



STORIES OF JESUS

The Parables

THE RICH FOOL
LUKE 12:13–31



The Catalyst

Someone in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who
appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”
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 12:13-15



WARNING #1: Watch out for greed!
WARNING #2: Meaningful life is not
defined by possessions.



“When I got everything I wanted, I think it was the most empty that I ever felt inside.”

Johnny Manziel



The Parable

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

Luke 12:18,19

The Blessing





The Parable

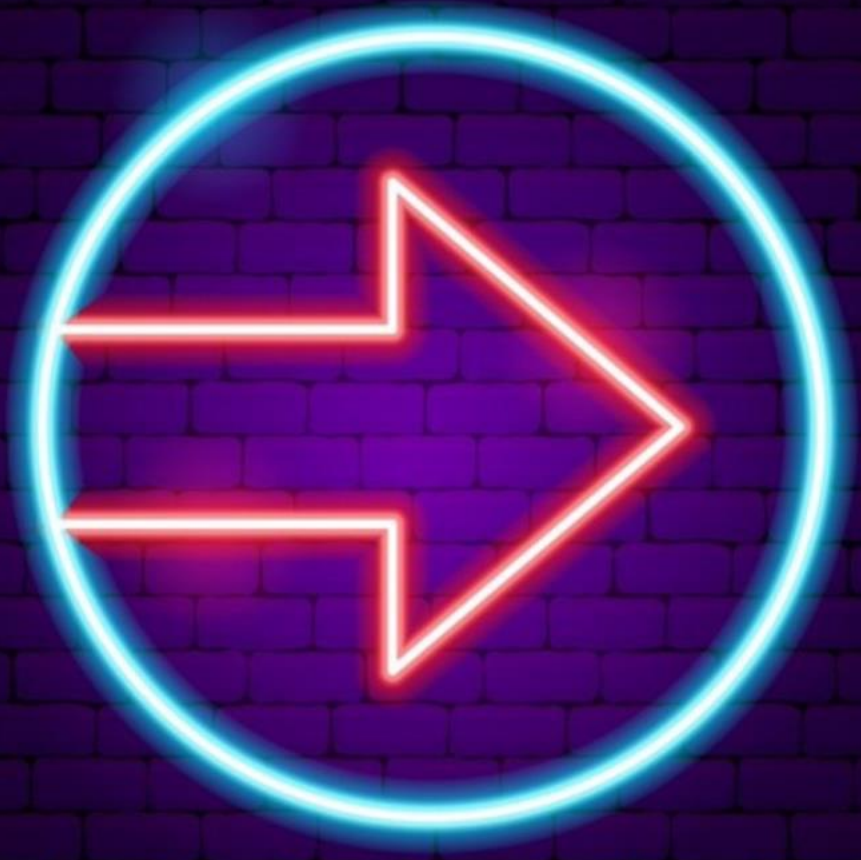
"The essence of greed is keeping what
resources God brings your way for yourself."

Darrell Bock


Can we relate?

- There are over 25 million individual storage units in the U.S. alone.
- This equals 1 for every 14 Americans.
- The U.S. is home to 90 percent of worldwide self-storage inventory.





