



What to Pray For

Philippians 1:9-11

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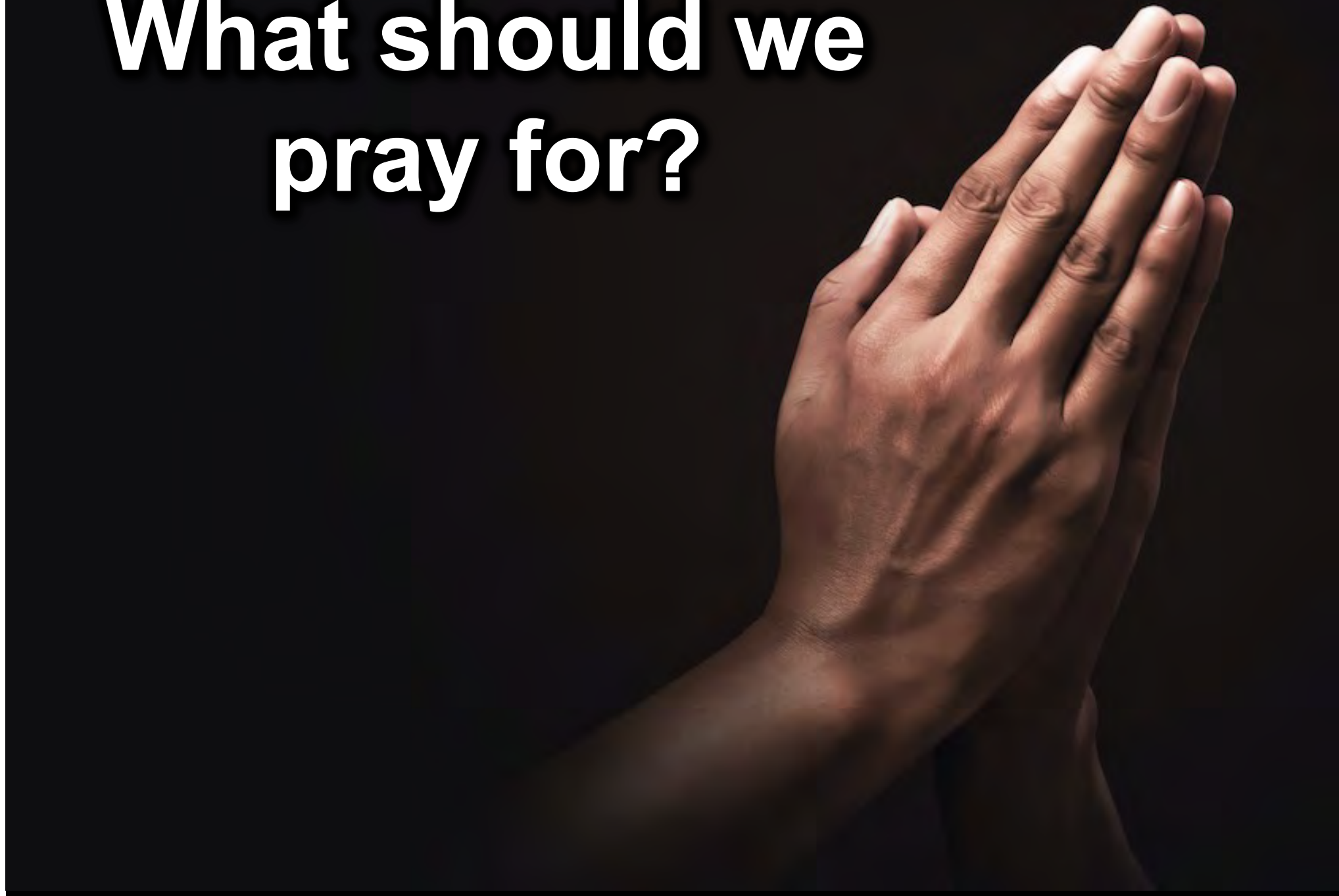
The Lord's Prayer



What do you most pray for?



**What should we
pray for?**



Background: Partnering in the Gospel



Let's Pray Biblically...

A photograph showing a person's hands holding an open Bible. The hands are positioned in the lower center, with the fingers resting on the pages. The Bible is open, showing text on both pages. The background is a bright, clear blue sky with some light clouds. The overall tone is peaceful and spiritual.

**5 things
on God's
prayer
list...**

What to pray for...



