

# Be Reputable

## *Titus*



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# Another Pastor...



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# Struggles are Real

**It's been said that 1 in every 4 pastors struggles with depression. Lifeway Research reveals that the number of pastors diagnosed with clinical depression was double the national average. Forty five percent sought advice from their family doctor regarding stress and anxiety issues. Nearly one-fourth of all pastors (23 percent) acknowledge having "personally struggled with mental illness," and half of those pastors say the illness has been diagnosed.**

**—Charisma News 29 Aug 2018—**



# ***Are Christians any better off?***



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"Allah bless us and bless our families and bless our Lord. Lead us on the straight path—the path of all the prophets: Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad."

These were the words that rang out over the congregation at The Presbyterian Church, USA meeting in Portland, Oregon. Wajidi Sa Education Trust, led the attendees in the prayer to the Islamic del Ecumenical and Interfaith ministry staff at the assembly.

# False Teaching

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# **False Teaching Today**

- **God heals all with real faith?**
- **Wealth is our divine right?**
- **Lord's Supper healing?**



**Key Word**

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**Conduct**

**Titus**

**Theme**

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**Sound Conduct  
Against Opposition**

**Titus**

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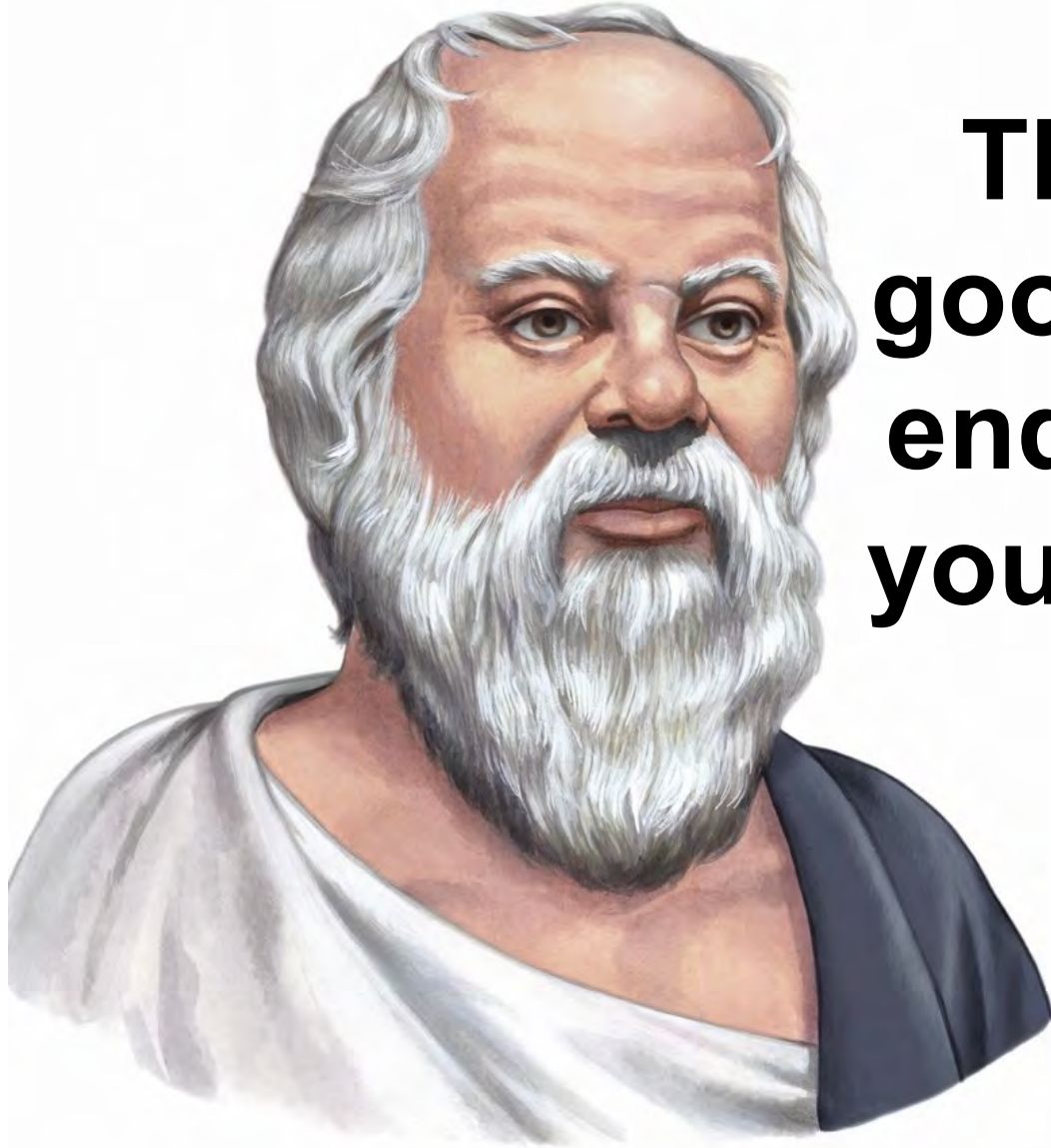


**It takes many good deeds  
to build a good reputation,  
and only one bad one to  
lose it.**

**—*Benjamin Franklin***



# Reputation



**The way to gain a  
good reputation is to  
endeavor to be what  
you desire to appear.**

**—Socrates**

# **Results of Reputable Conduct**

**“that the word of God may not be reviled”  
(Titus 2:5)**

**“that an opponent may be put to shame,  
having nothing evil to say about us”  
(Titus 2:8)**

**“adorn the doctrine of God our Savior”  
(Titus 2:10)**

## Key Word Conduct

### Key Verse

"This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. **These things are excellent and profitable for everyone**" (Titus 3:8).



**Character is who you really are.  
Reputation is who others think you are.**

- **How's your reputation? Are you known by unbelievers as a follower of Jesus?**
- **Do you wish everyone in this church had the same reputation that you have?**
- **How well does your reputation show the love of the Lord Jesus?**

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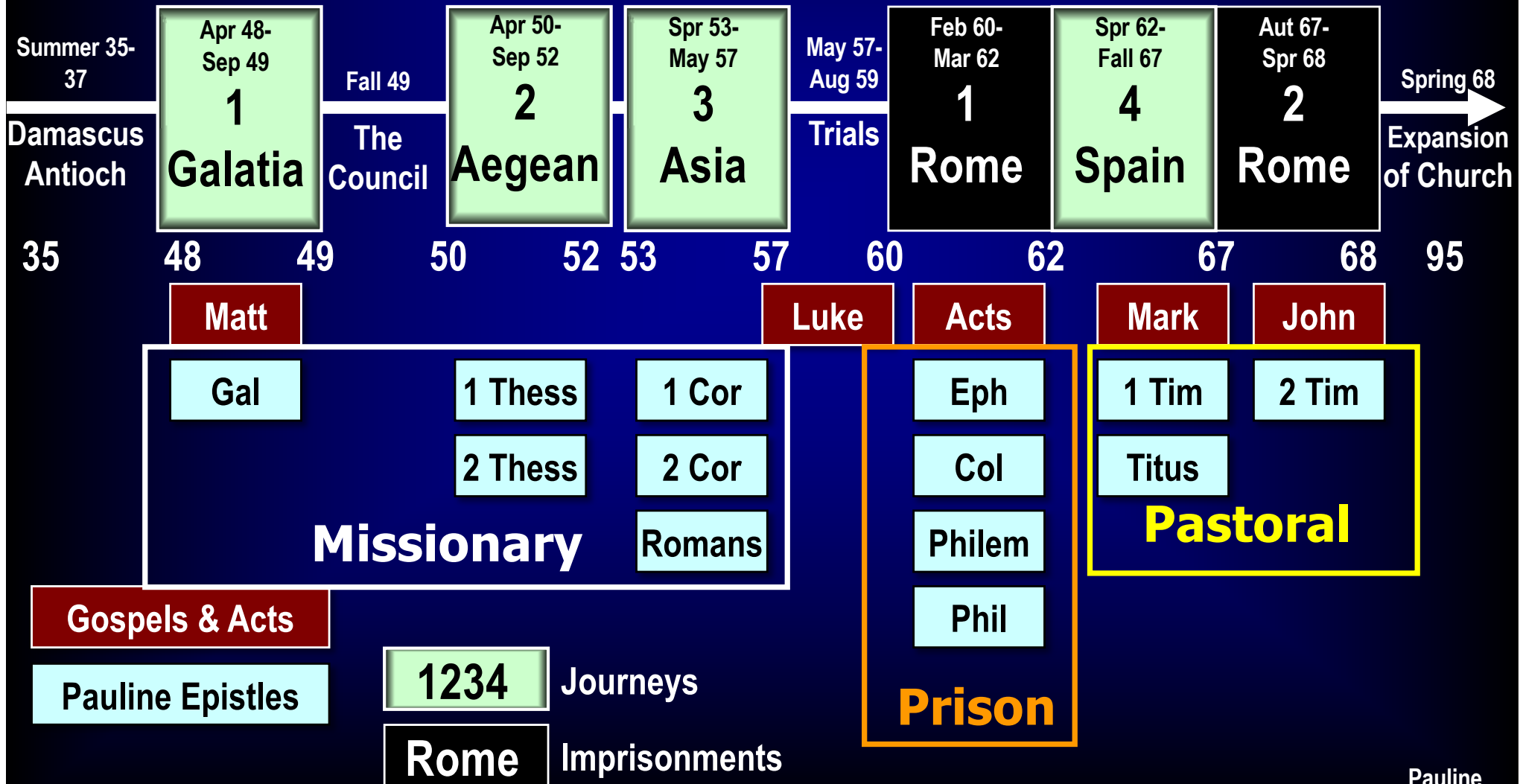


# NT Overview (Paul's Letters)

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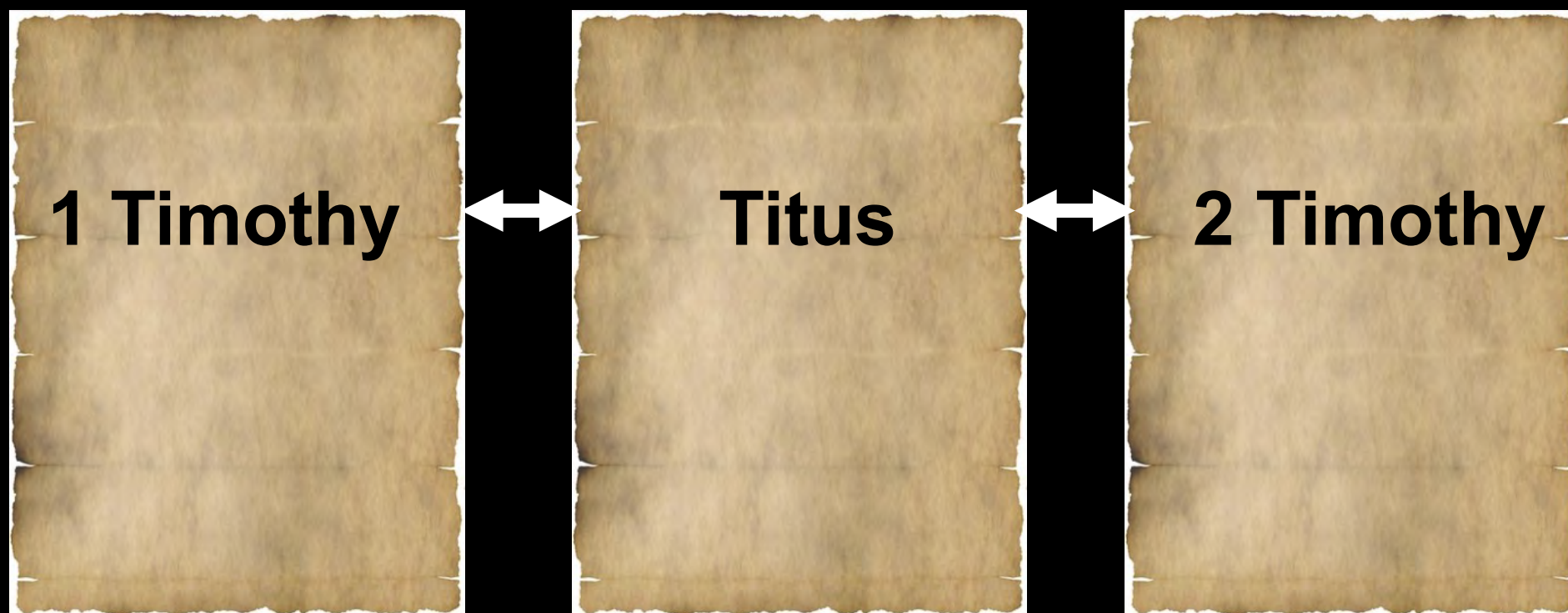
“To the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