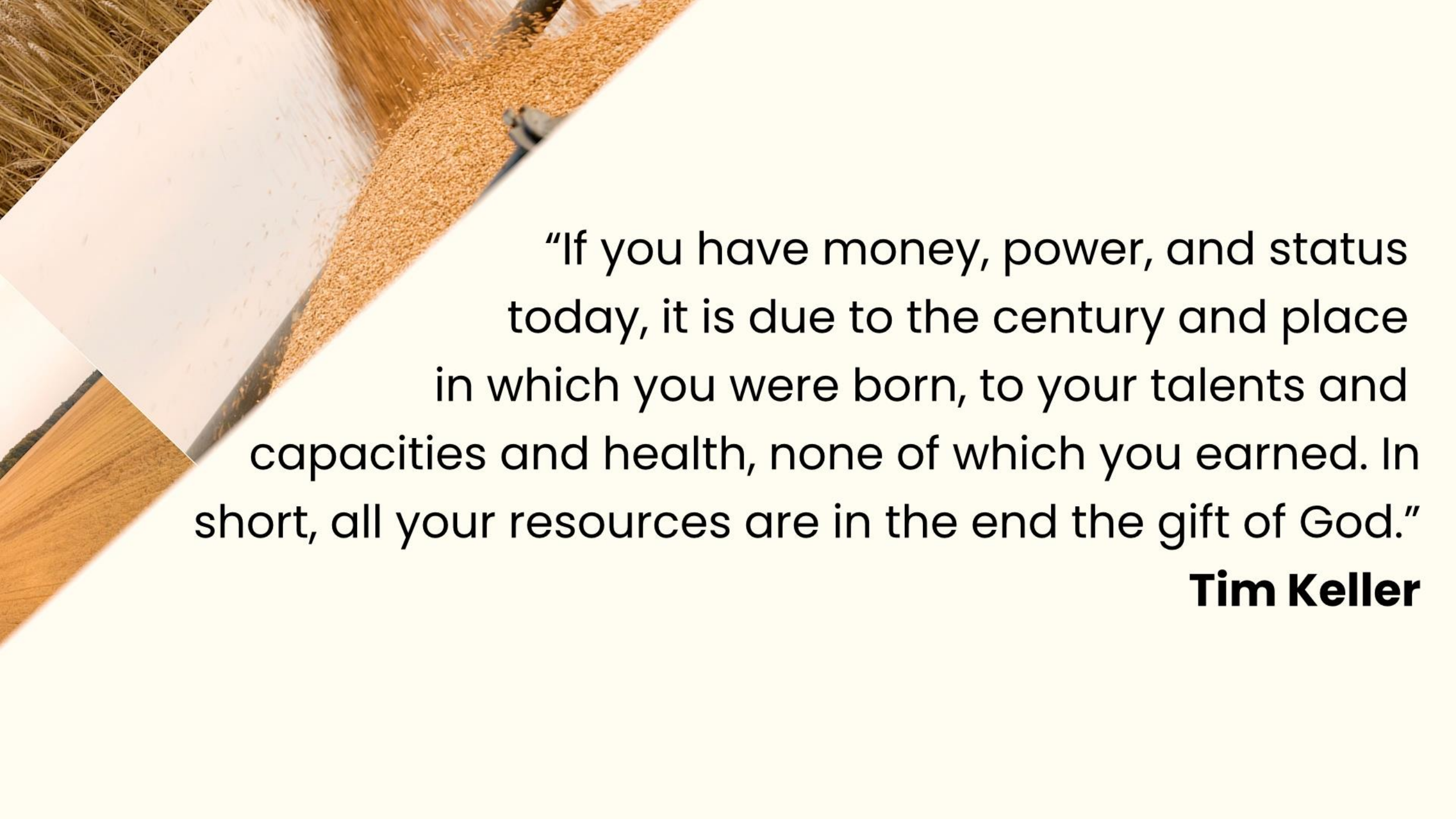
*Eat, drink,
and be merry
for tomorrow
you'll die.*