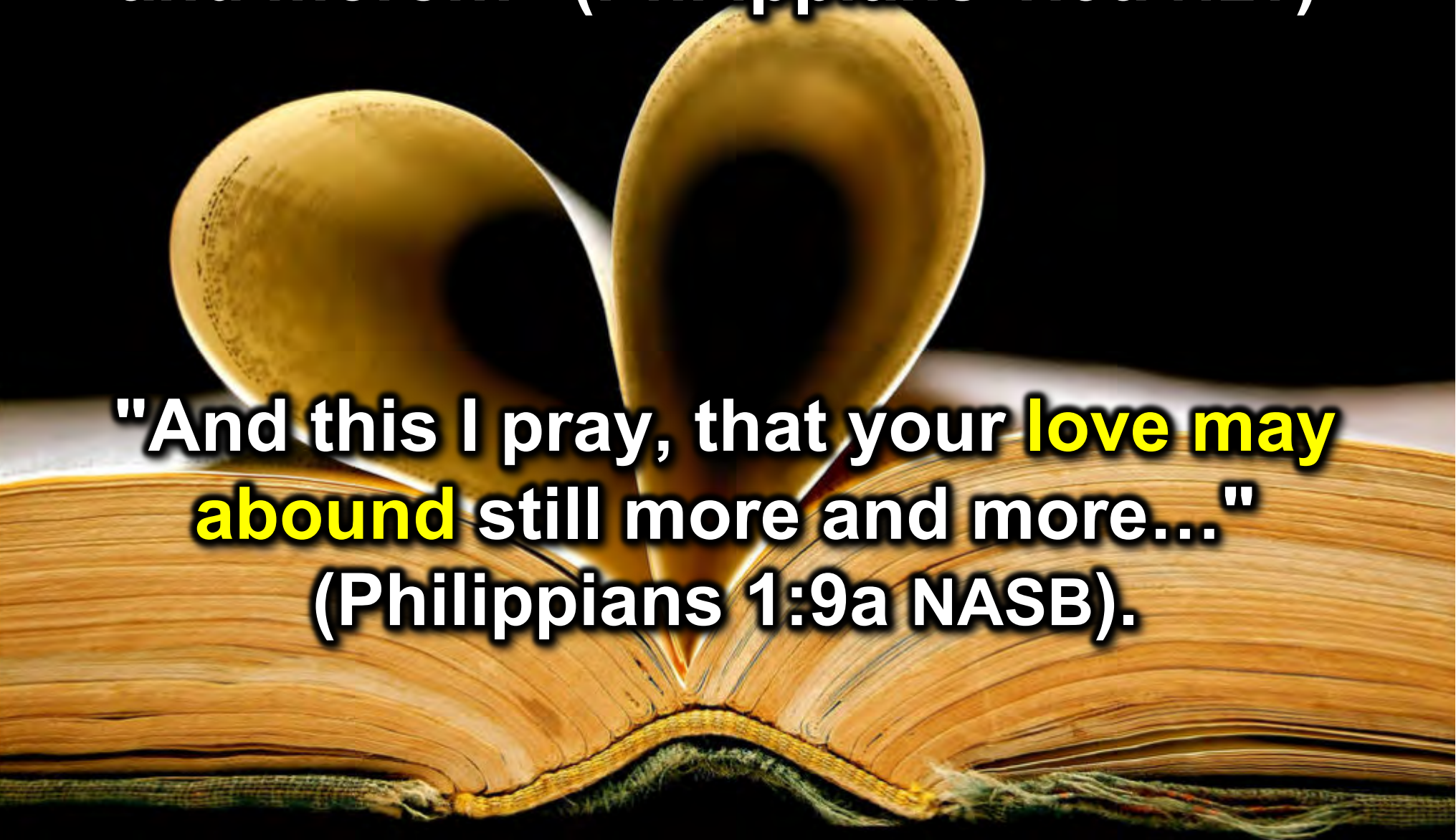
Love

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**1. Pray to grow in love
(Phil 1:9a).**



"I pray that your **love will overflow** more and more..." (Philippians 1:9a NLT).

An open book with aged, yellowed pages. Two pages are folded upwards to form a heart shape. The text is overlaid on the image.

"And this I pray, that your **love may abound** still more and more..."
(Philippians 1:9a NASB).

RETIREMENT.
What's the purpose?

What's Most Important?



**The most important
thing is to
enjoy your life—
it's all that matters
—Audrey Hepburn—**





**Happiness is the most
important thing in the
world, without it, you live a
life of depression.**

—*Marilyn Monroe*—

AZ QUOTES



**The most important
thing in life will always
be family. The people
right here, right now.**

—*Vin Diesel*—

AZ QUOTES

What's Most Important?



Mark 12:29-31 -- Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.’³⁰ And you must **love the Lord** your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’

³¹ The second is equally important: ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

Our Vision



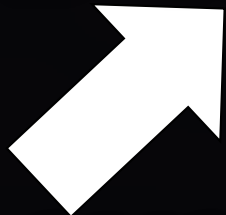
Love the Nations

Love the Church

**Love
God**

What to pray for...