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# Pastoral Epistles



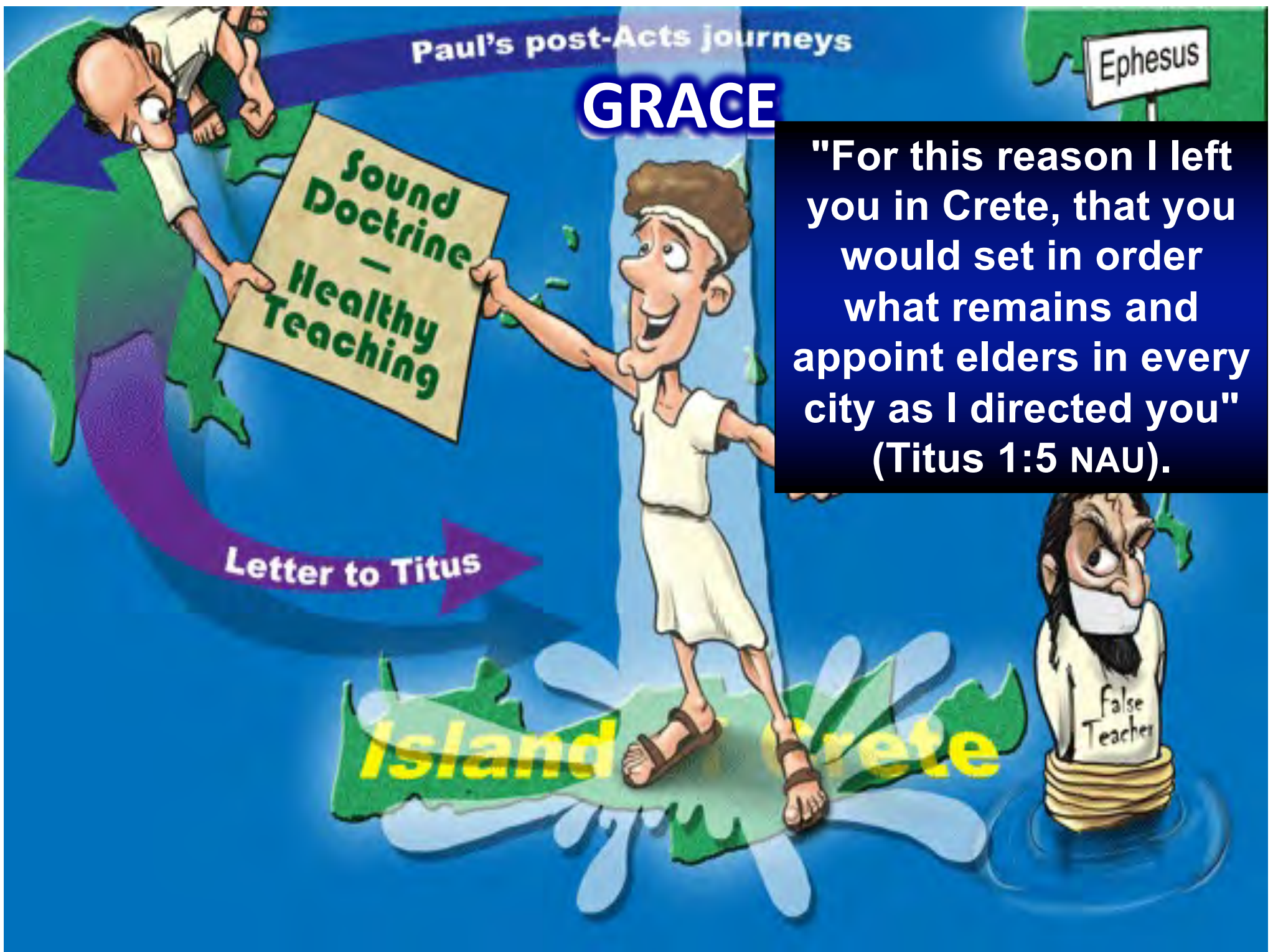
**1 Timothy = personal, urgent, doctrinal emphasis**

**Titus = less urgent, practical emphasis**

**2 Timothy = personal, urgent, focus on the Word**







# GRACE

"For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you" (Titus 1:5 NAU).



**Crete was beautiful but had a poor reputation**





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**3 ways in Titus...**

## Sound Conduct Against Opposition

|                                   |                  |                            |                      |                        |                      |                  |                          |                   |                    |                    |                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Appoint Elders                    |                  | Set Things in Order        |                      |                        |                      |                  |                          |                   |                    |                    |                    |
| Prevent False Doctrine            |                  | Practice True Doctrine     |                      |                        |                      |                  |                          |                   |                    |                    |                    |
| Elders vs. False Teachers         |                  | Conduct for Various Groups |                      |                        |                      |                  | Grace Leads to Godliness |                   |                    |                    |                    |
| 1                                 |                  | 2:1-10                     |                      |                        |                      |                  | 2:11–3:15                |                   |                    |                    |                    |
| Organize                          |                  | Teach                      |                      |                        |                      |                  | Grace                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |
| Truth Leads to Godliness<br>1:1-4 | Elders<br>1:5-16 | Older Men<br>2:1-2         | Older Women<br>2:4-5 | Younger Women<br>2:4-5 | Younger Men<br>2:6-8 | Slaves<br>2:9-10 | Educates<br>2:11-15      | Empowers<br>3:1-2 | Motivates<br>3:3-8 | Protects<br>3:9-11 | Relates<br>3:12-15 |

**Asia Minor to Crete**

**Summer AD 66**

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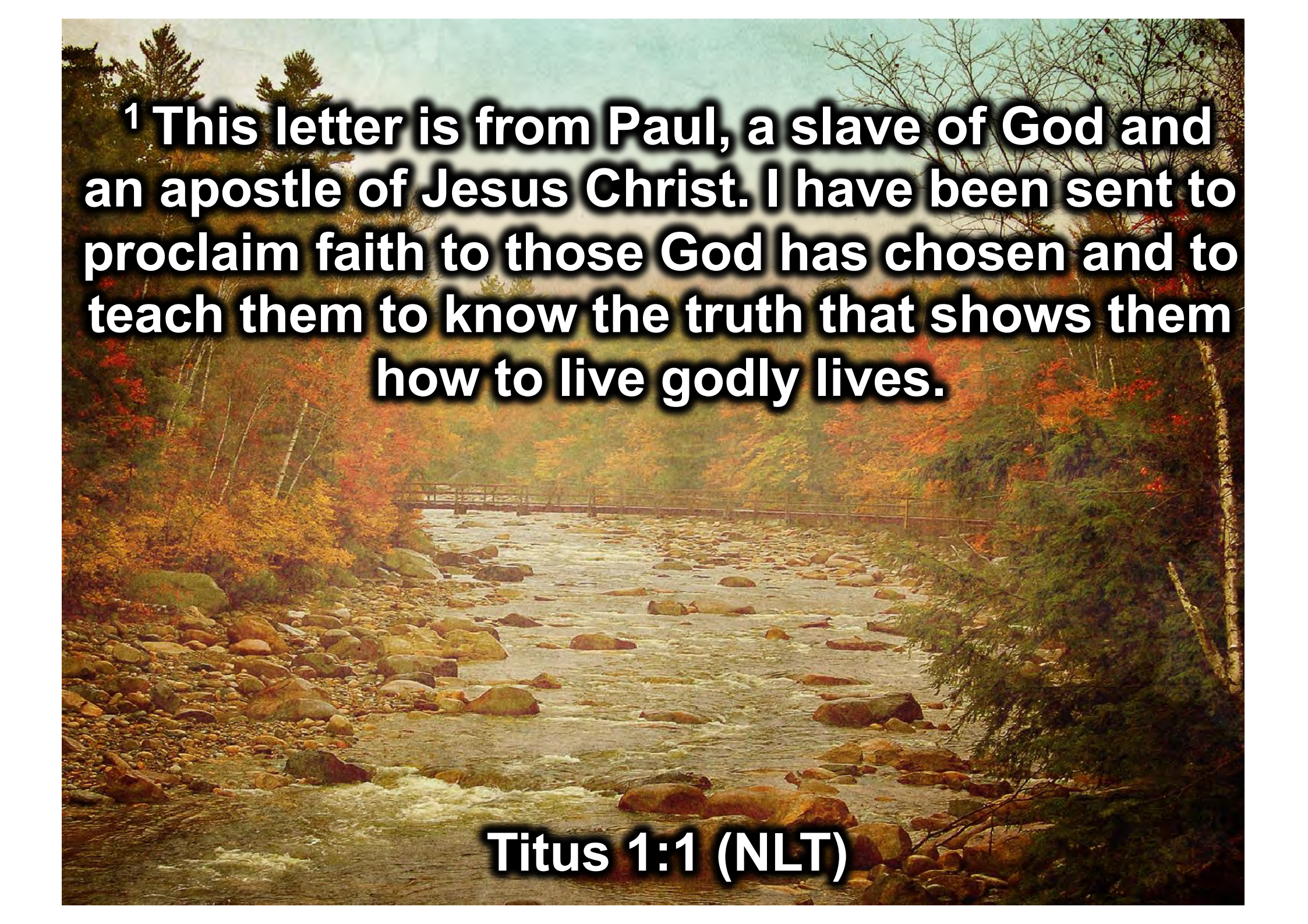
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# Titus 1






**<sup>1</sup> This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives.**

**Titus 1:1 (NLT)**






**<sup>5</sup> I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you.**


**<sup>6</sup> An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious.**

**Titus 1:5-6 (NLT)**




**<sup>7</sup> A church leader is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.**

**Titus 1:7 (NLT)**

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**<sup>8</sup> Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life.**

**Titus 1:8 (NLT)**



**<sup>9</sup> He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.**

**Titus 1:9 (NLT)**

# Church Leaders

***Presbuteros* = elderly person; wiser person**

***Episkopos* = overseer; manager; director**





## NOT THIS

- ✓ arrogant
- ✓ quick-tempered
- ✓ drunkard
- ✓ violent
- ✓ greedy for gain

## THIS INSTEAD

- ✓ hospitable
- ✓ lover of good
- ✓ self-controlled
- ✓ upright
- ✓ holy
- ✓ disciplined