**What is driving you to make more
money and get new things?**

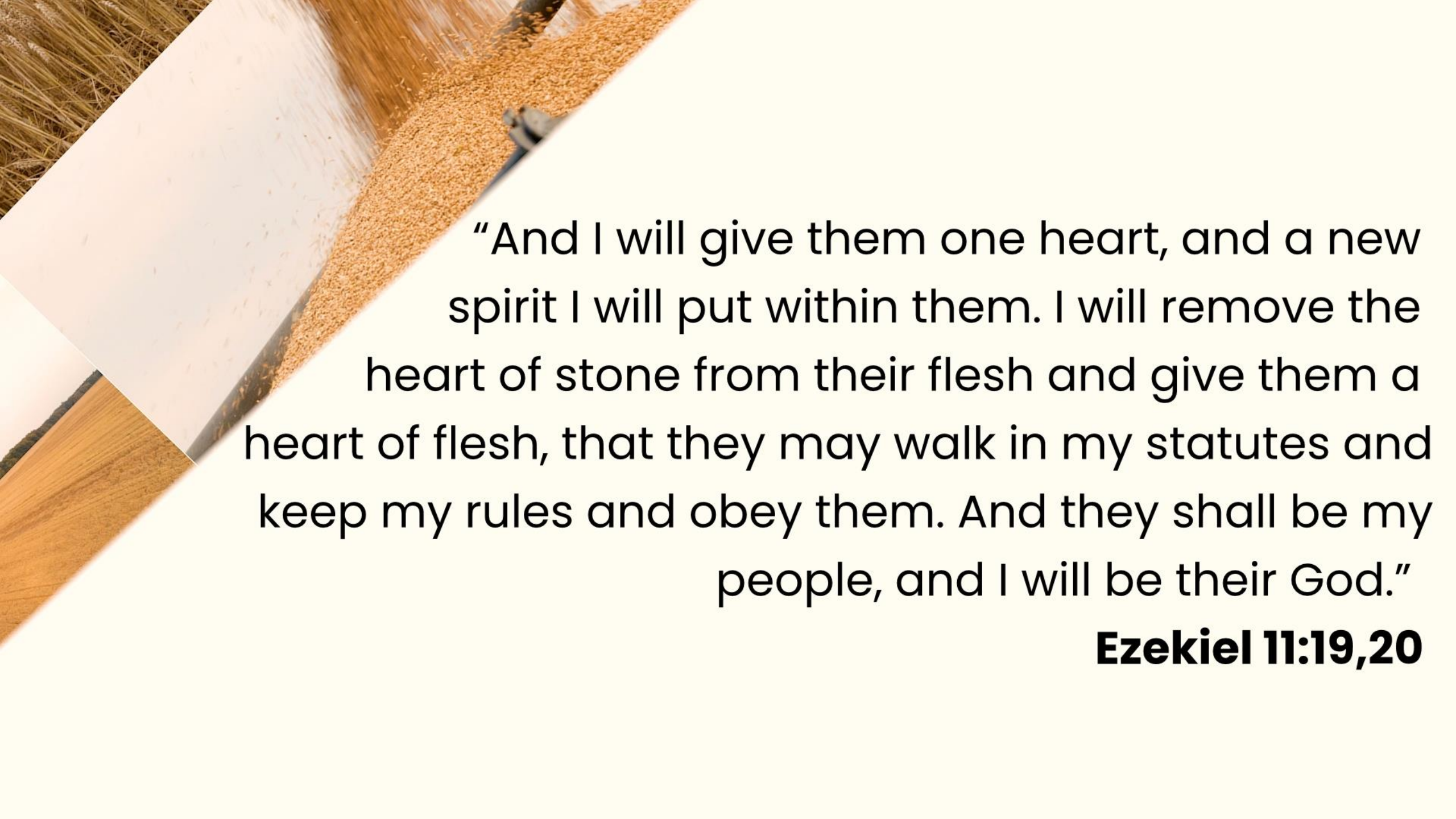
“For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21



"If you have money, power, and status today, it is due to the century and place in which you were born, to your talents and capacities and health, none of which you earned. In short, all your resources are in the end the gift of God."

Tim Keller



“And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.”

Ezekiel 11:19,20



God's Response


“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:20,21




“So, when I say that money is hazardous and helpful, what I mean is that the pieces of metal and paper that you have in your pocket or purse have the capacity to show that you value things more than God (which is hazardous), or that you value God more than things (which is helpful). The paper is nothing, but its expression of the treasures of your heart is everything.”