Discernment



Love

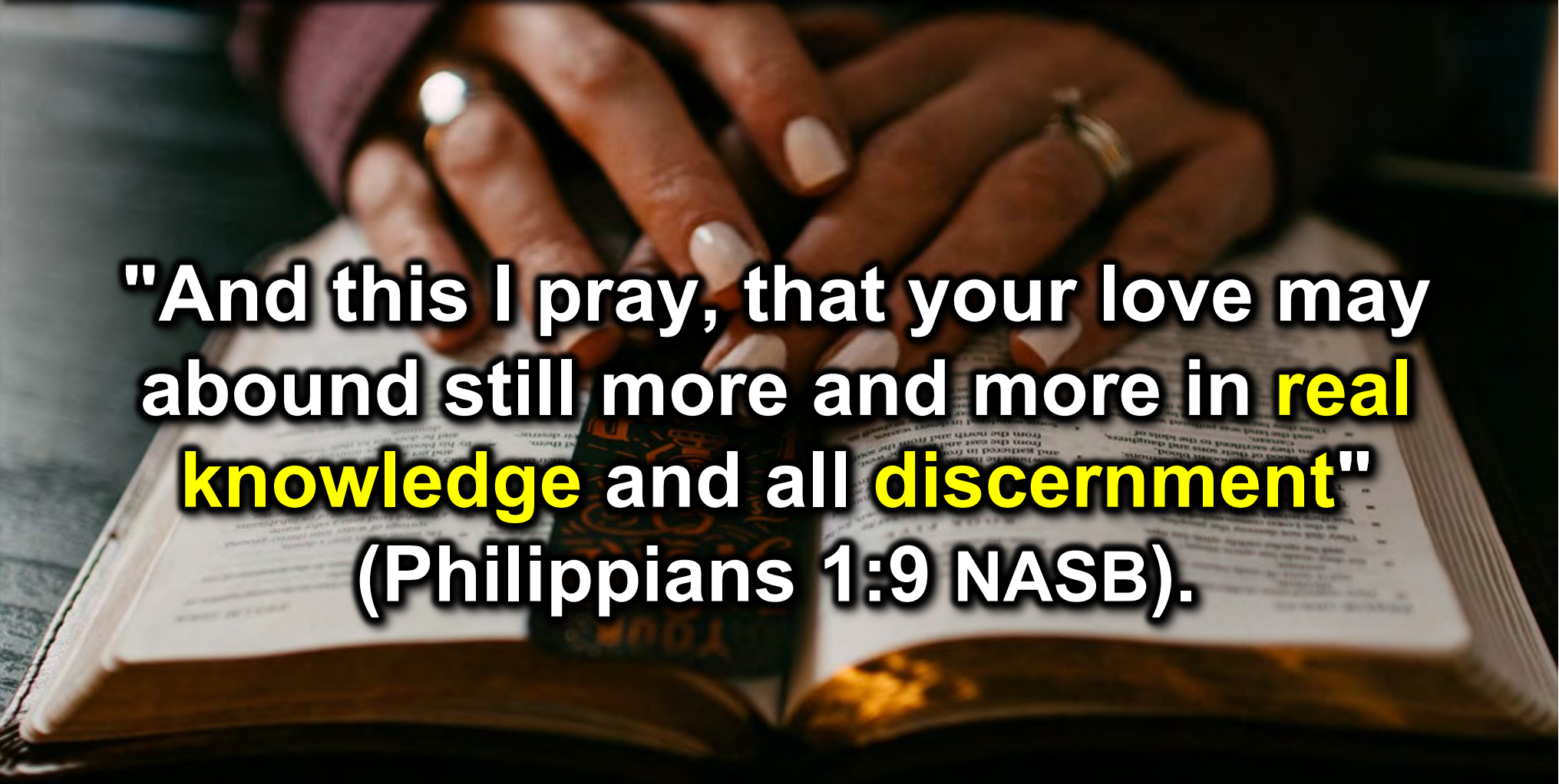
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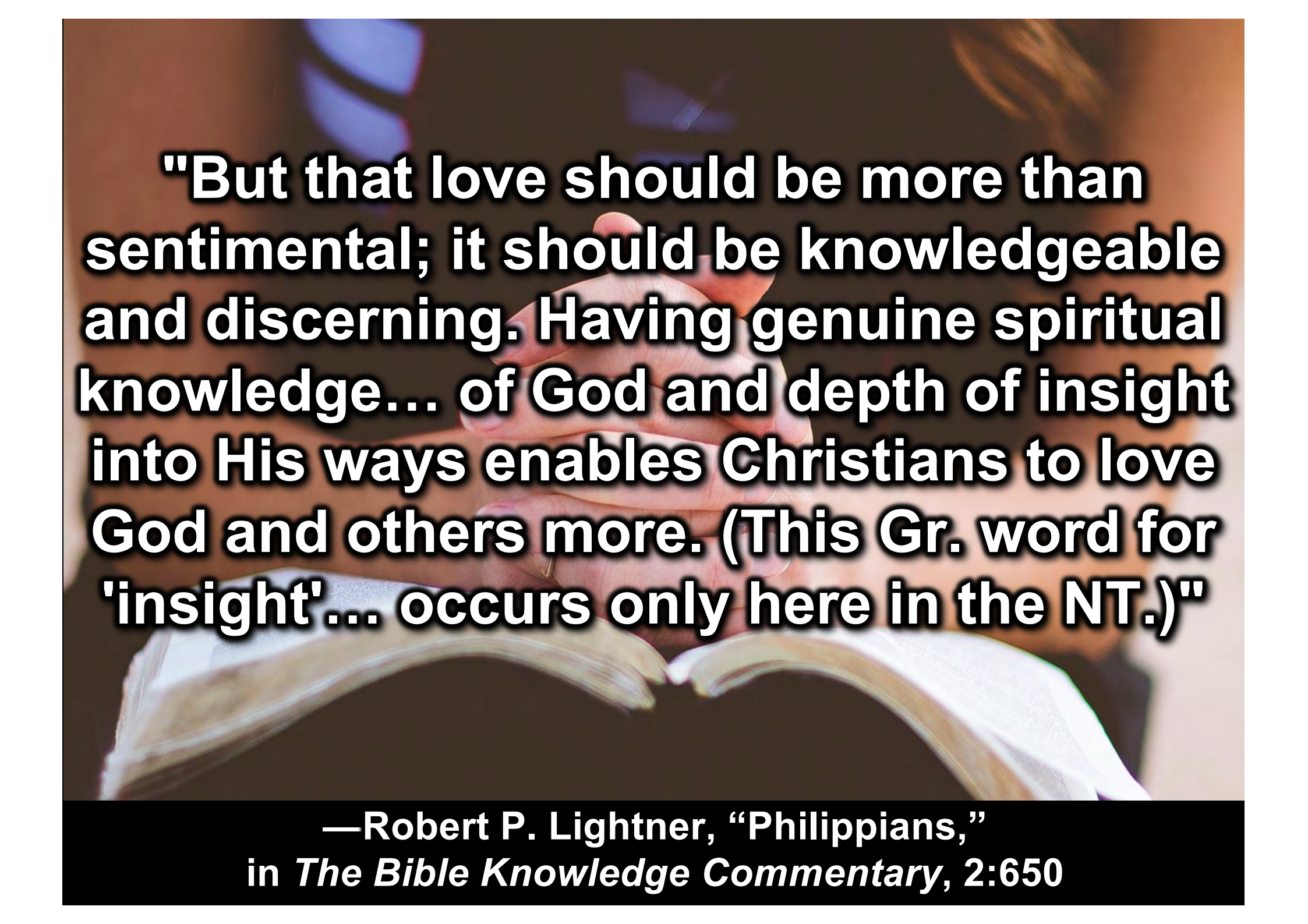
2. Pray for **discernment** (Phil 1:9b).