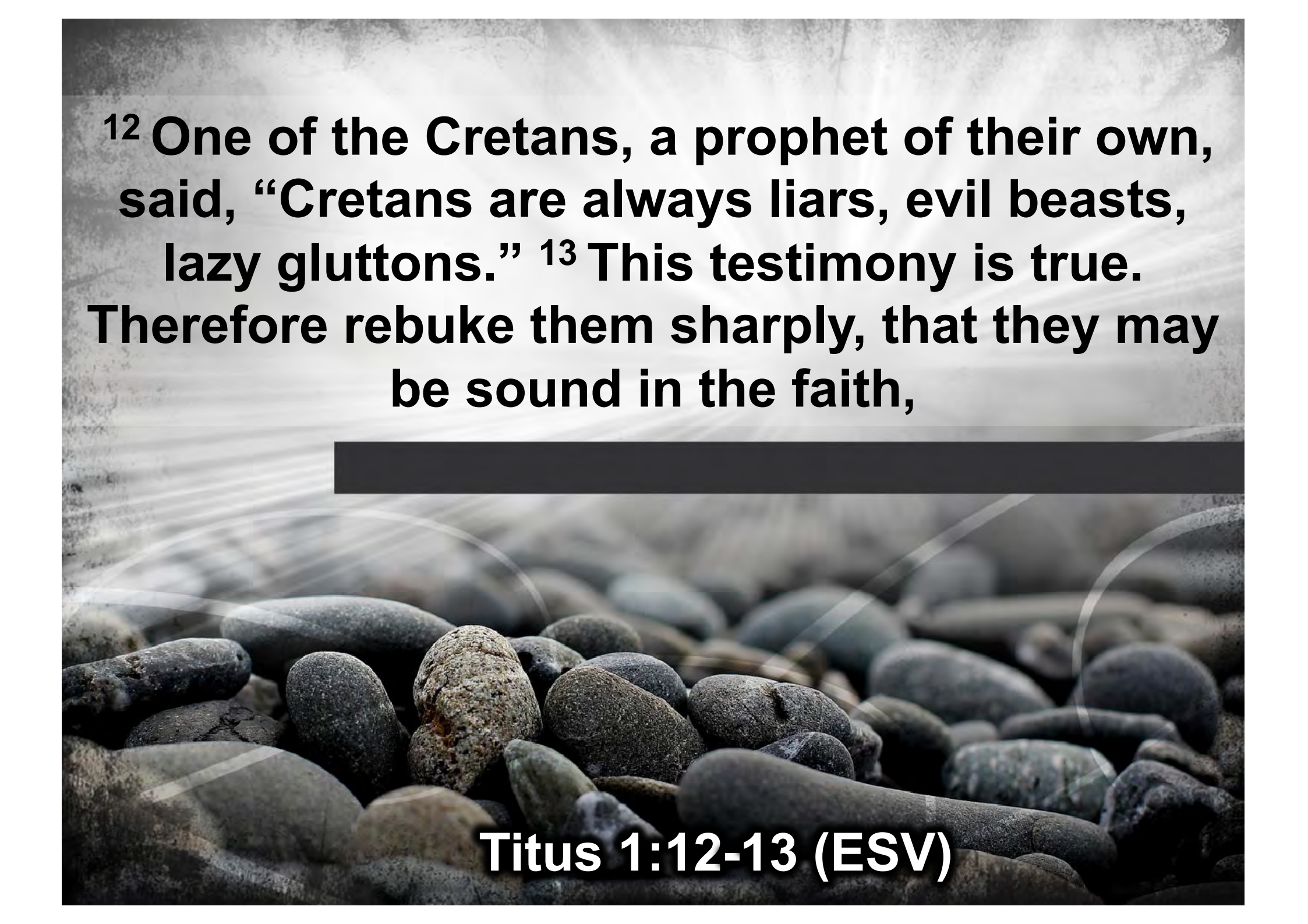


**<sup>10</sup> For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. <sup>11</sup>They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.**

**Titus 1:10-11 (ESV)**



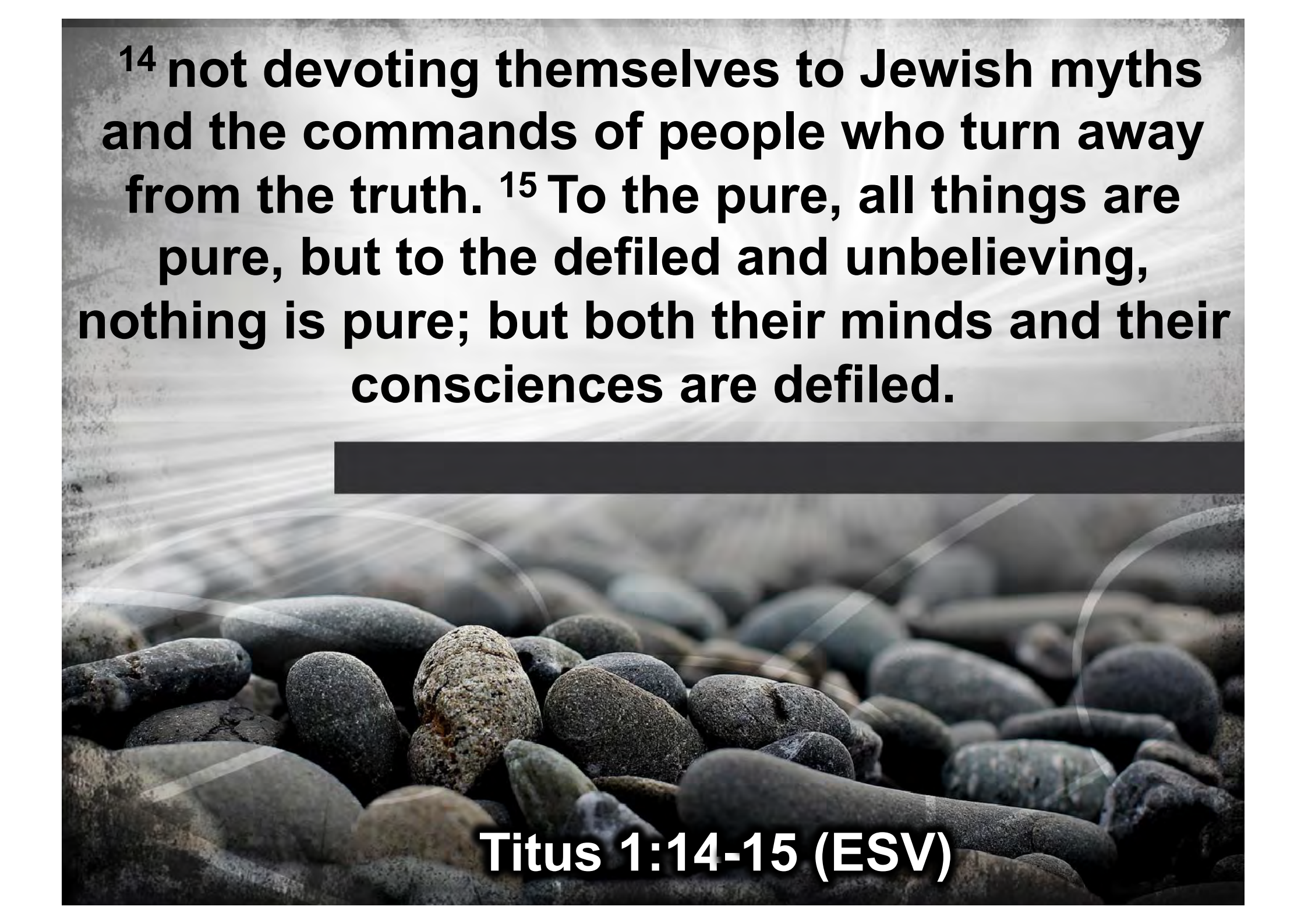
**<sup>12</sup> One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” <sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,**



**Titus 1:12-13 (ESV)**



**<sup>14</sup> not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. <sup>15</sup> To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.**



**Titus 1:14-15 (ESV)**

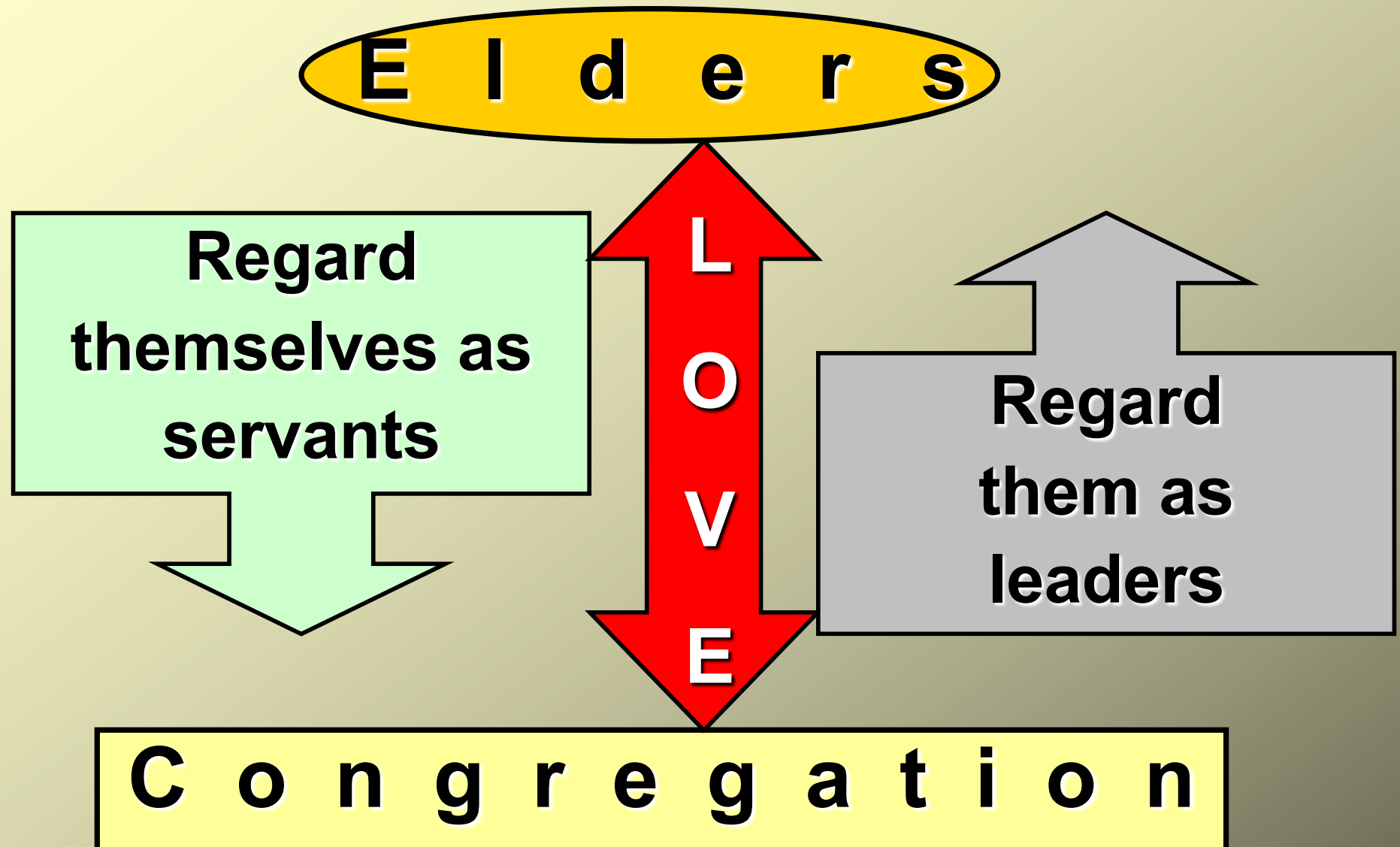




**<sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.**

**Titus 1:16 (ESV)**

# ***Elder-Congregation Dynamics***



I. Have godly **elders** teach truth.



**Titus 1**



How can we be **reputable** in the midst of so much false teaching today?



