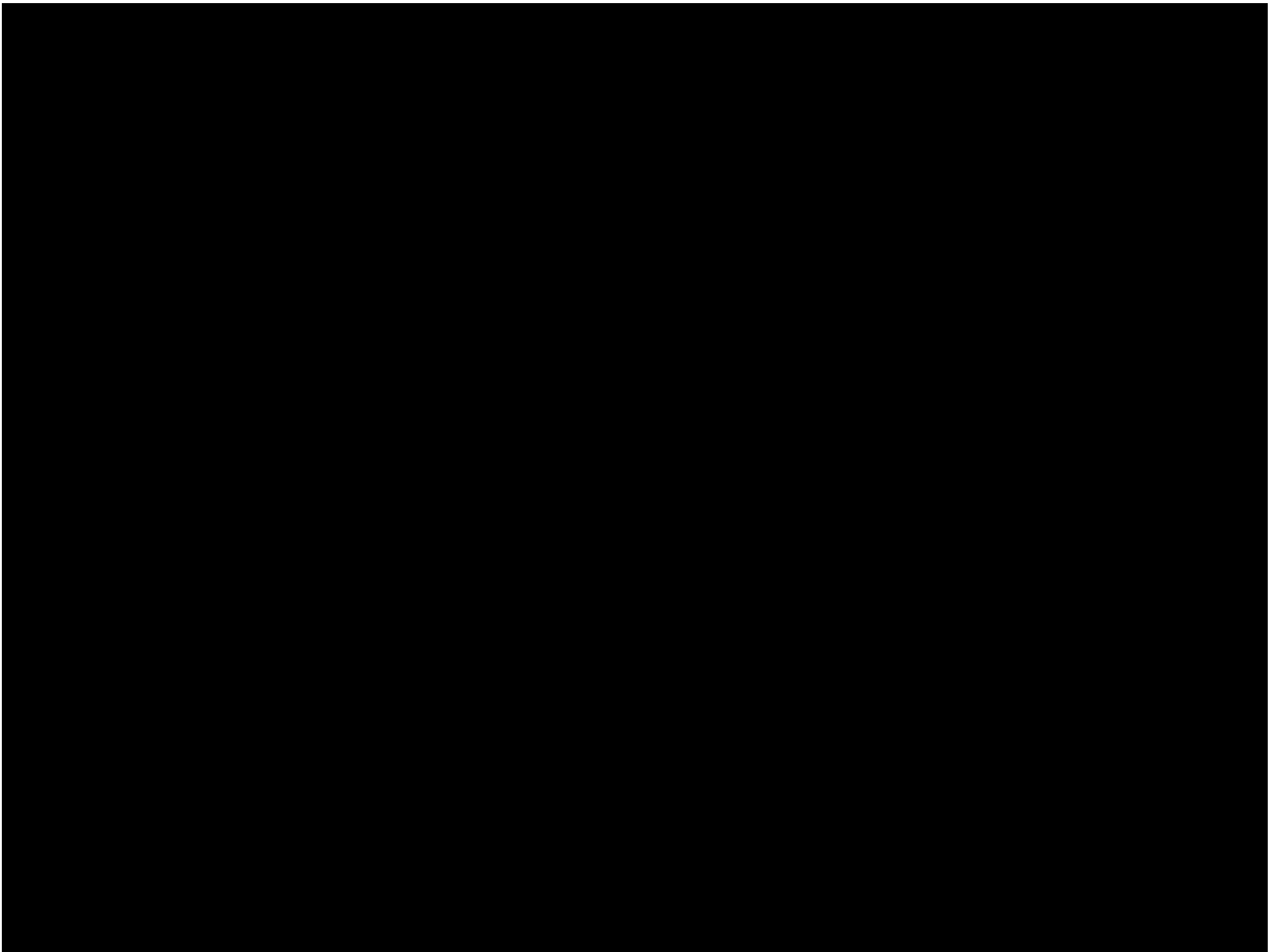


# Howard Schultz-Starbucks





“The wages of the righteous bring them  
life; the income of the wicked brings  
them punishment”? Proverbs 10:16



3. money has the power to  
make you proud.

Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.

9 Otherwise, I may have too much and  
disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?'  
Or I may become poor and steal,  
and so dishonor the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:8,9