John Piper



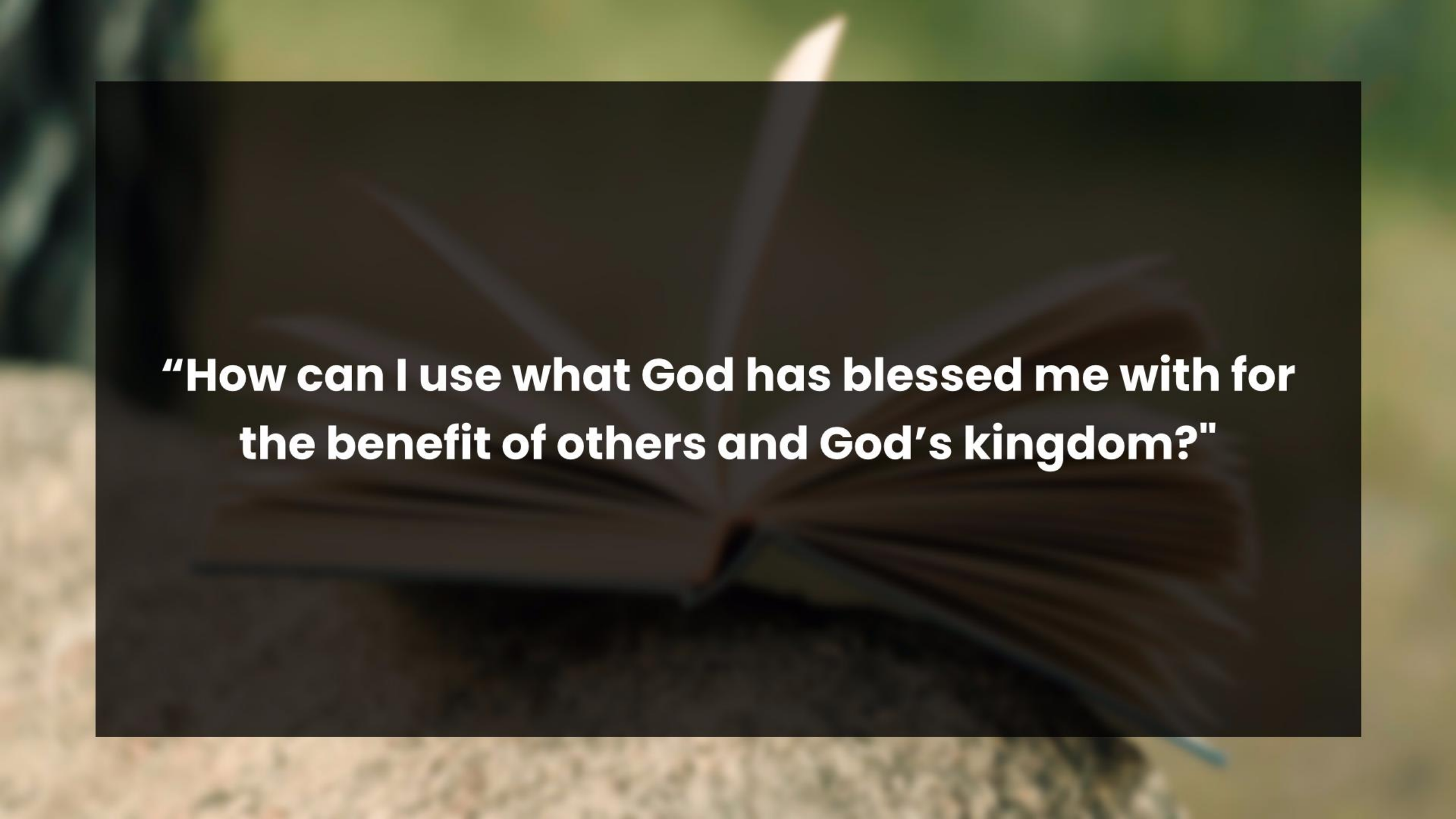
“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:18,19