# Titus 2

## II. Act your **age**.



**Titus 2:1-10**

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## **Older Men**

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- **Dignified**
- **Self-controlled**
- **Sound in faith, love, steadfastness**

**<sup>1</sup> But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. <sup>2</sup> Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.**

# Titus 2:1-2 (ESV)

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- **Not addicted to wine**
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# Titus 2:3 (ESV)



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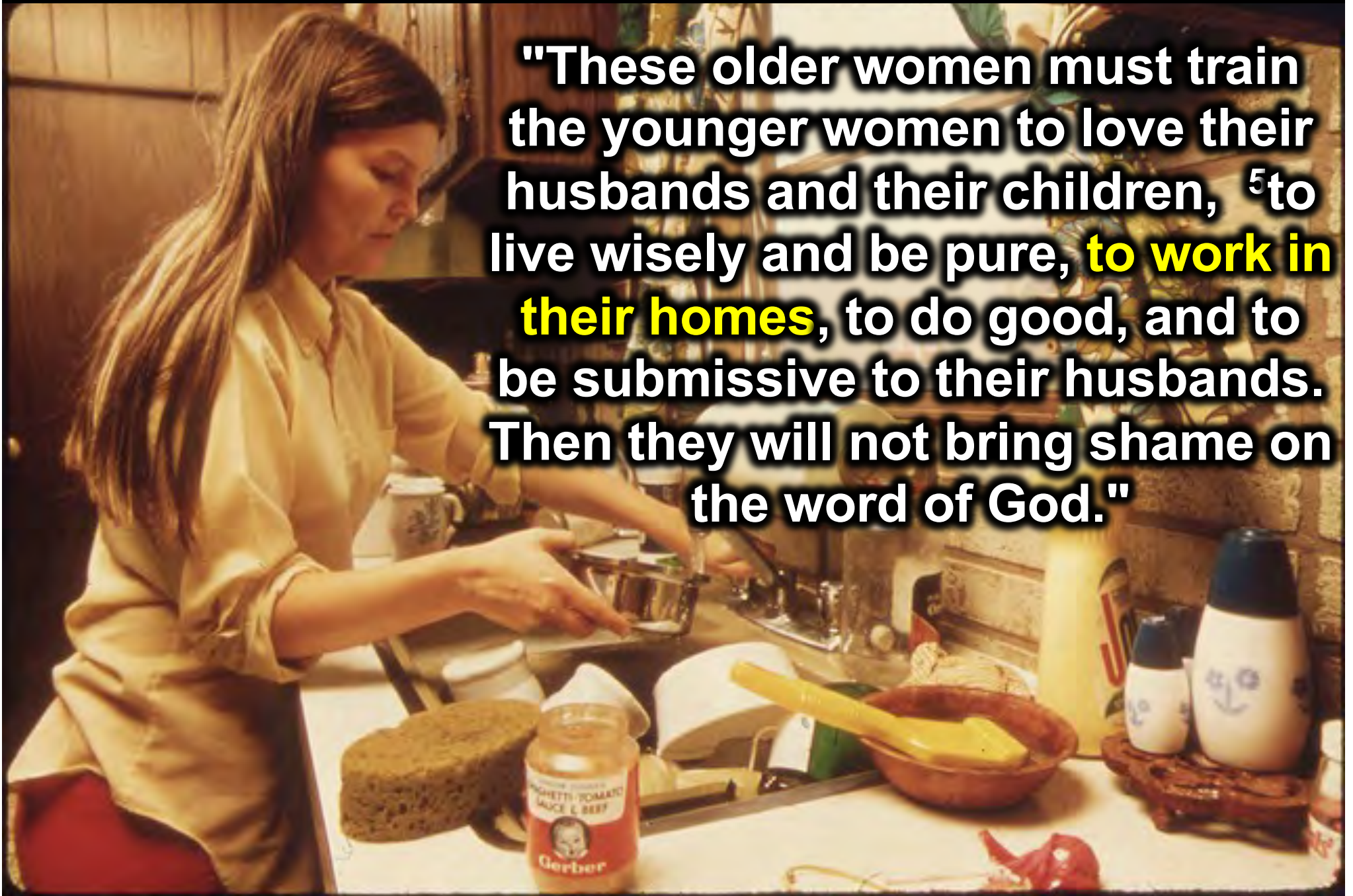
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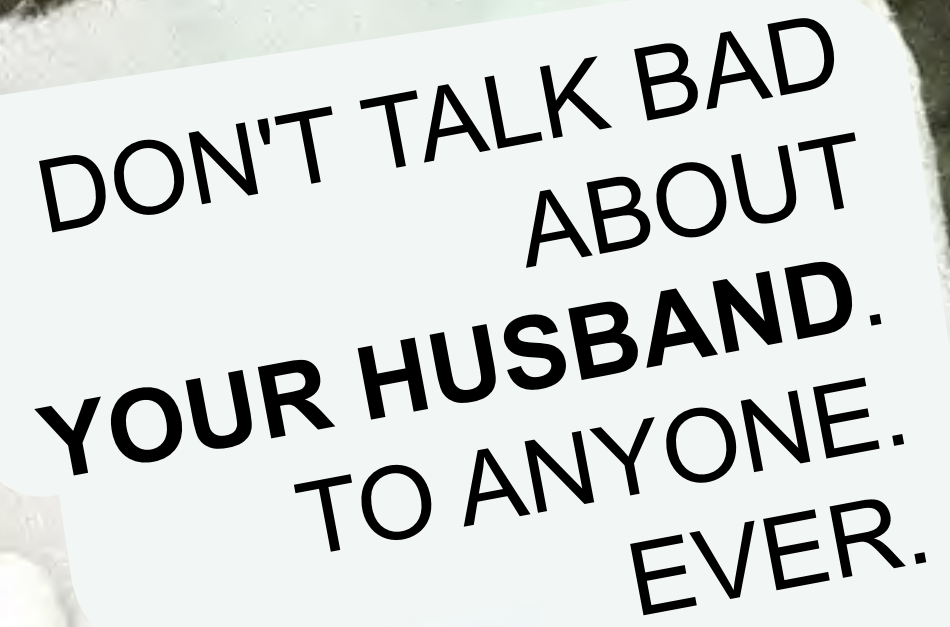
# "Workers at home" (Titus 2:4-5 NLT)

"These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, <sup>5</sup>to live wisely and be pure, **to work in their homes**, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God."



# "Submit to husband" (Titus 2:4-5 NLT)

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DON'T TALK BAD  
ABOUT  
YOUR HUSBAND.  
TO ANYONE.  
EVER.

Husbands must  
not talk bad about  
their wives either!



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**<sup>6</sup> Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. <sup>7</sup> Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, <sup>8</sup> and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.**

**Titus 2:6-8 (ESV)**



**<sup>9</sup> Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, <sup>10</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.**

**Titus 2:9-10 (ESV)**



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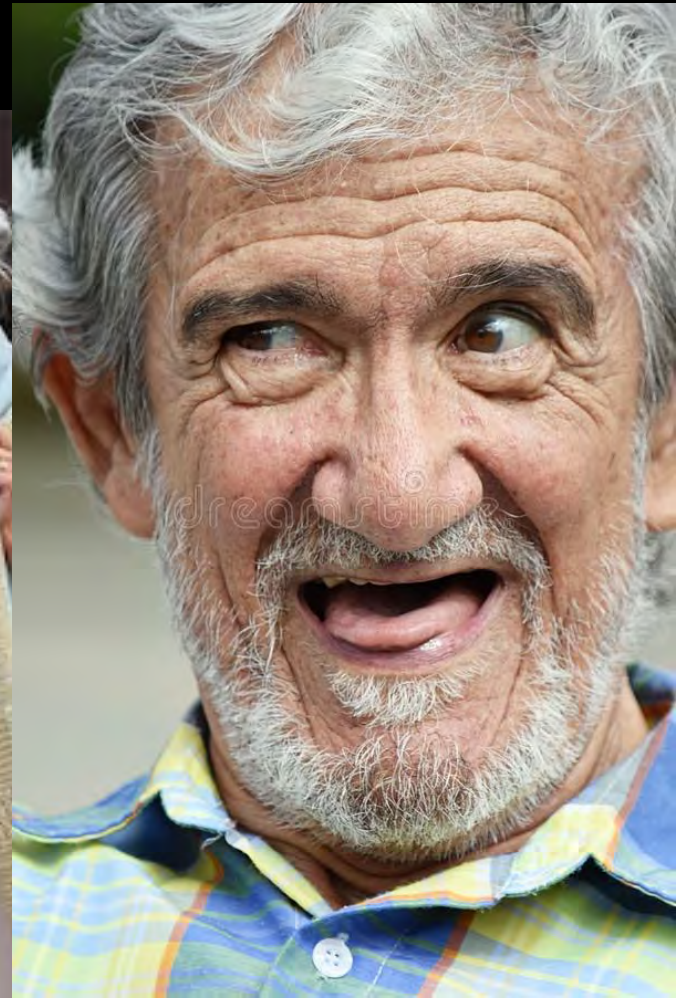
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**Titus 1**



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# III. Let grace bring **godliness**.

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A photograph of a narrow, winding path in a forest. The path is covered in a thick layer of green moss and scattered brown, fallen leaves. The path leads into the distance, flanked by more mossy ground and trees in the background.