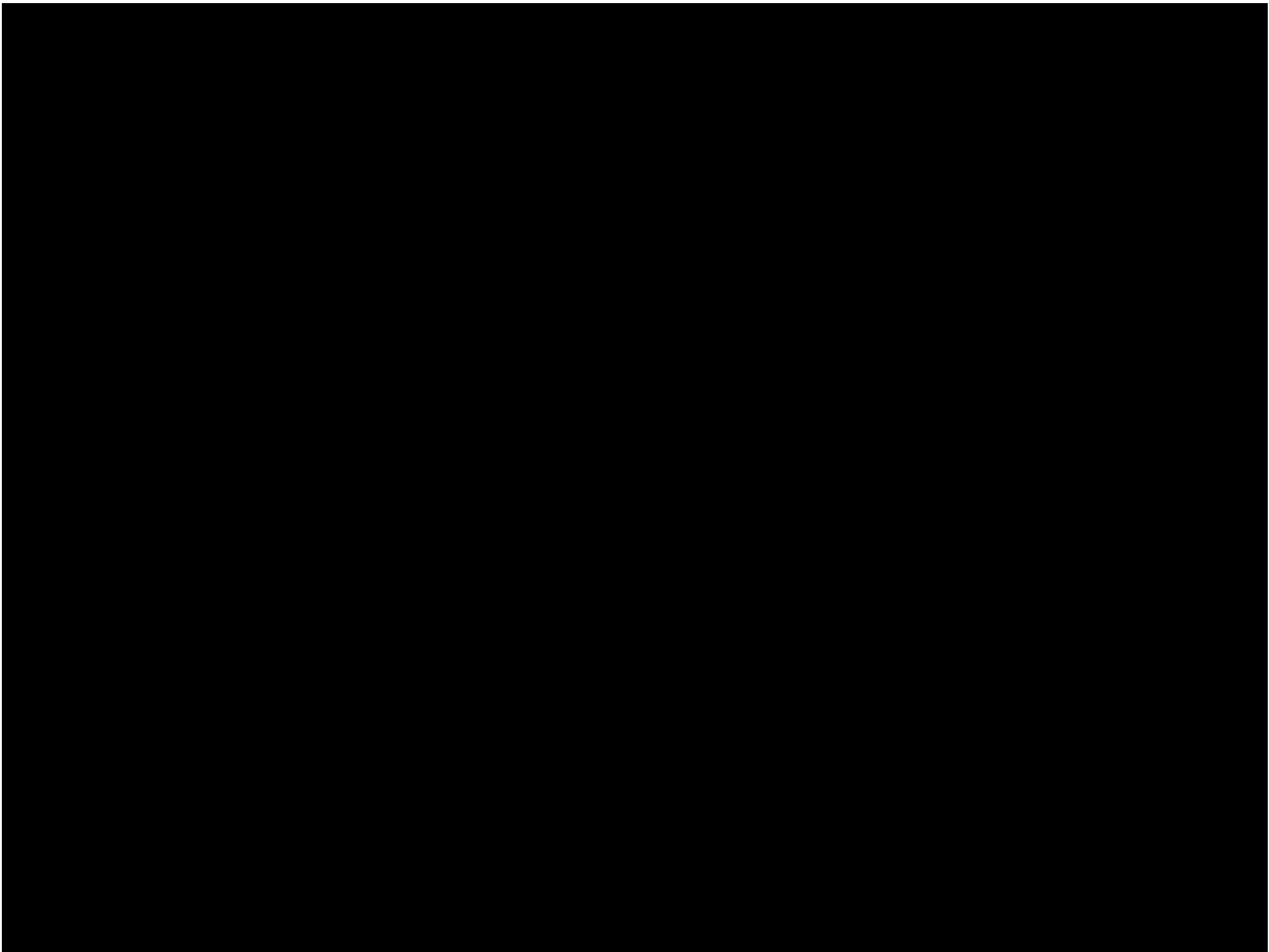
Bernard of Clairvaux- 11th century monk

*“To see a man humble under prosperity  
is the greatest rarity in the world.”*

**Misfortune** pursues the sinner, but **prosperity** is the reward of the righteous.

<sup>23</sup> A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.