"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in **knowledge and **understanding**" (Philippians 1:9 NLT).**



"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in **real knowledge and all **discernment**" (Philippians 1:9 NASB).**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The hands are positioned over the pages, and the Bible is open to a specific page. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the text.

"But that love should be more than sentimental; it should be knowledgeable and discerning. Having genuine spiritual knowledge... of God and depth of insight into His ways enables Christians to love God and others more. (This Gr. word for 'insight'... occurs only here in the NT.)"

**—Robert P. Lightner, "Philippians,"
in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 2:650**

We work hard to expand our knowledge of many things—finances, technical skills, etc.



**What's
Growing
in Your
Head?**

PROVERTIVITY 03

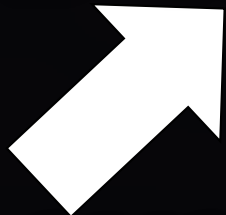
**But the knowledge most needed is spiritual insight.
Pray for that most!**

What to pray for...

Priorities



Discernment



Love

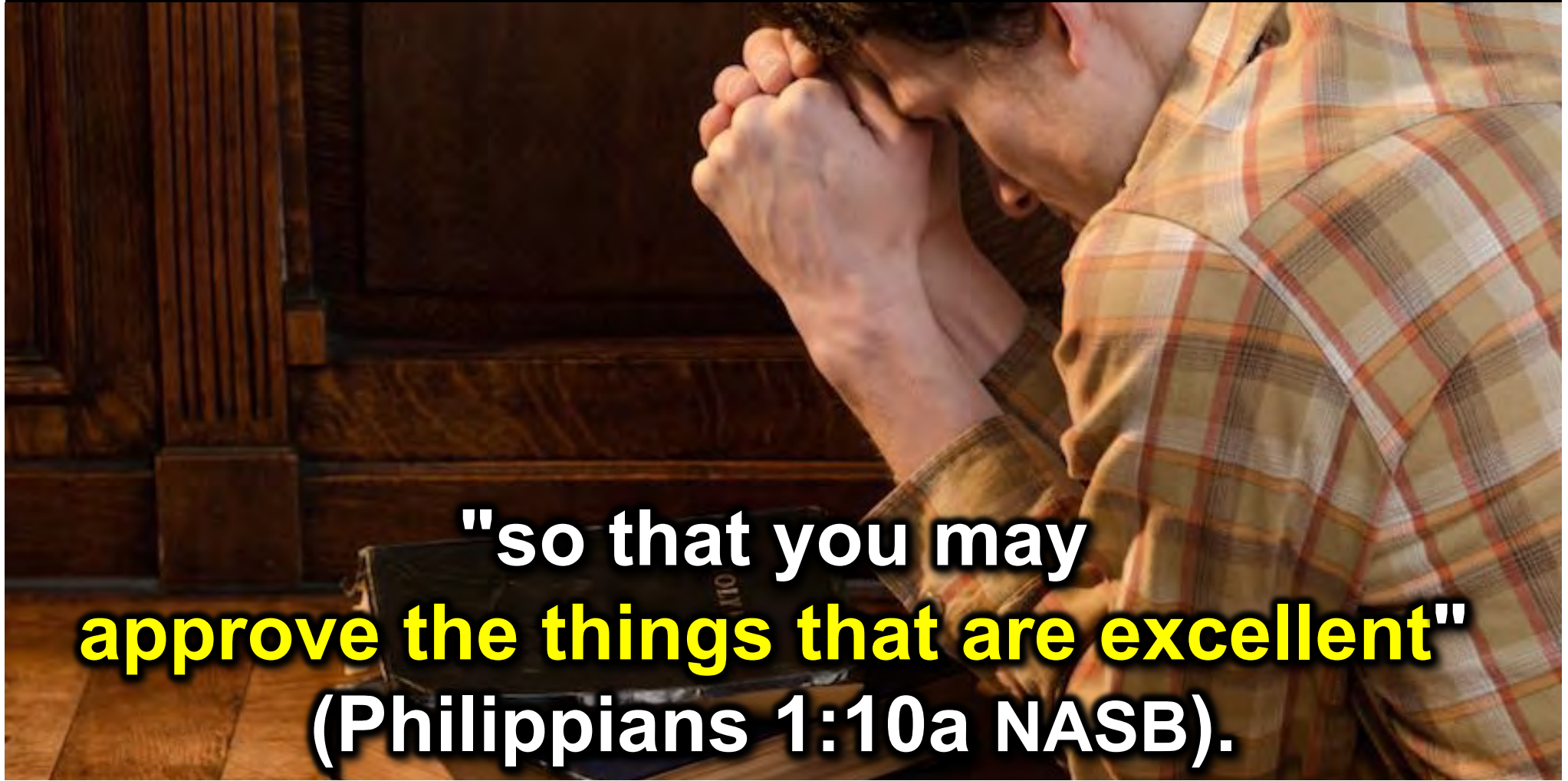
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3. Pray for **priorities** (Phil 1:10a).



"For I want you to **understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return" (Philippians 1:10 NLT).**