**Titus 2:11–3:15**





**<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,**

**Titus 2:11-12 (ESV)**





**<sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the  
appearing of the glory of our great God and  
Savior Jesus Christ,**

**Titus 2:13 (ESV)**





**<sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.**

**Titus 2:14 (ESV)**





**<sup>15</sup> Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.**

**Titus 2:15 (ESV)**



**BEFORE  
WORKOUT**



**AFTER  
WORKOUT**



# Healthy churches focus on Christ as the source of their transformation (Titus 2:11-15)

**Before  
Christ**



**After  
Christ**

**Deceptive  
Pleasure loving**

**Godly  
Self-controlled  
Pure**

**Titus 3**

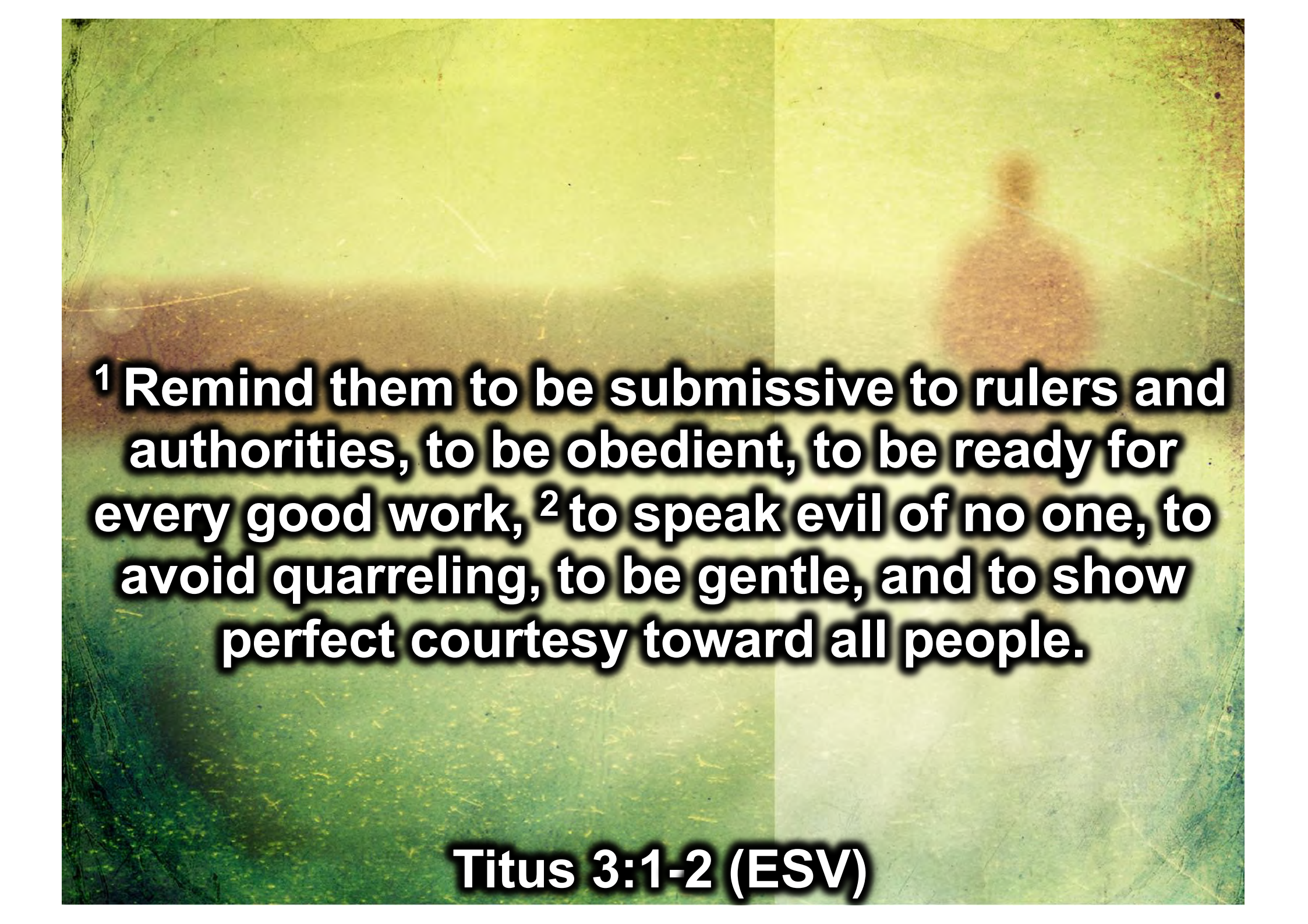


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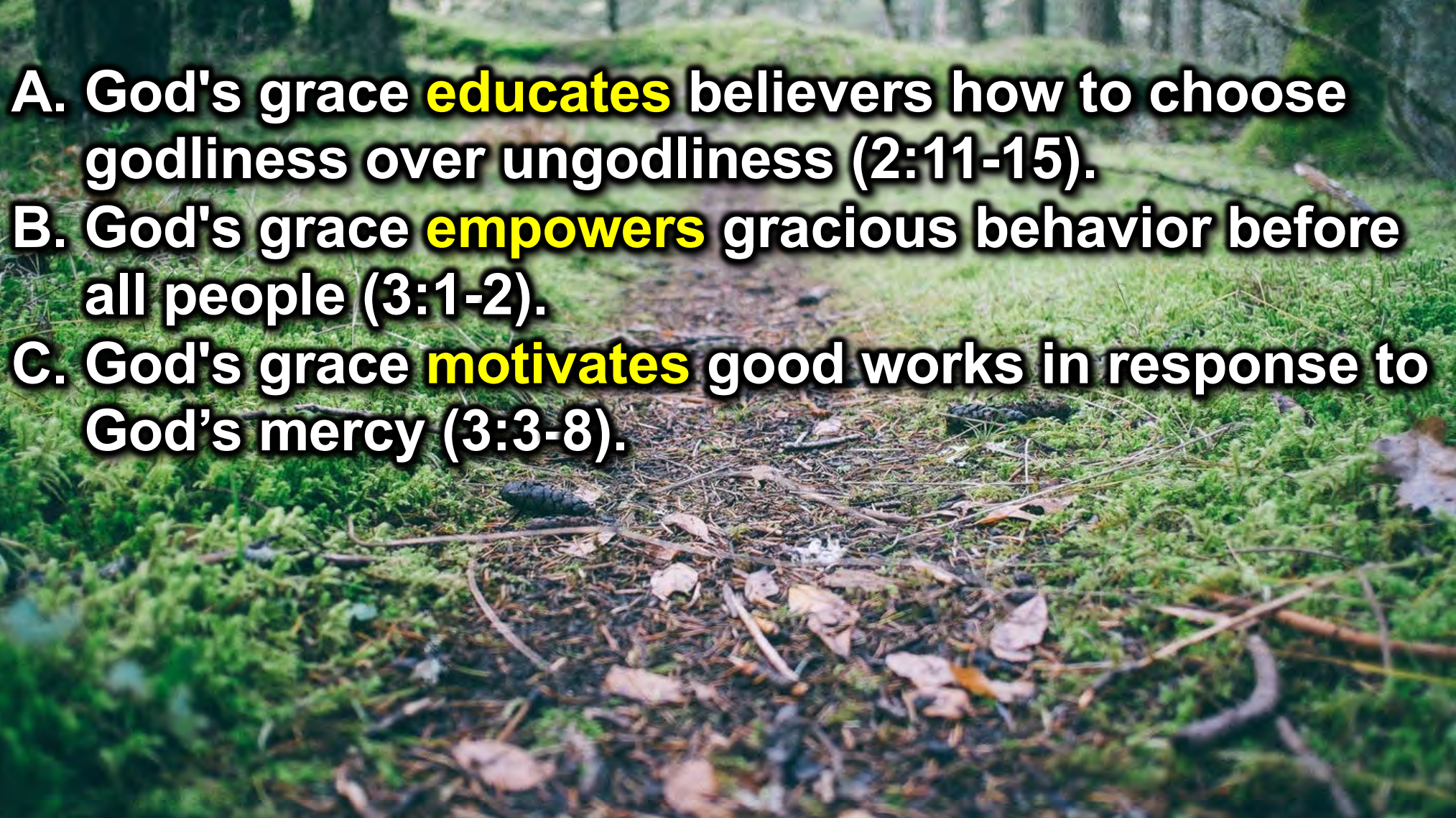


**<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.**

**Titus 3:1-2 (ESV)**

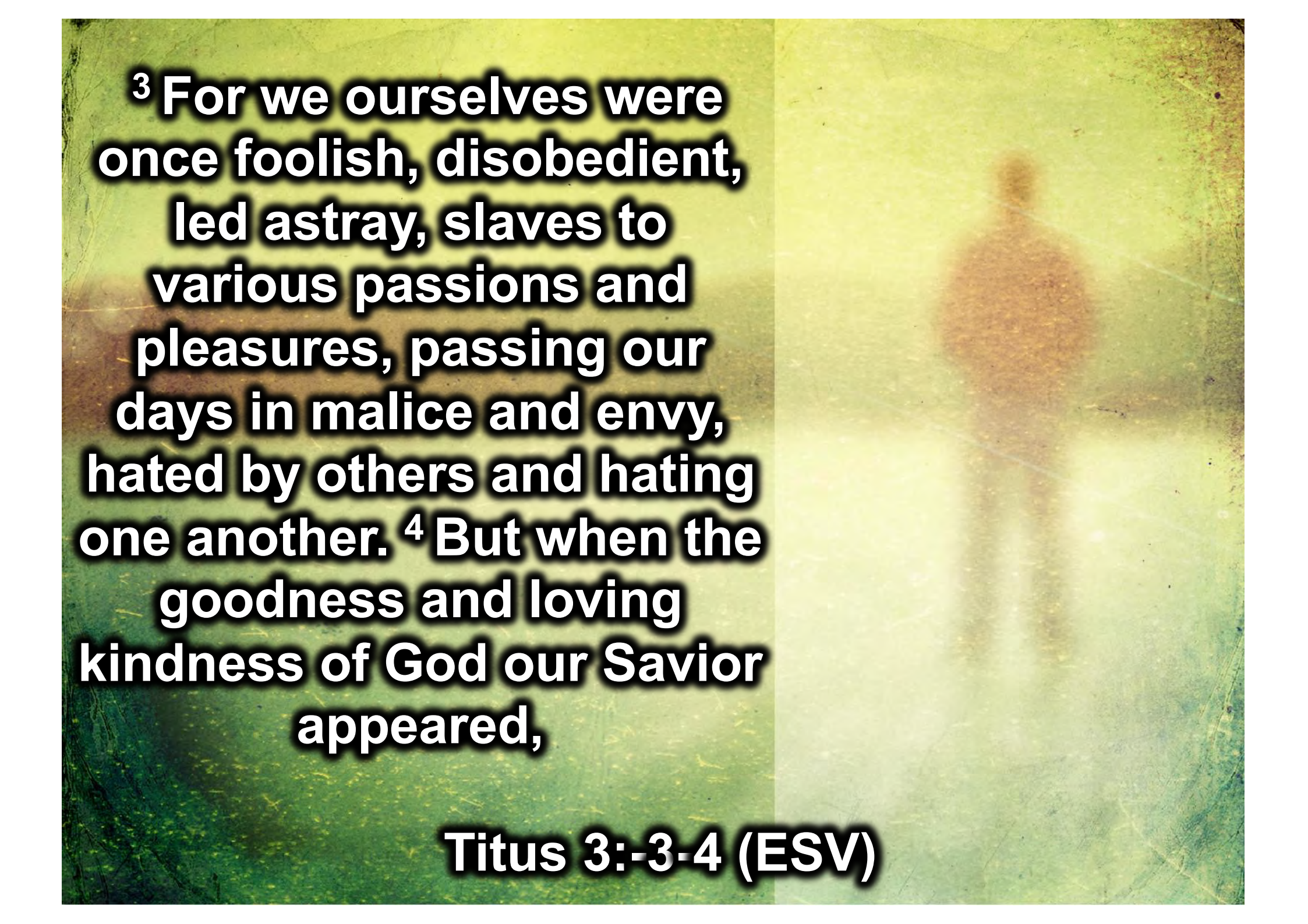


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**Titus 2:11–3:15**





**<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were  
once foolish, disobedient,  
led astray, slaves to  
various passions and  
pleasures, passing our  
days in malice and envy,  
hated by others and hating  
one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the  
goodness and loving  
kindness of God our Savior  
appeared,**