Proverbs 13:21,23





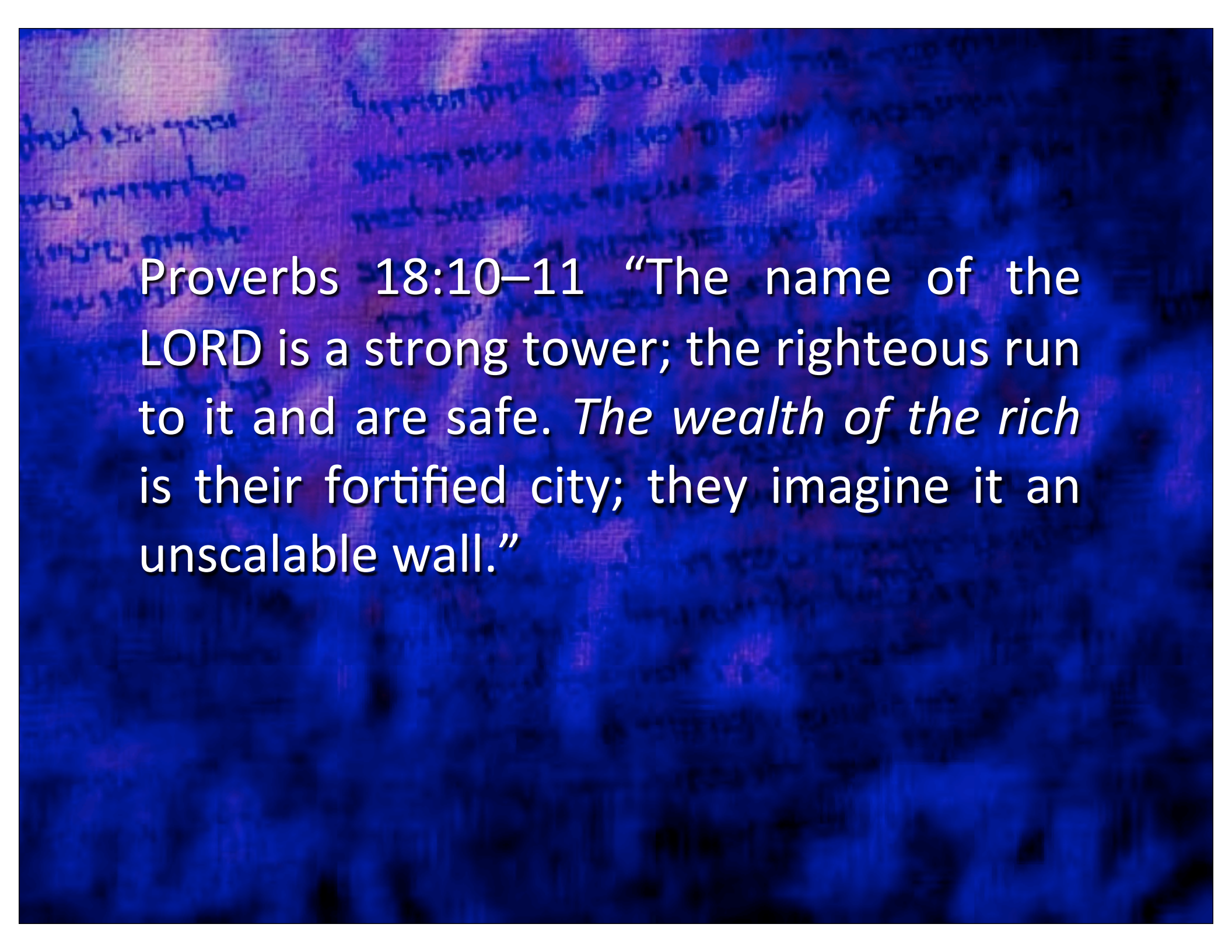


**What are the  
Reasons for  
this Power?**

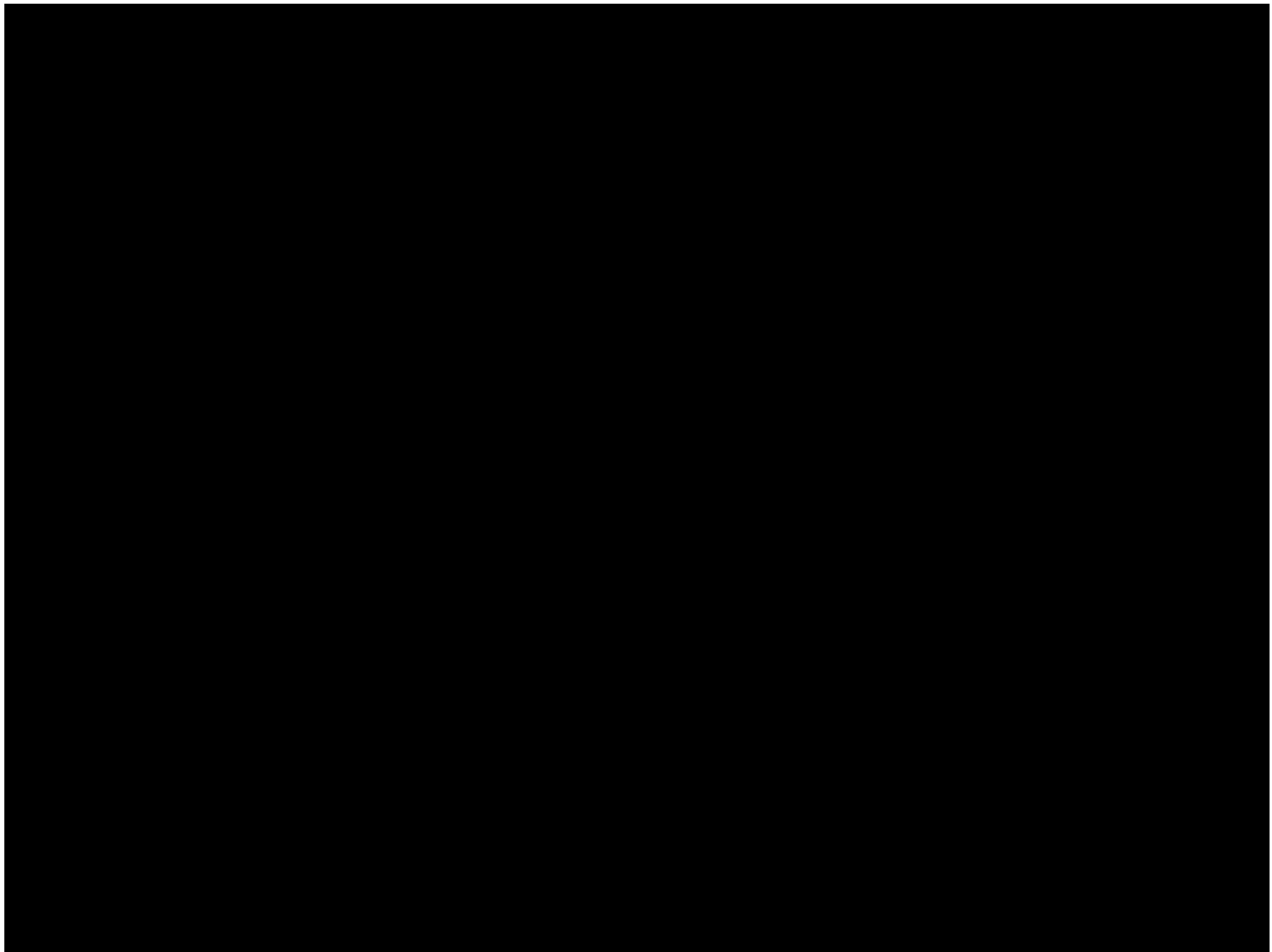


**“The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.”**

**Proverbs 10:15**




Proverbs 18:10–11 “The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. *The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall.*”





Money is worthless in the day of wrath.  
Proverbs 11:4



**How do we  
break the power  
of money and  
use it properly?**

1. Assume you're in Denial  
about money's power.



"The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but  
accurate weights are his delight."

Proverbs 11:1.