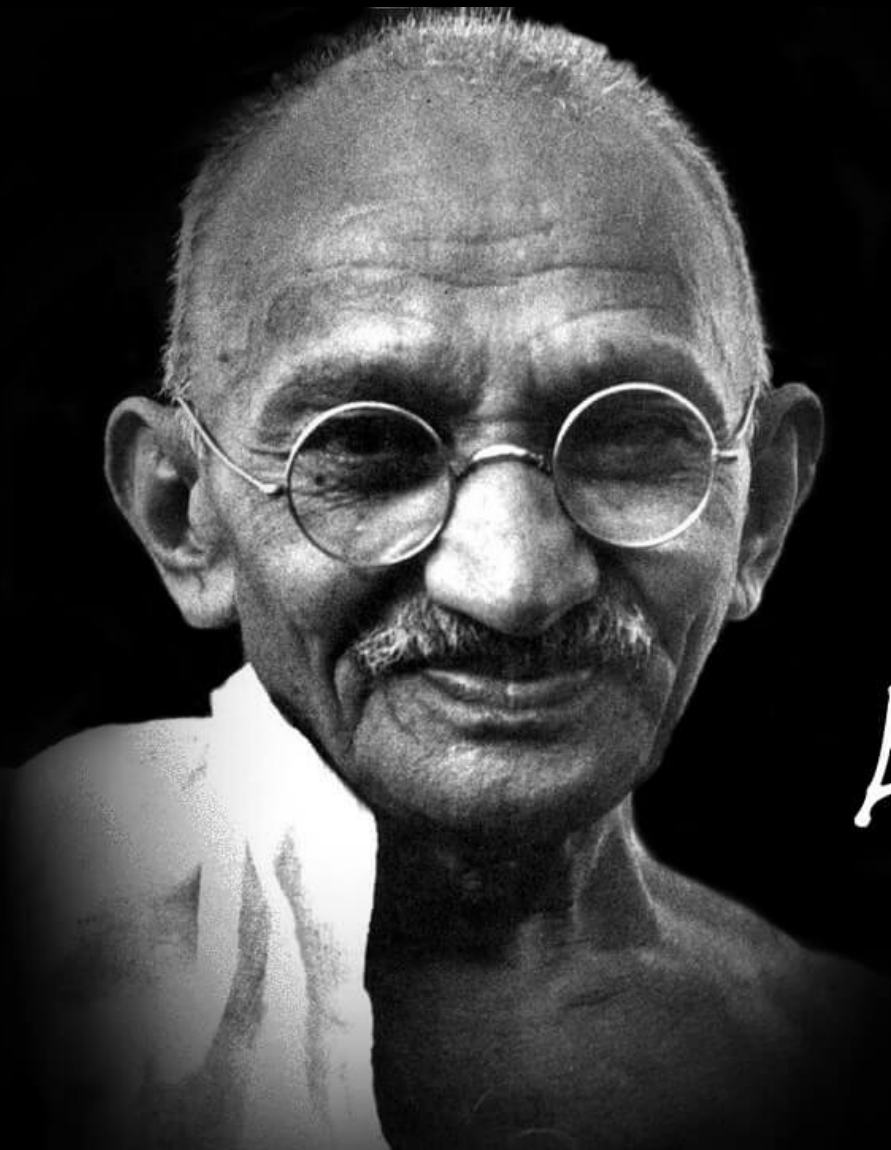
A man in a plaid shirt is shown from the side, kneeling and praying with his hands clasped over his head. He is in a room with dark wood paneling. A Bible is open on a wooden surface in front of him.

"so that you may **approve the things that are excellent" (Philippians 1:10a NASB).**

Do you follow your priorities?

**Actually,
everyone
does.**





Action expresses
priorities

— Mohandas Gandhi

Are Your Priorities
in Order?



What should be the priority?



What to pray for...