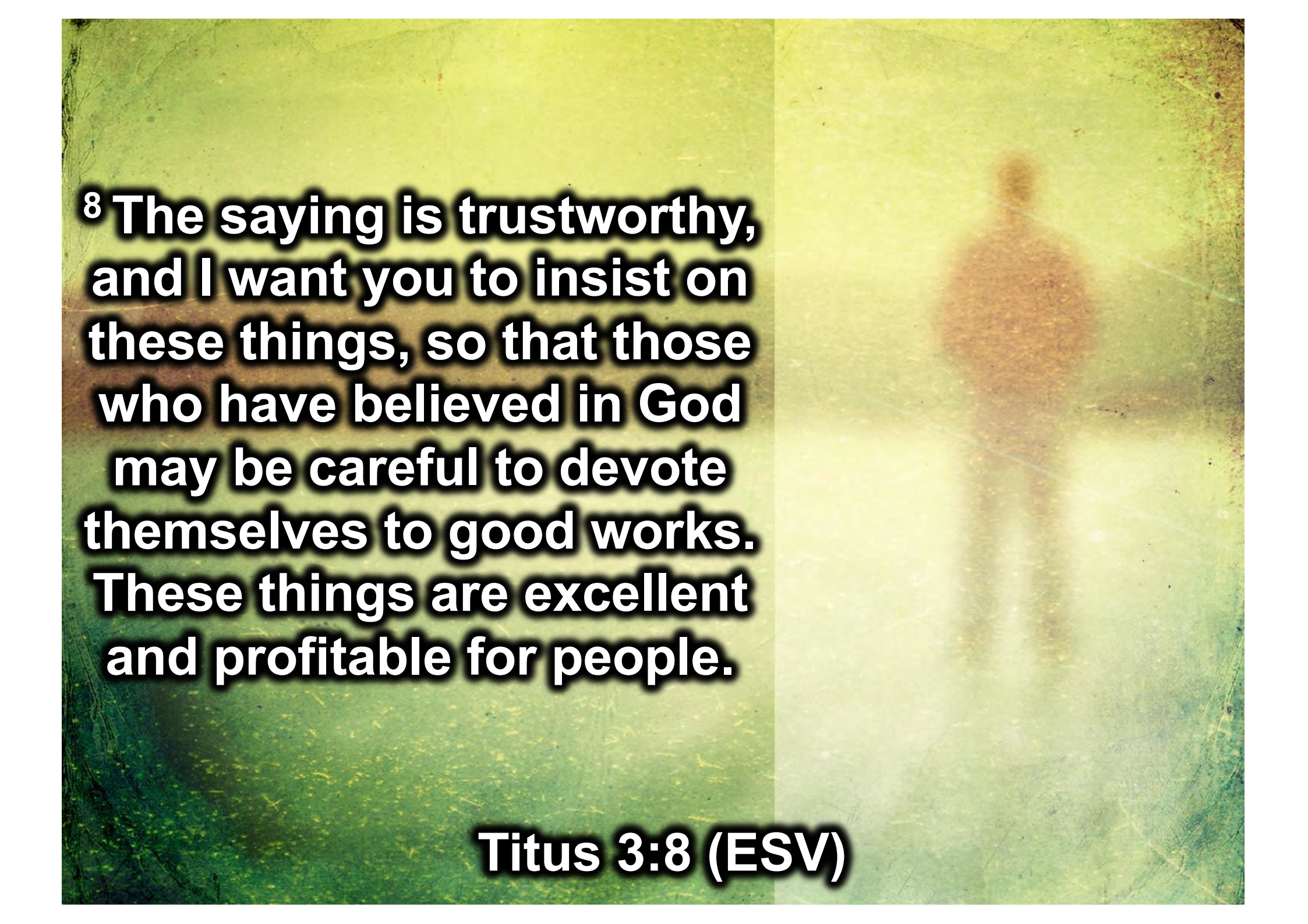
**Titus 3:-3-4 (ESV)**



**<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

**Titus 3:5-7 (ESV)**



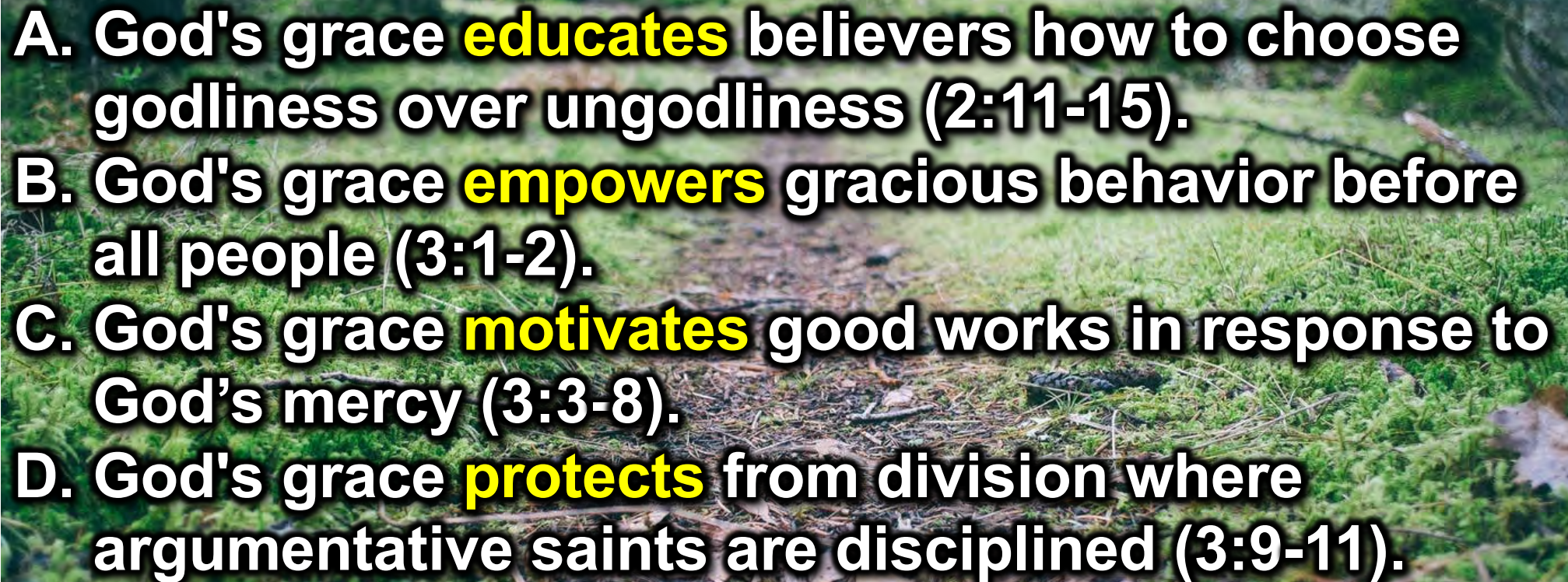


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**Titus 3:8 (ESV)**

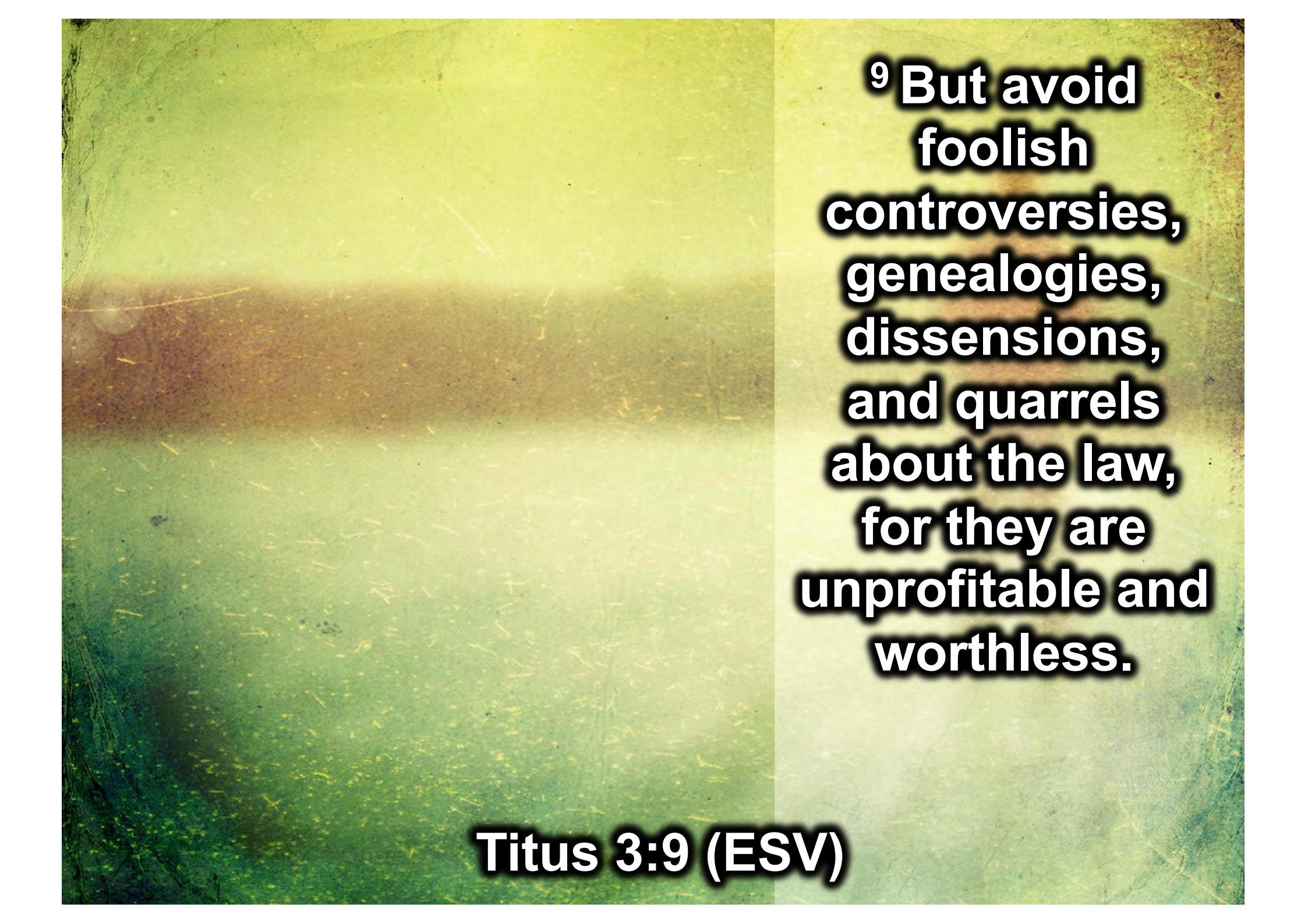


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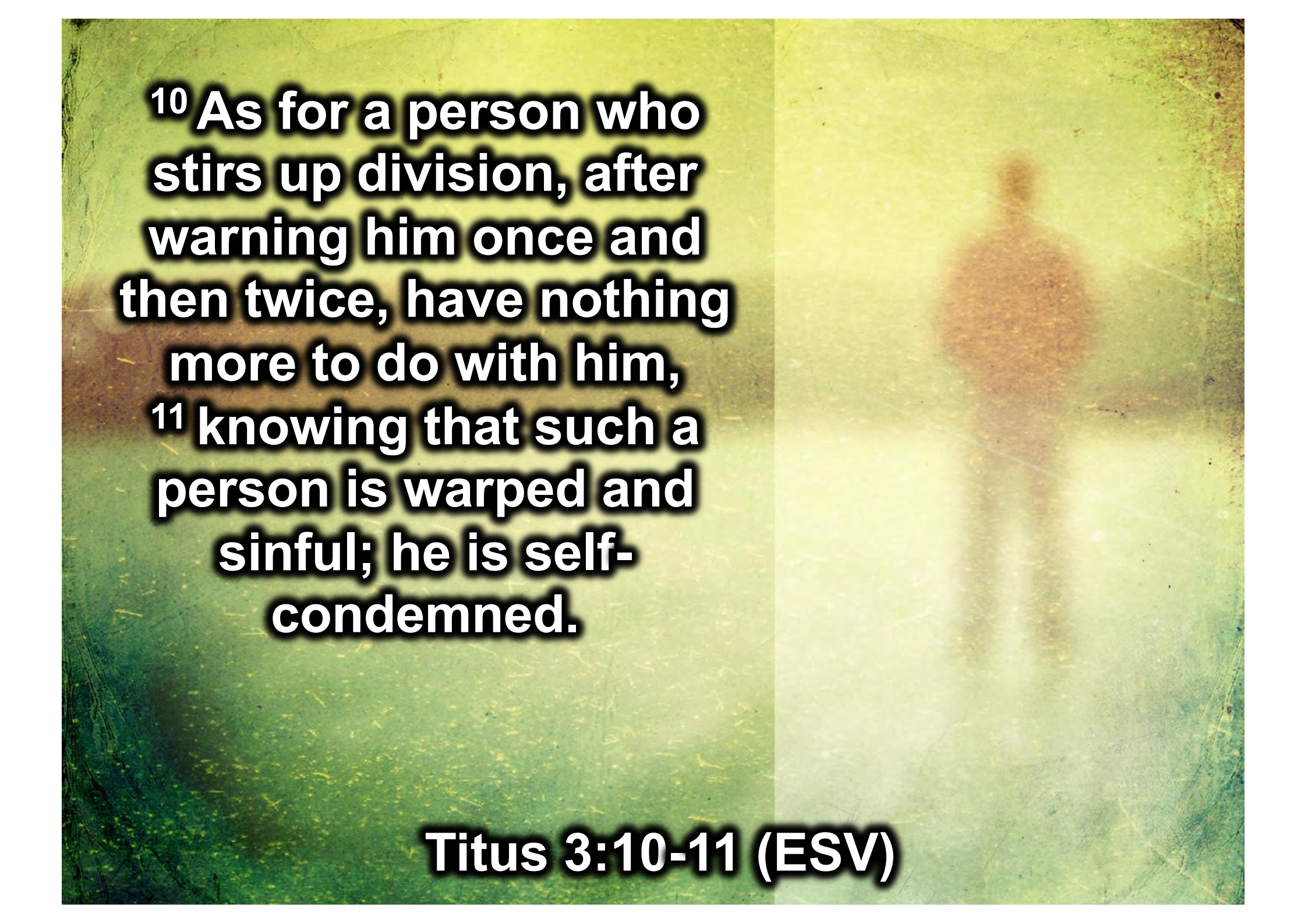




**<sup>9</sup> But avoid  
foolish  
controversies,  
genealogies,  
dissensions,  
and quarrels  
about the law,  
for they are  
unprofitable and  
worthless.**

**Titus 3:9 (ESV)**



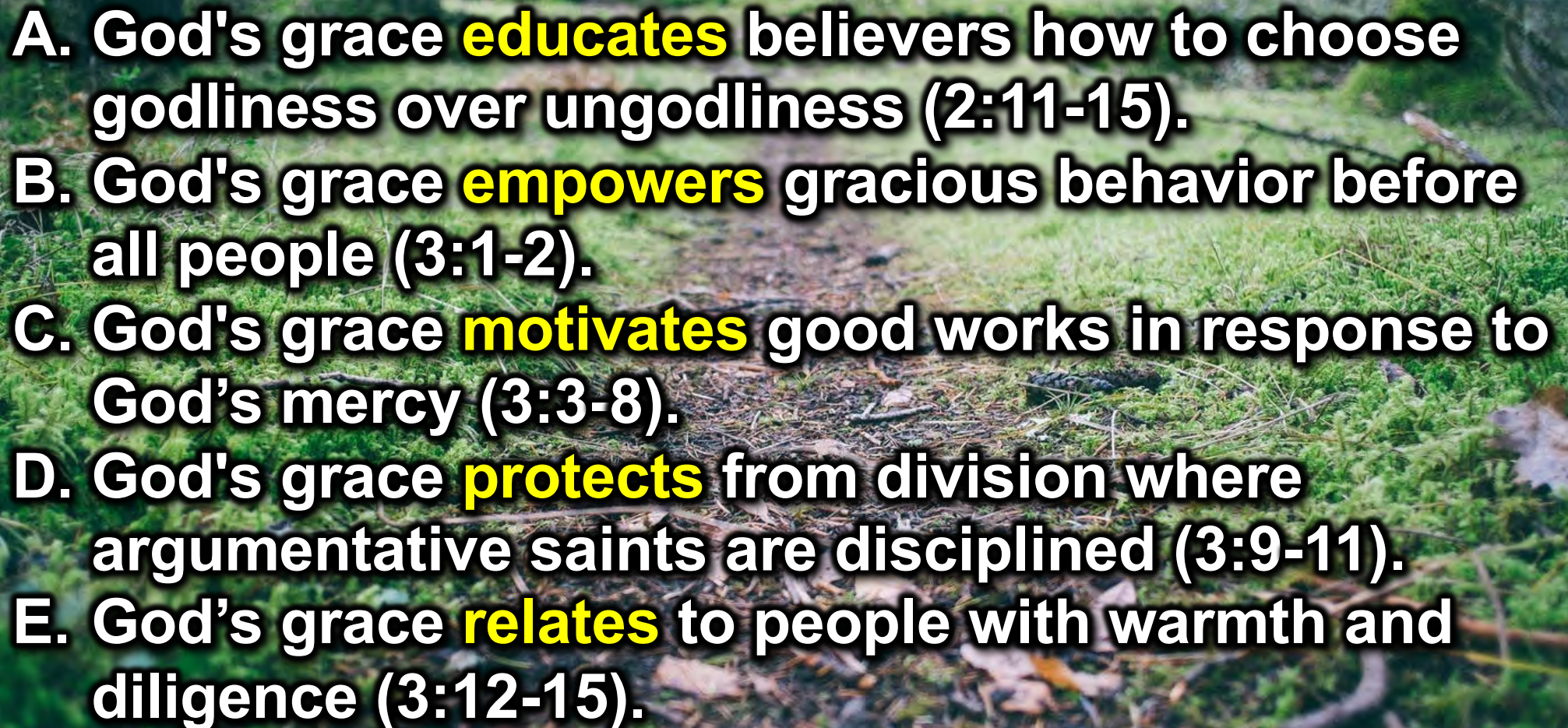


**<sup>10</sup> As for a person who  
stirs up division, after  
warning him once and  
then twice, have nothing  
more to do with him,  
<sup>11</sup> knowing that such a  
person is warped and  
sinful; he is self-  
condemned.**

**Titus 3:10-11 (ESV)**



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**Titus 2:11–3:15**



**<sup>12</sup> When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup> Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing.**

**Titus 3:12-13 (ESV)**



**<sup>14</sup> And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.