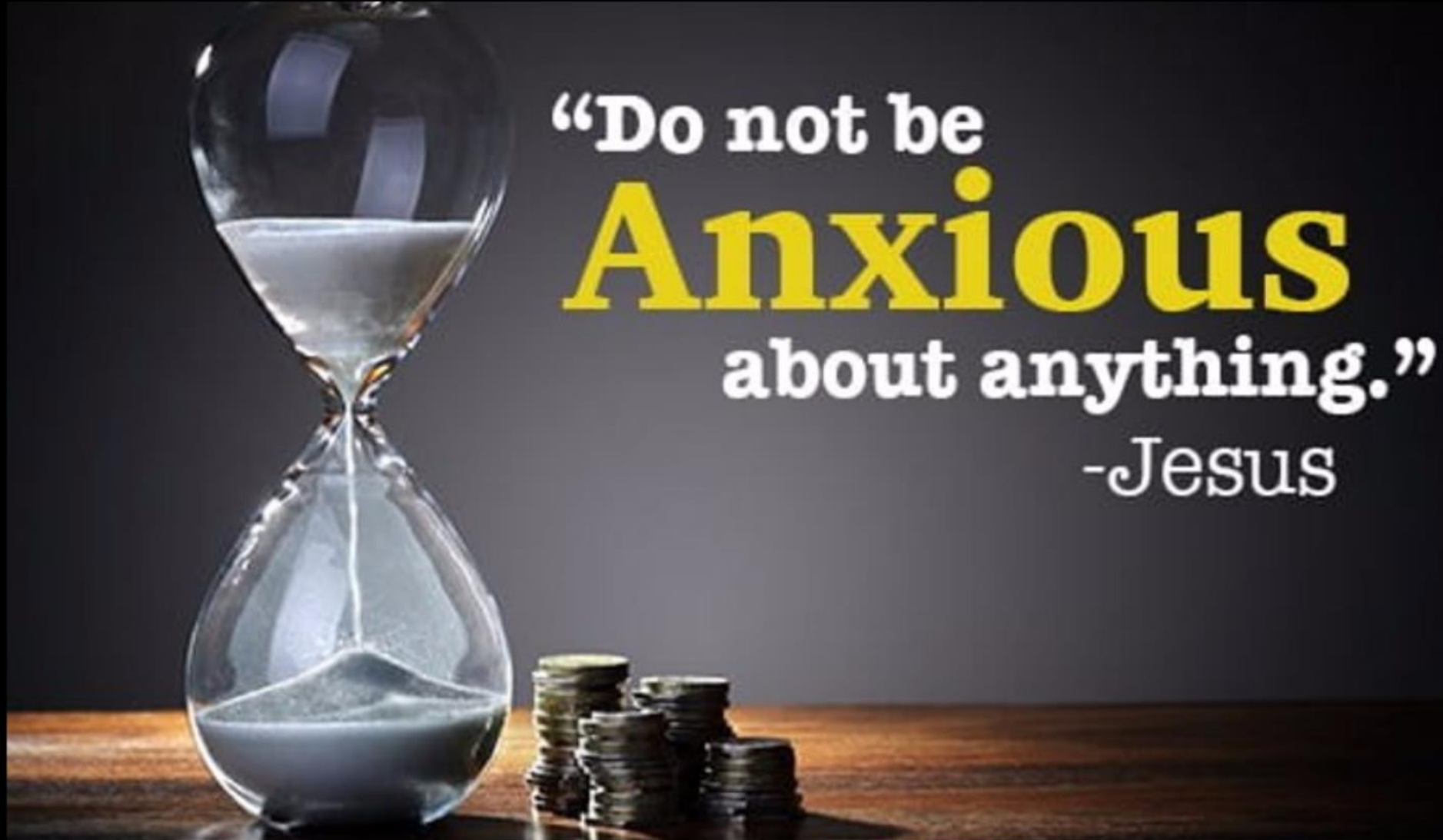
“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

Ephesians 4:28



“How can I use what God has blessed me with for the benefit of others and God’s kingdom?”