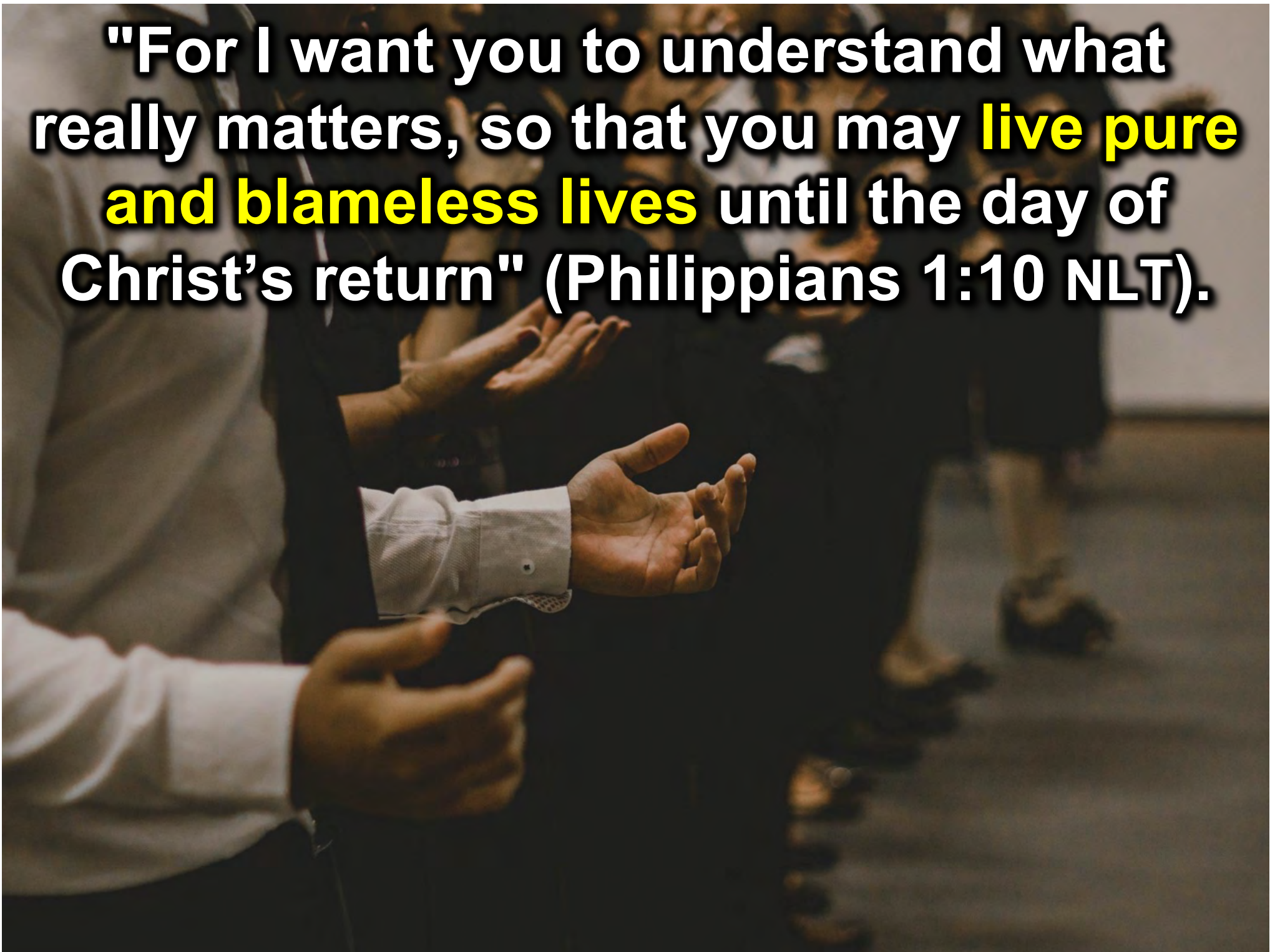


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4. Pray for **purity** of heart (Phil 1:10b-11a).



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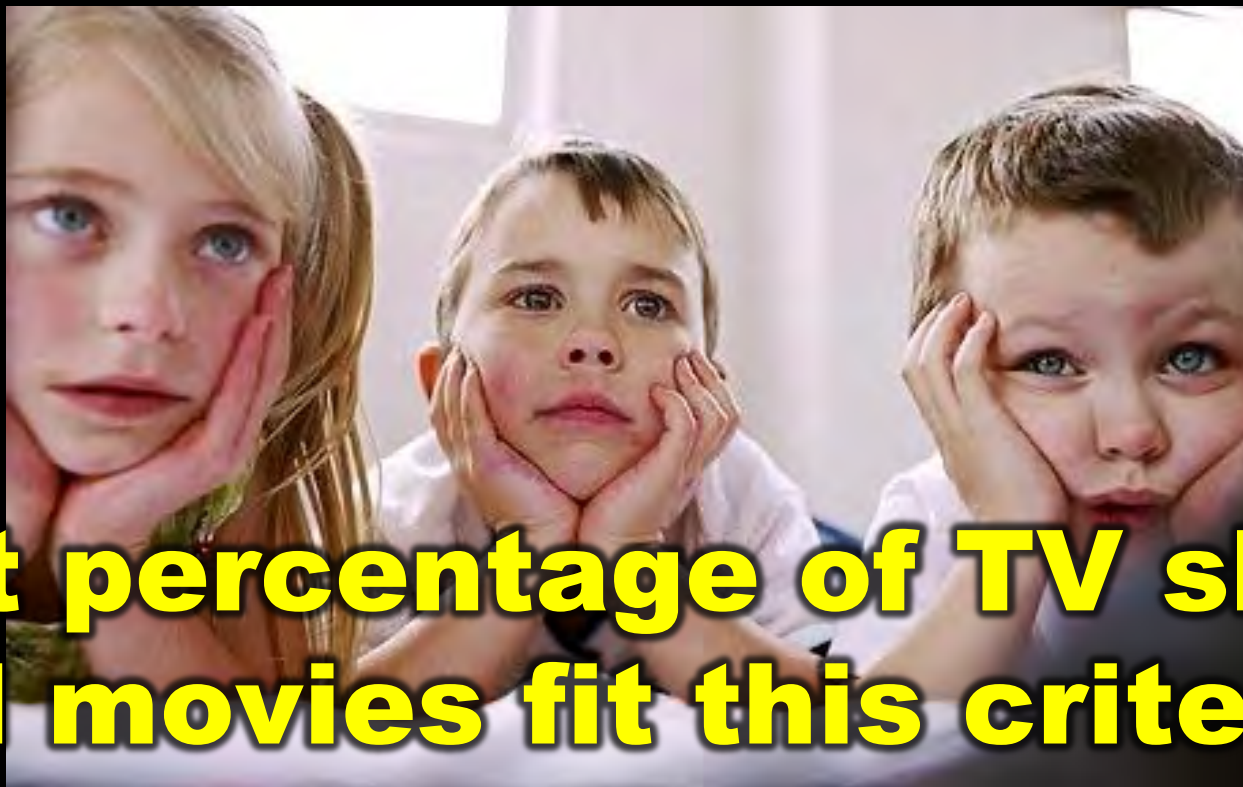


"May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the **righteous character** produced in your life by Jesus Christ..."
(Philippians 1:11a NLT).



"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is **true**, and **honorable**, and **right**, and **pure**, and **lovely**, and **admirable**. Think about things that are **excellent** and **worthy of praise**."

—Philippians 4:8 NLT—



What percentage of TV shows and movies fit this criteria?