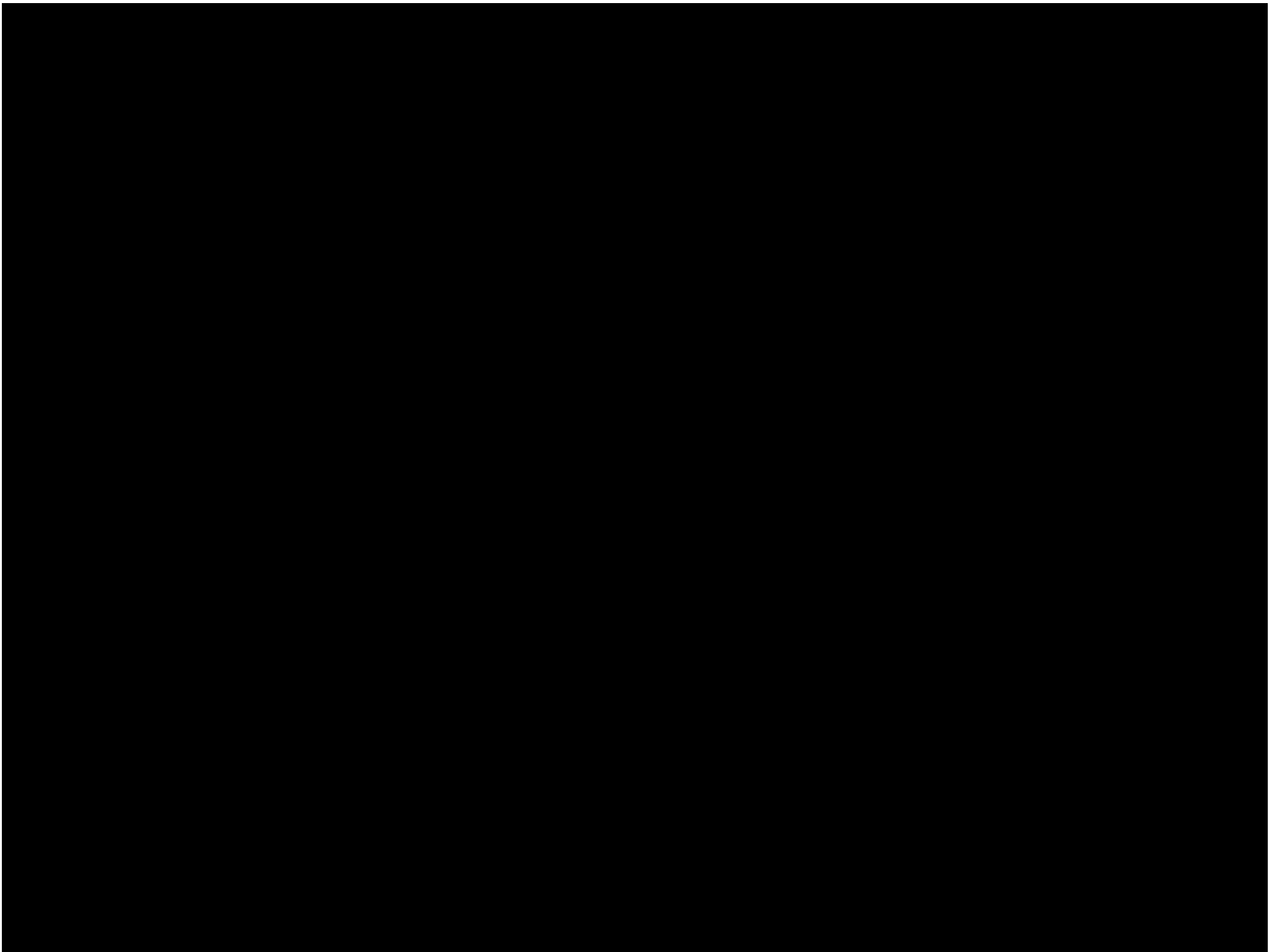




dishonest scales, are an abomination to  
the LORD. Proverbs 11:1.

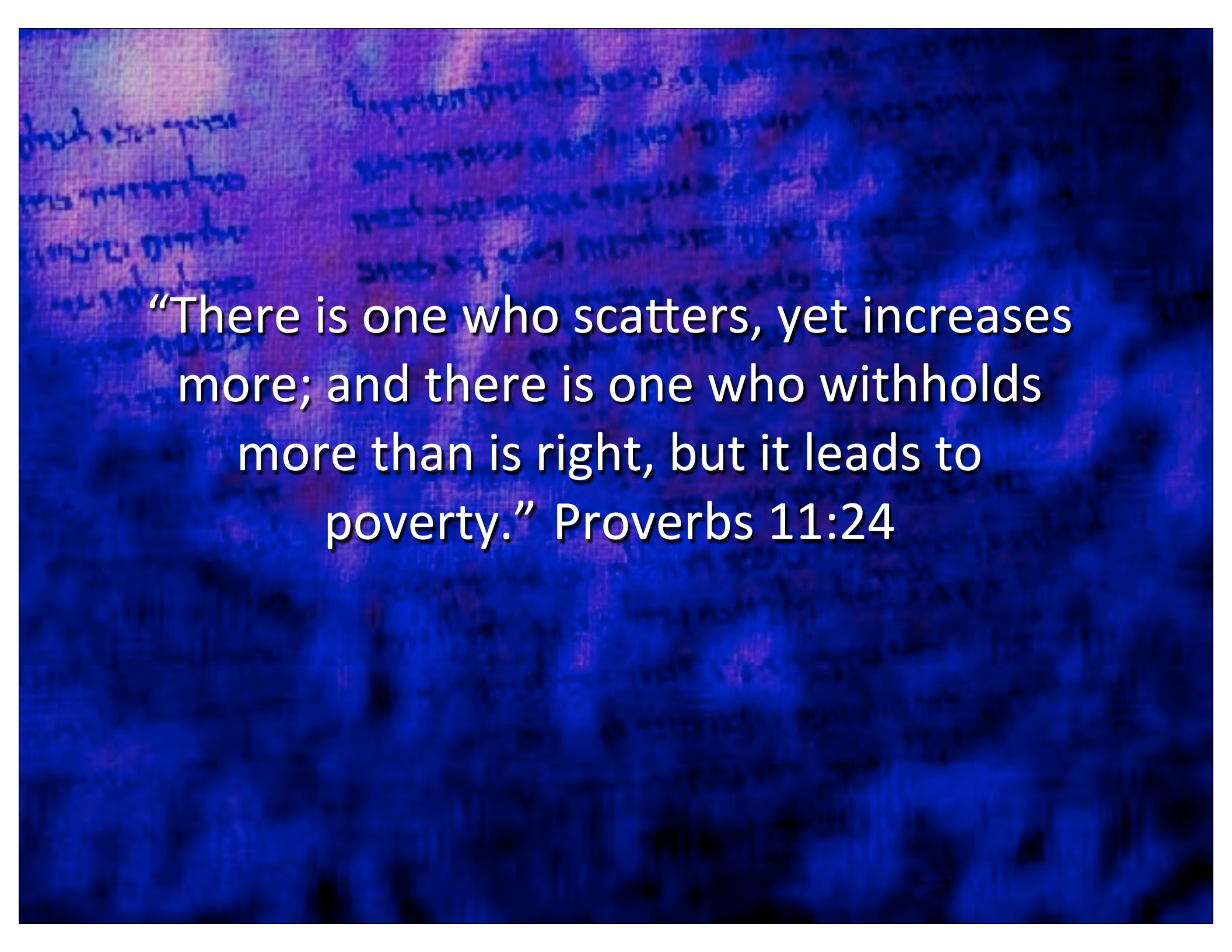
Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:33,34