The Application: Command #1



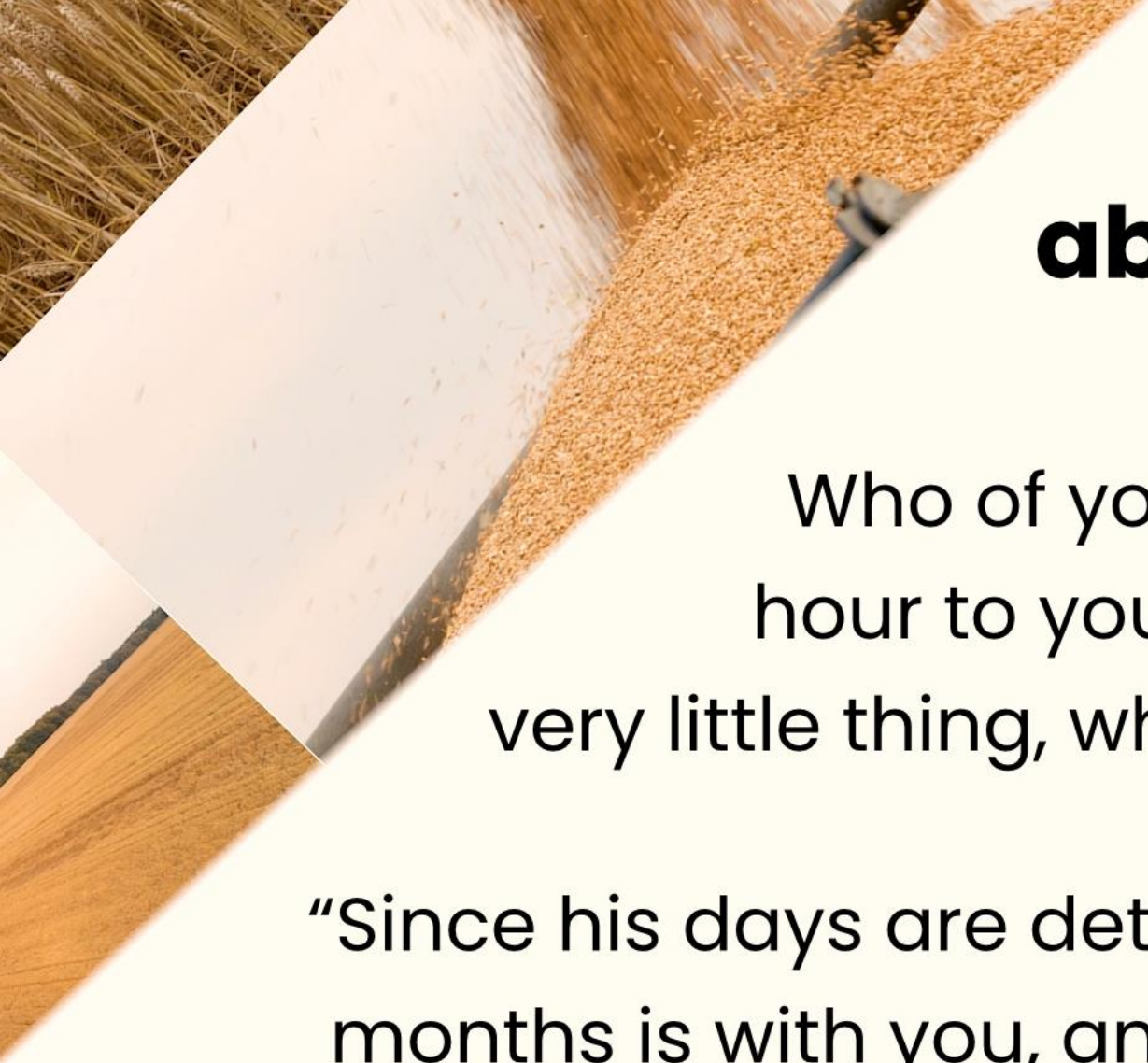
“Do not be
Anxious
about anything.”
-Jesus



Don't be anxious about provisions.

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

Luke 12:22-24




Don't be anxious about how much time you have left.