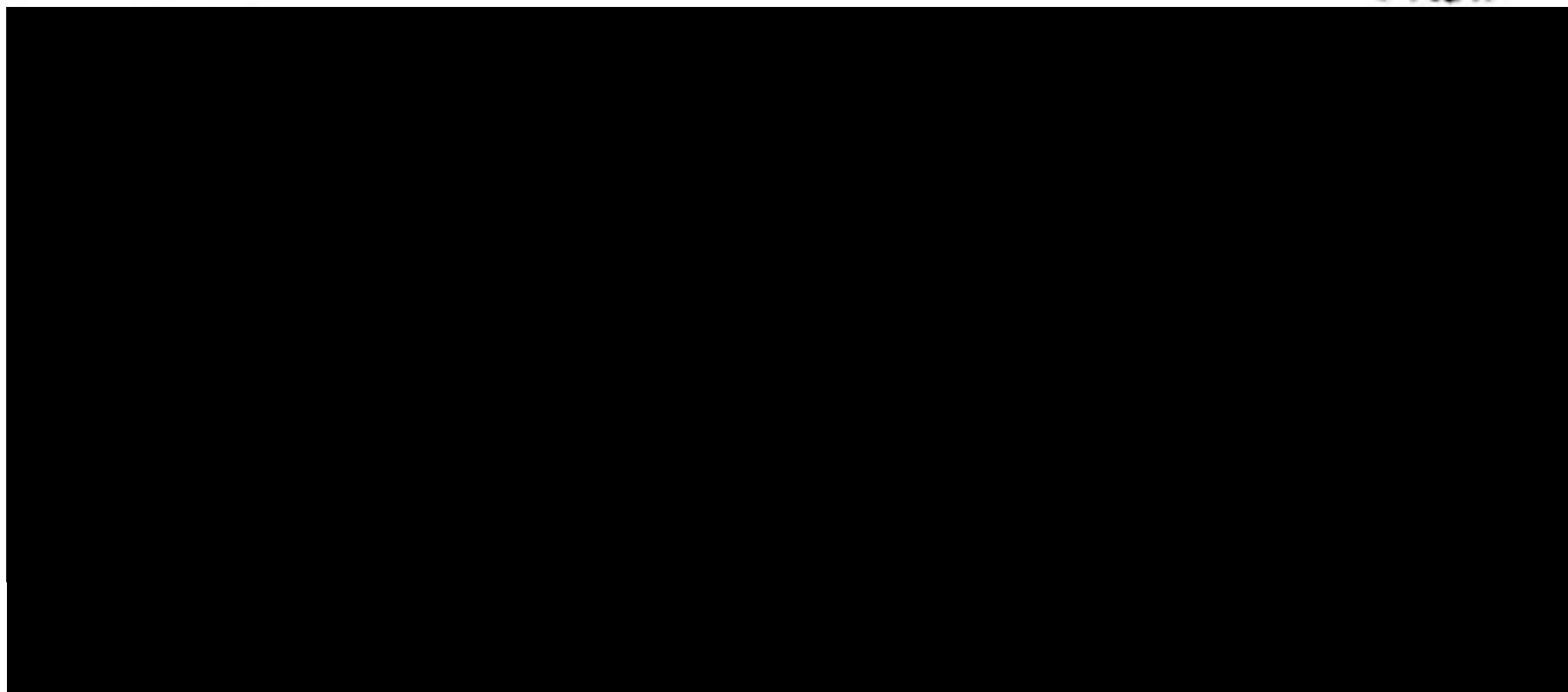
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JUST SO YOU
KNOW...

I NEVER WANT TO LIVE IN
A VEGETATIVE STATE,
DEPENDENT ON SOME
MACHINE.

IF THAT EVER
HAPPENS, JUST
UNPLUG ME, OK?

OK.



**²...I will lead a life of integrity
in my own home.**

**³I will refuse to look at
anything vile and vulgar...**



**Wholesome Thoughts
(Psalm 101:2b-3a NLT)**

What to pray for...

Glorify God

Purity

Priorities

Discernment

Love

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5. Pray to **glorify** God (Phil 1:11b).



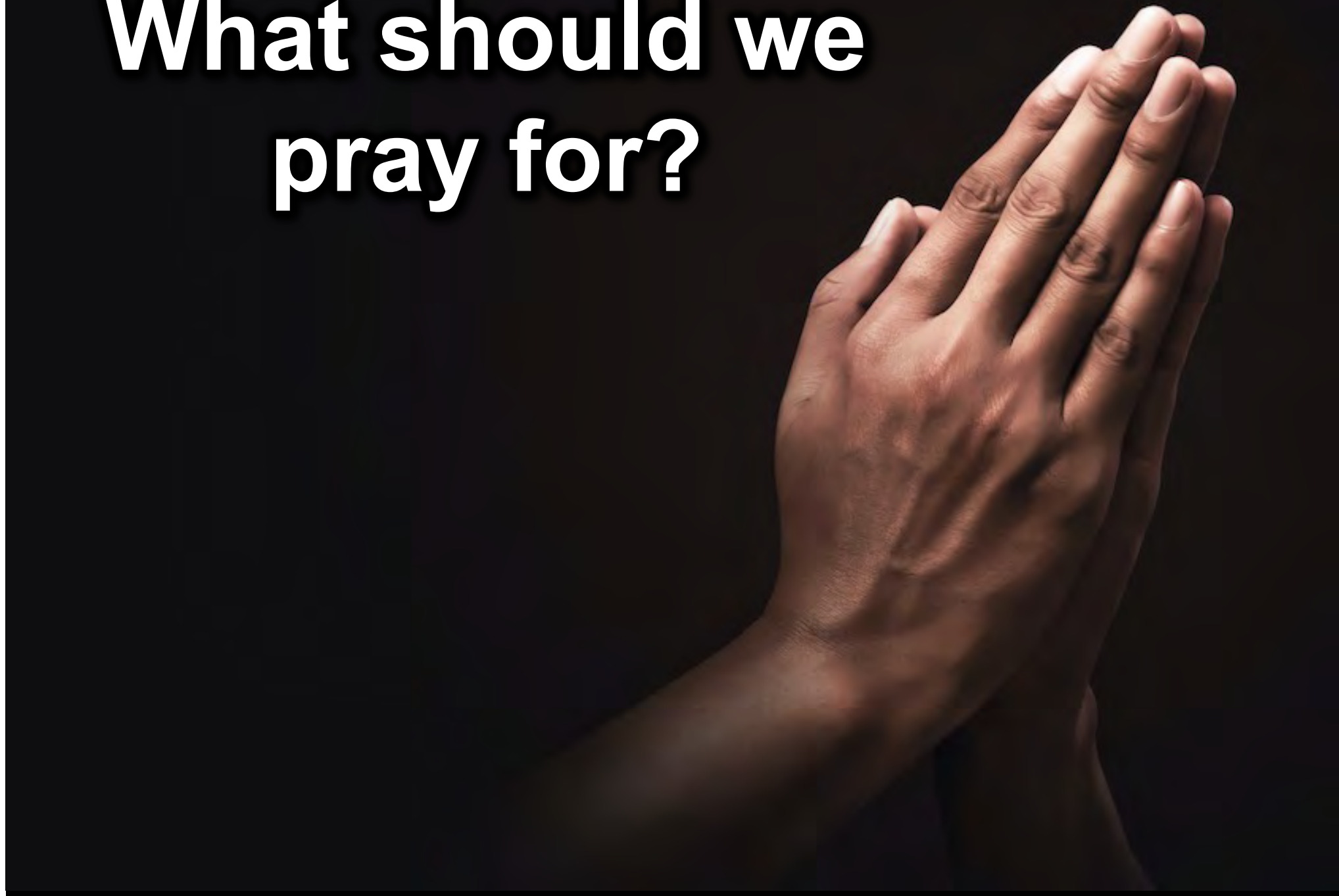
**"...the righteous character produced in
your life by Jesus Christ... will bring
much **glory and praise to God**"
(Philippians 1:11b NLT).**