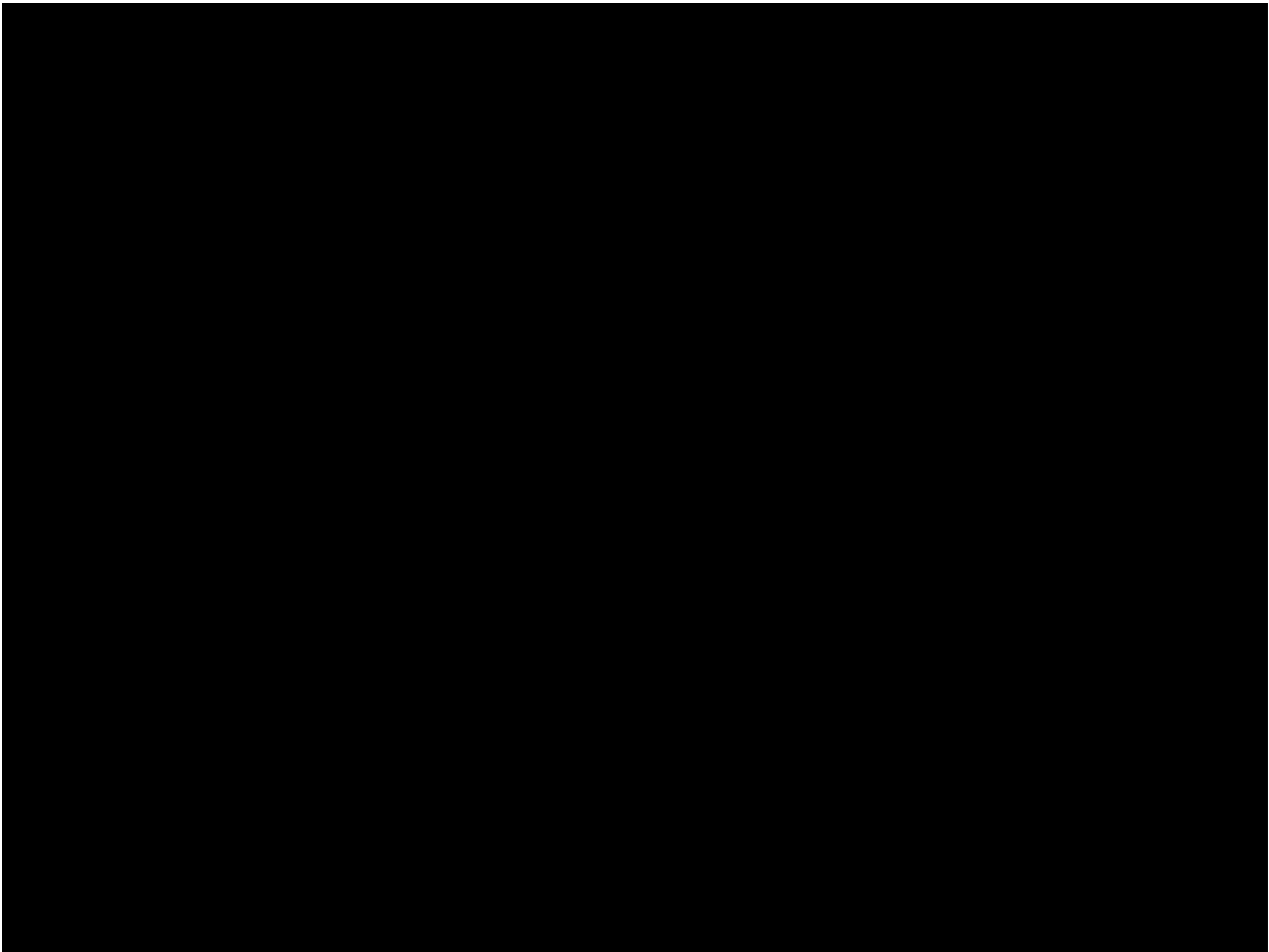


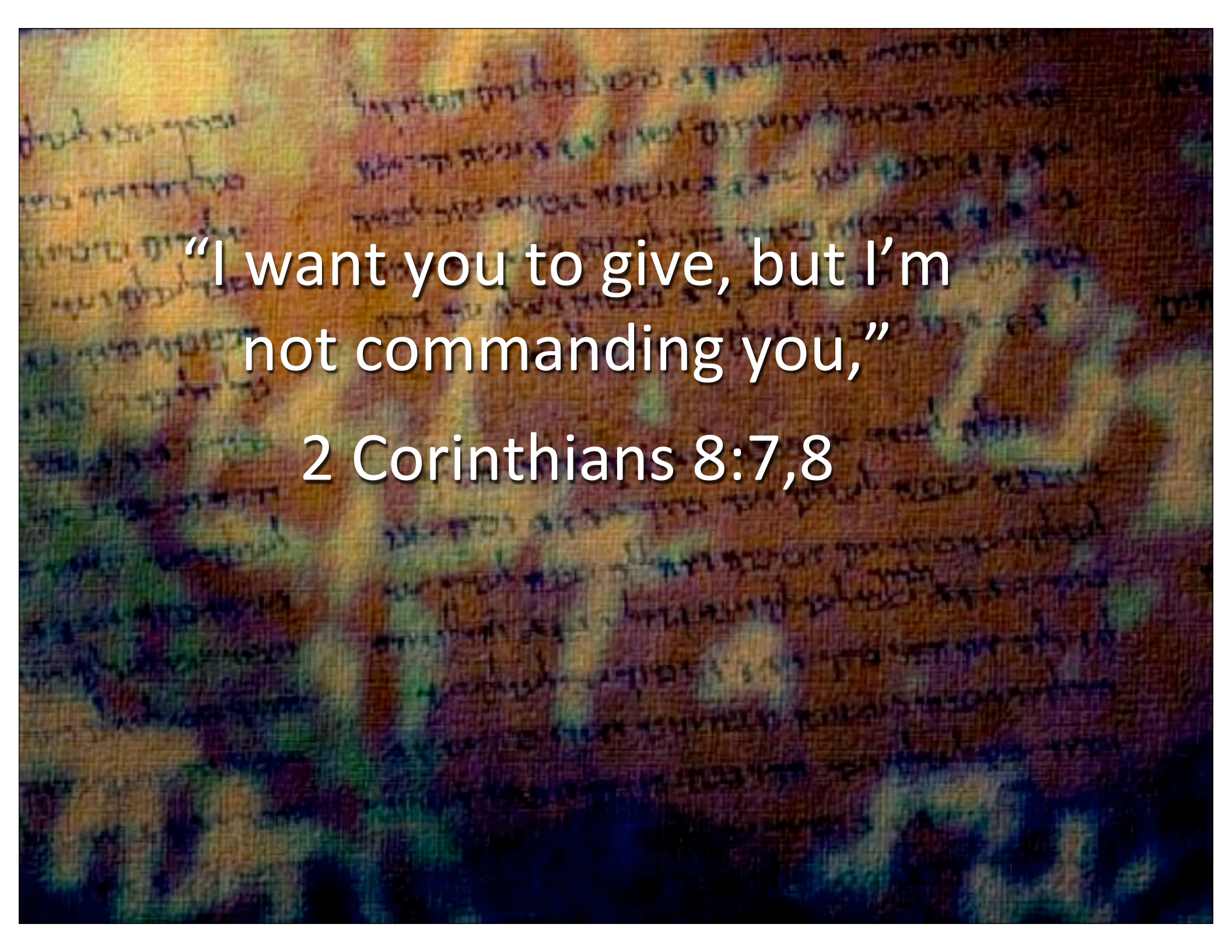


2. You gotta grasp the principal  
of scattering and gathering.



“There is one who scatters, yet increases  
more; and there is one who withholds  
more than is right, but it leads to  
poverty.” Proverbs 11:24