**  
**<sup>15</sup> All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.**

**Titus 3:14-15 (ESV)**

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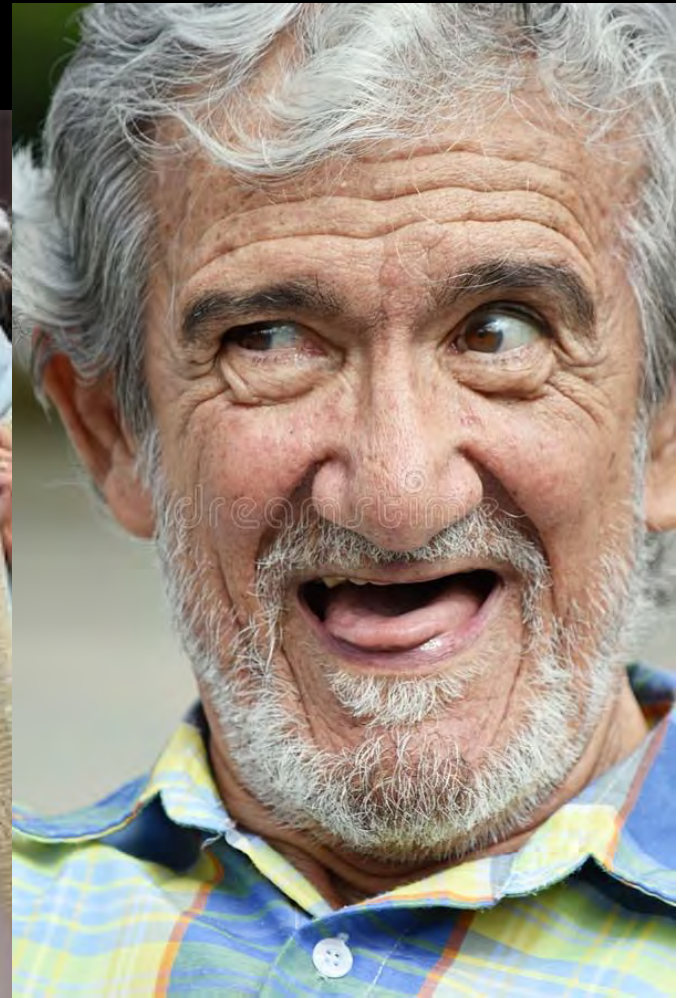


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# Titus

## Main Idea

Our elders must teach  
respectable **conduct** based  
on God's grace.







The Central Issue in Titus:  
**Does** your life look any better than  
the life of a non-Christian?

# How to live?



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**Make sure that you have received  
the salvation God freely offers you  
(Titus 2:11 NLT).**

**"For the grace of  
God has been  
revealed, bringing  
salvation to all  
people."**



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**Continue to resist a corrupt lifestyle  
(Titus 2:12a NLT).**

**"And we are  
instructed to turn  
from godless  
living and sinful  
pleasures."**

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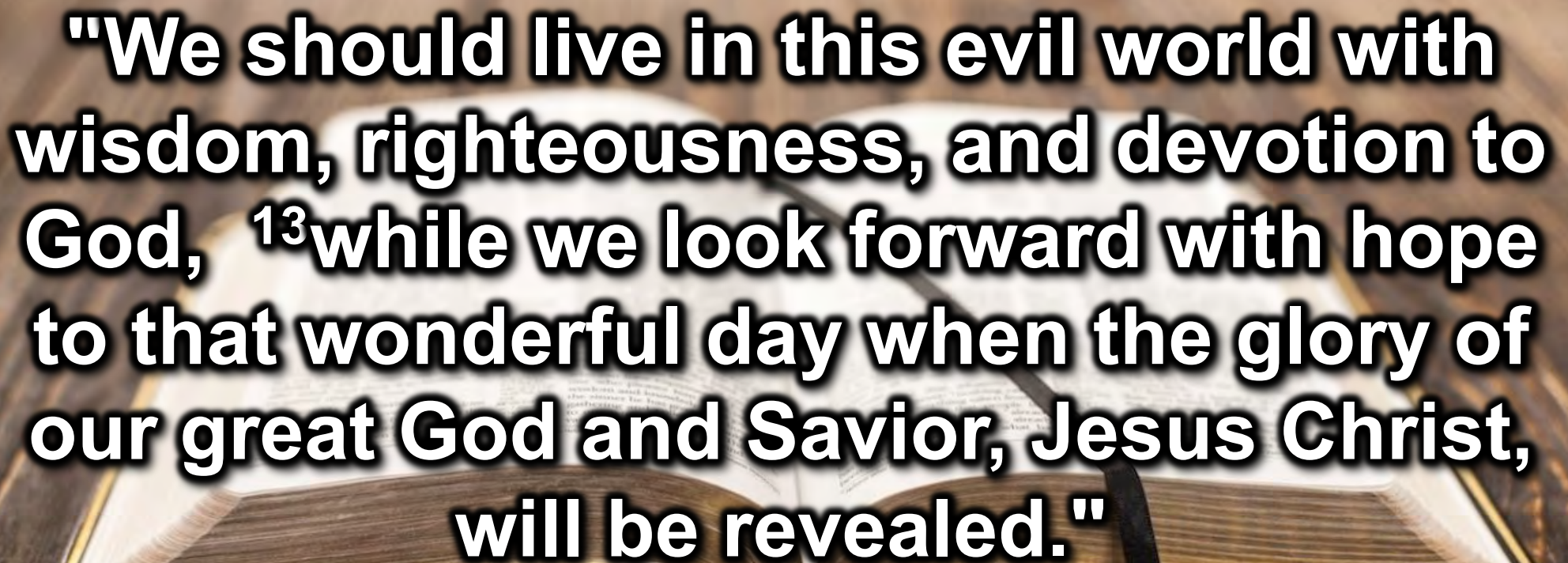
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**Live in a sensible, godly manner  
(Titus 2:12b-13 NLT).**