A close-up, low-angle shot of a man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a dark brown hoodie. He is shown in profile, with his head bowed and his hands clasped together in a prayerful or contemplative gesture. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. Overlaid on the image is the text "MOTIVES. What are yours?" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline.

MOTIVES.
What are yours?

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Main Idea

A photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open Bible. The person is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The Bible is open, showing text on both pages. The background is a wooden surface.

**Pray for God's character
prayer list.**

**“May your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”**

What to pray for...

Glorify God

Purity

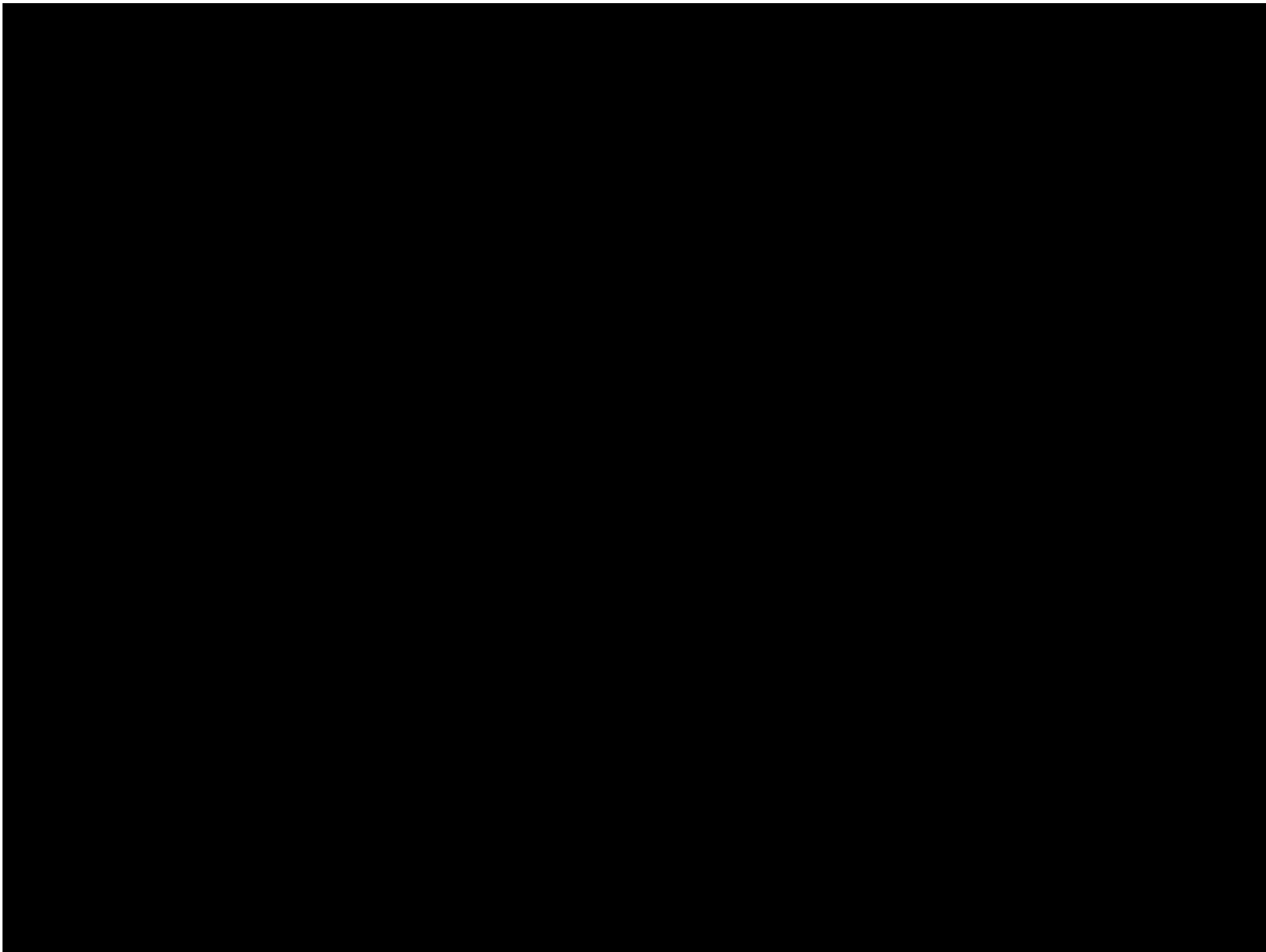
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A large background image for the main banner showing a pair of hands holding an open, small, black leather-bound book with yellowed pages. The hands are weathered and the lighting is warm.

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