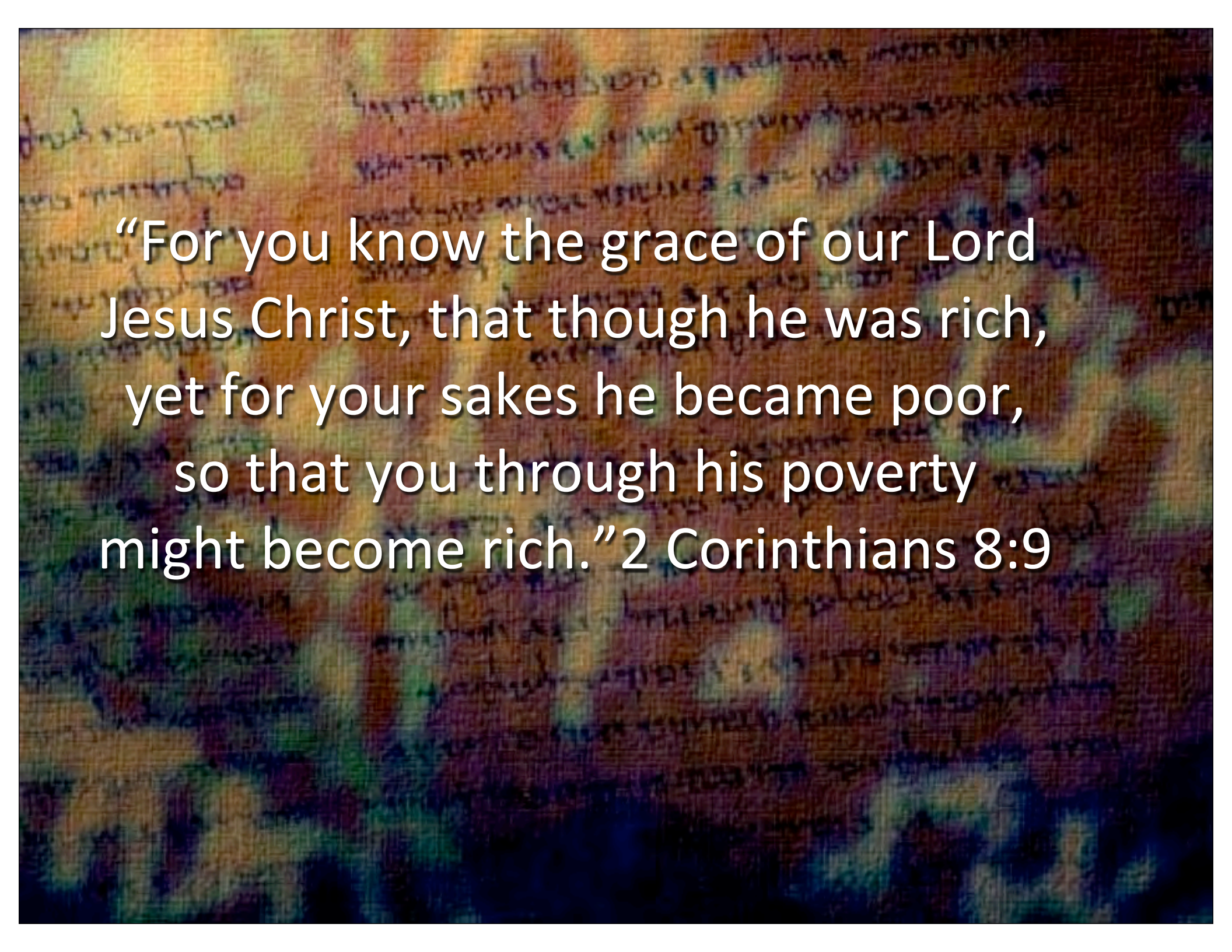




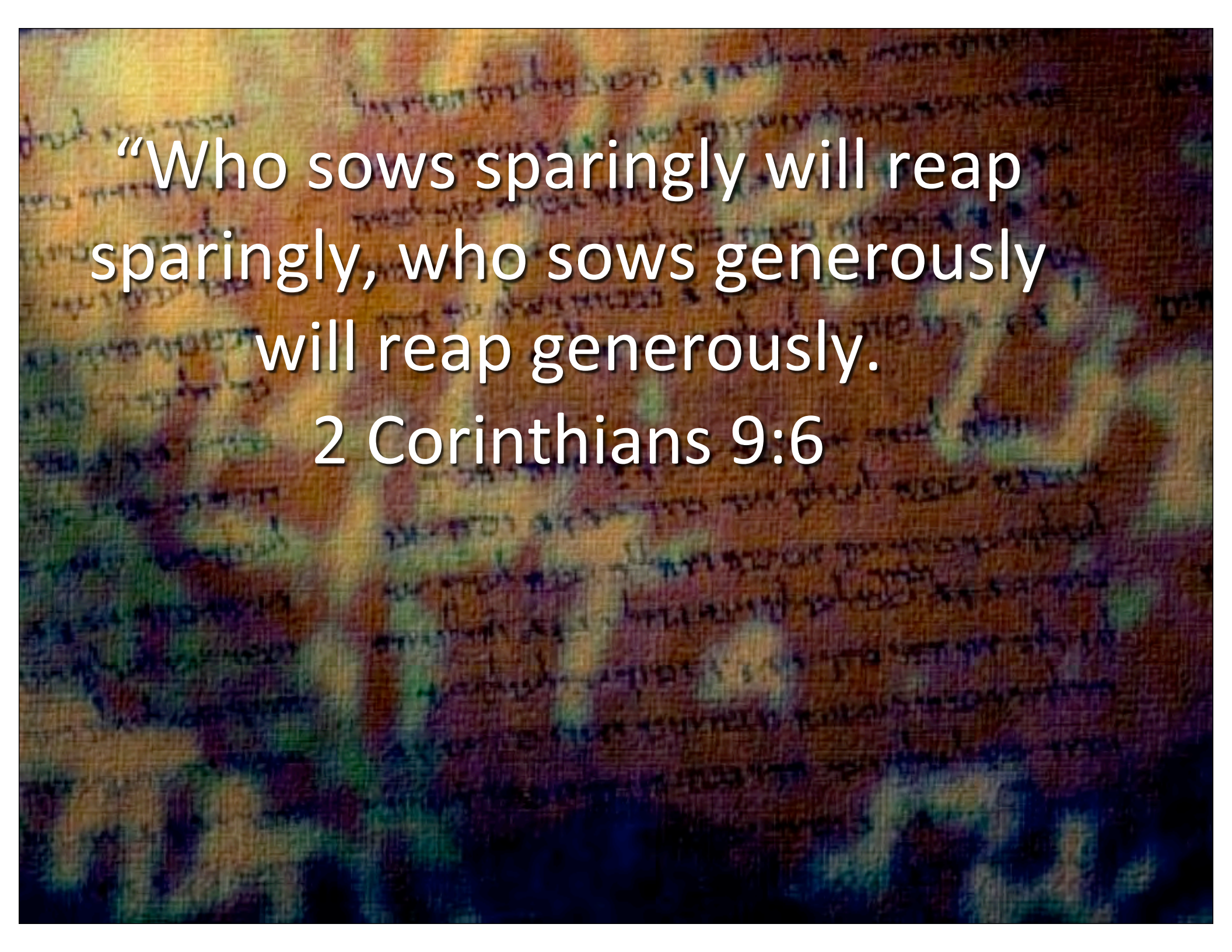
“I want you to give, but I’m  
not commanding you,”