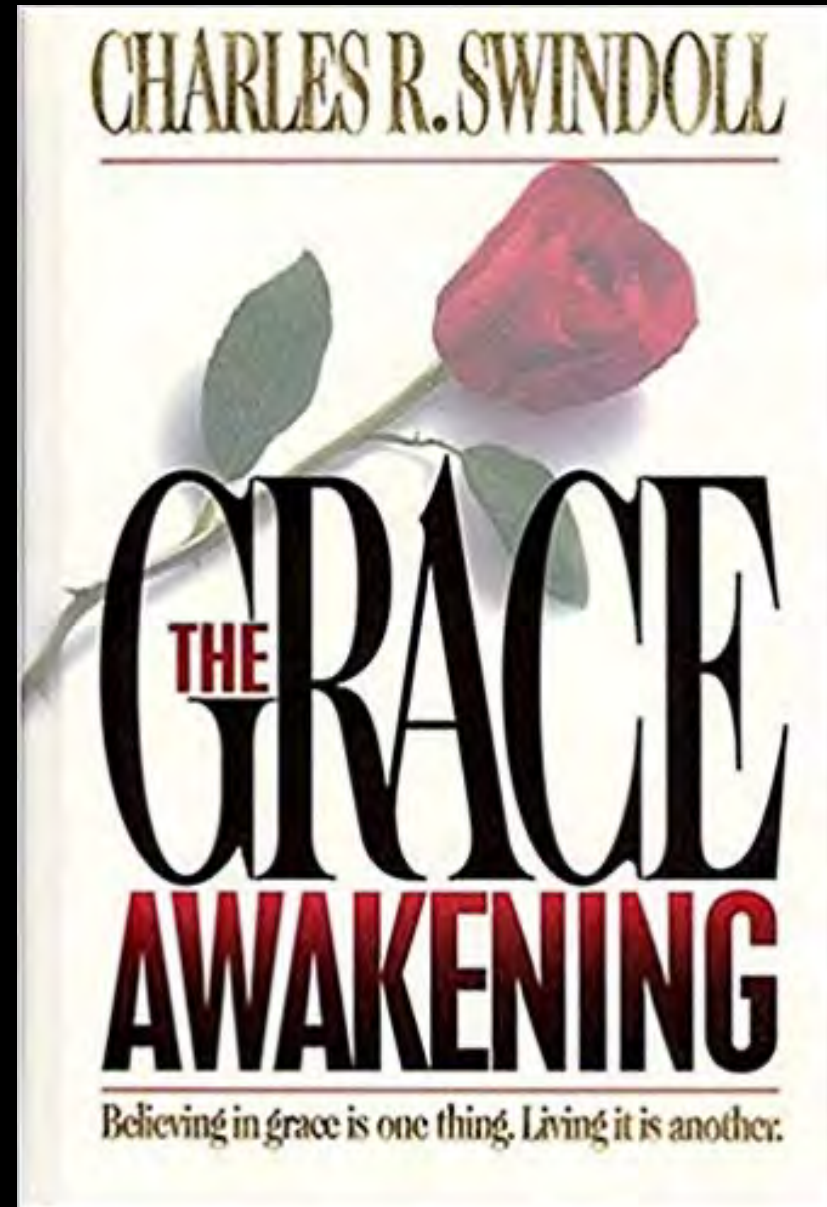
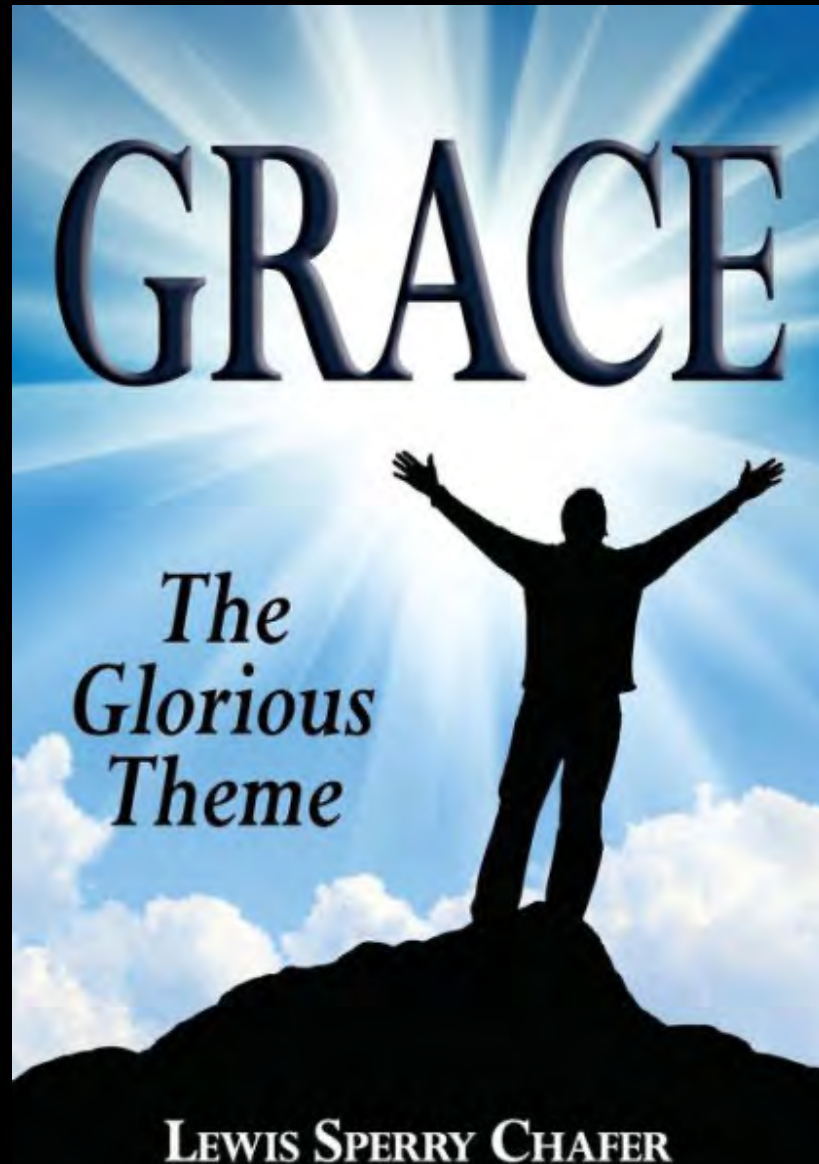
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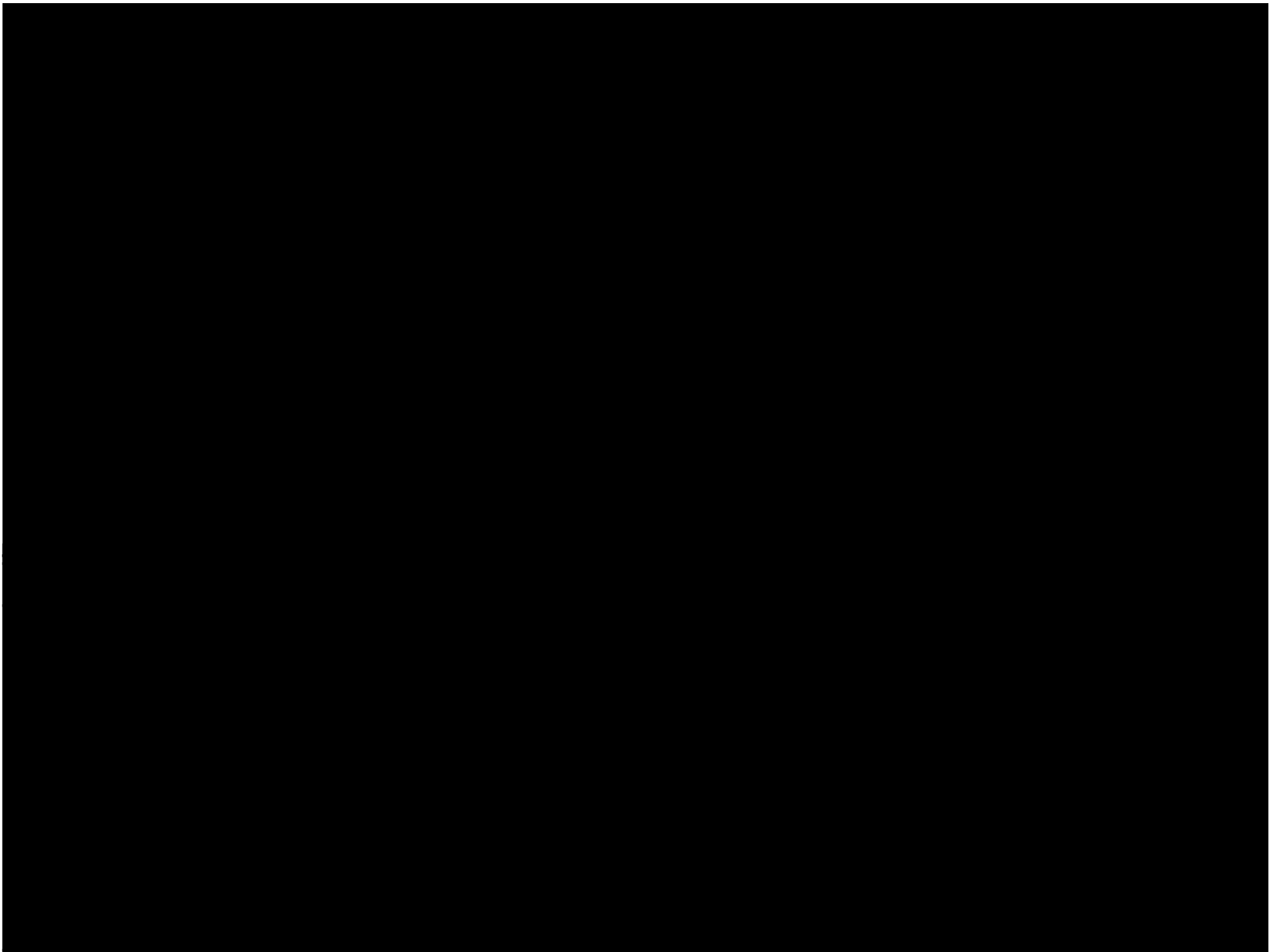
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