2 Corinthians 8:7,8



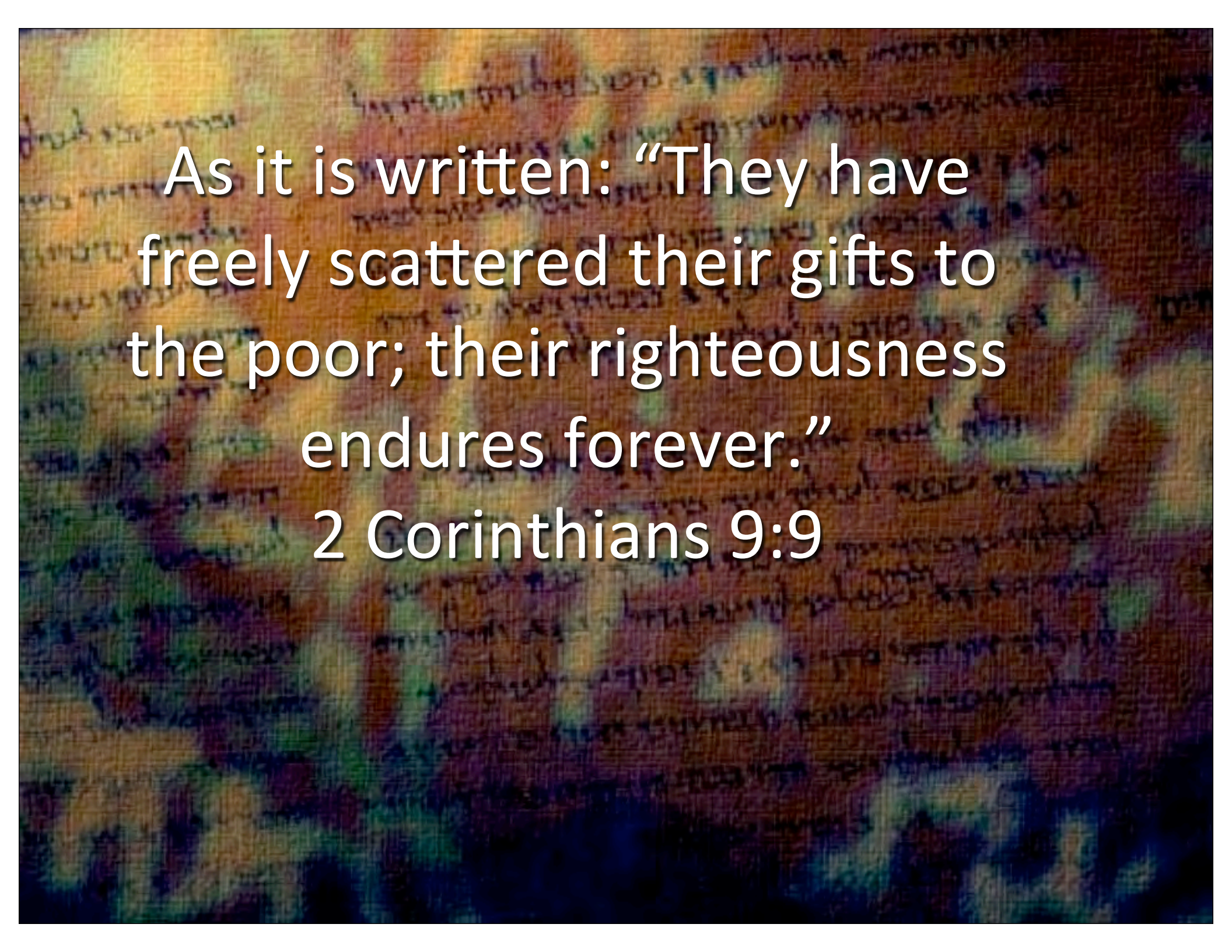


“For you know the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,  
yet for your sakes he became poor,  
so that you through his poverty  
might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9



“Who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, who sows generously will reap generously.”

2 Corinthians 9:6

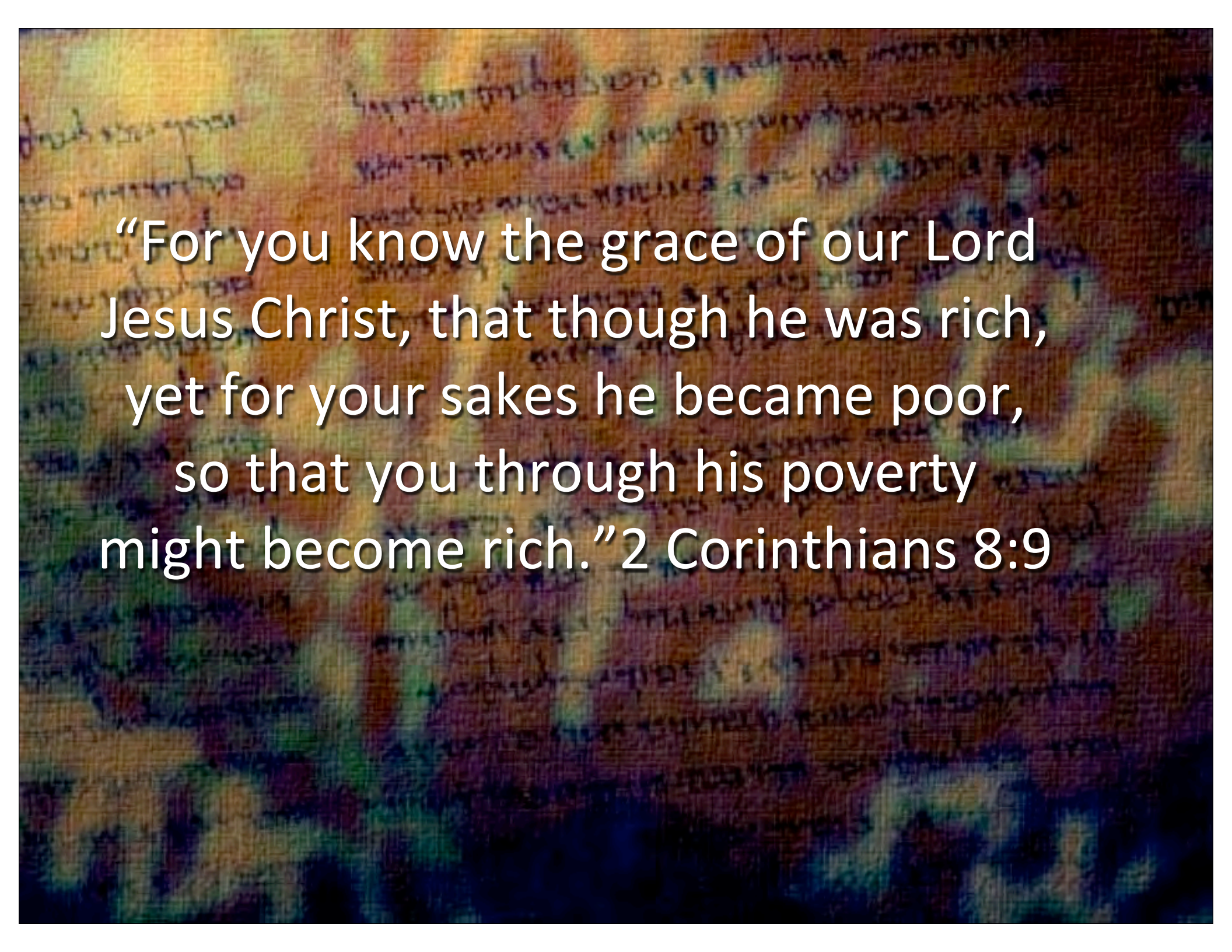
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As it is written: “They have  
freely scattered their gifts to  
the poor; their righteousness  
endures forever.”  
2 Corinthians 9:9

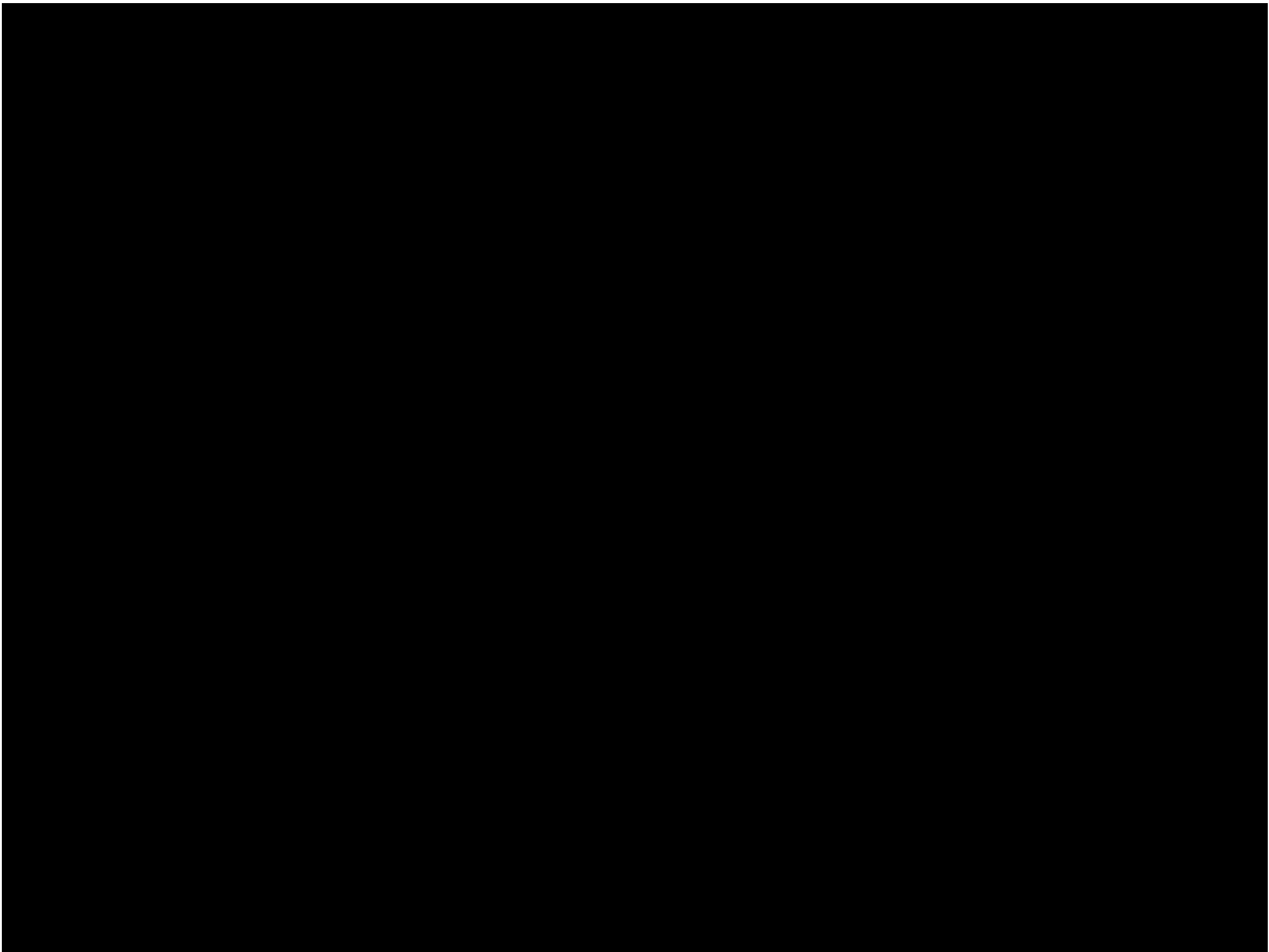
For the joy set before him he  
endured the cross, scorning its  
shame, and sat down at the right  
hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2





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Store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break **in** and steal. Matthew 6:20



“The kingdom of **heaven** is like **treasure** hidden **in** a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then **in** his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.  
Matthew 13:44