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

Luke 12:22-24

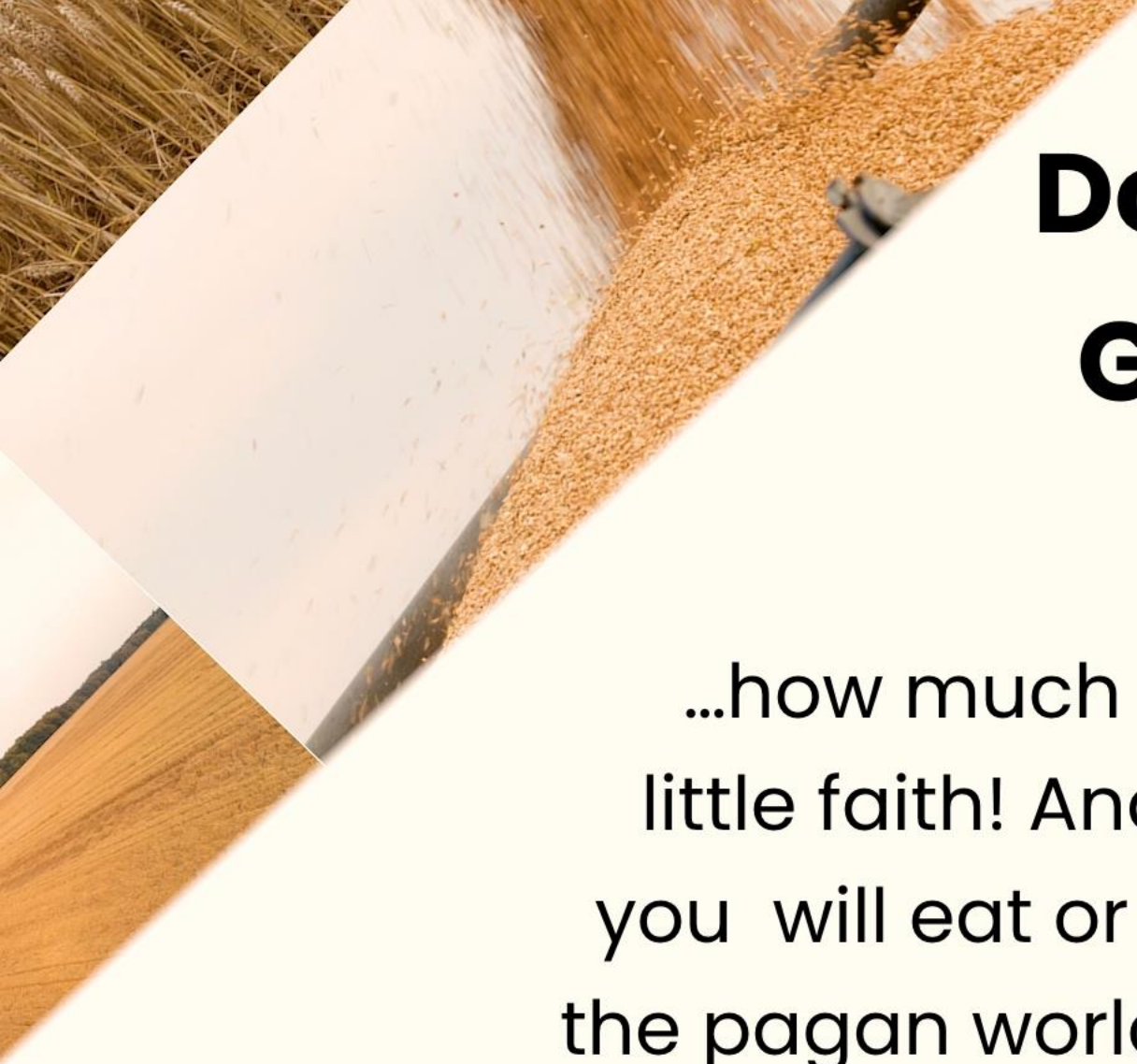
"Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass."

Luke 12:22-24



Don't be anxious about God's knowledge and care of you.

Consider how the wildflowers grow.
They do Not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not
even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed
like one of these. If that is how God clothes the
grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow
is thrown into the fire...



Don't be anxious about God's knowledge and care of you.

...how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Luke 12:27–30

Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he
cares for you.

-1 Peter 5:7

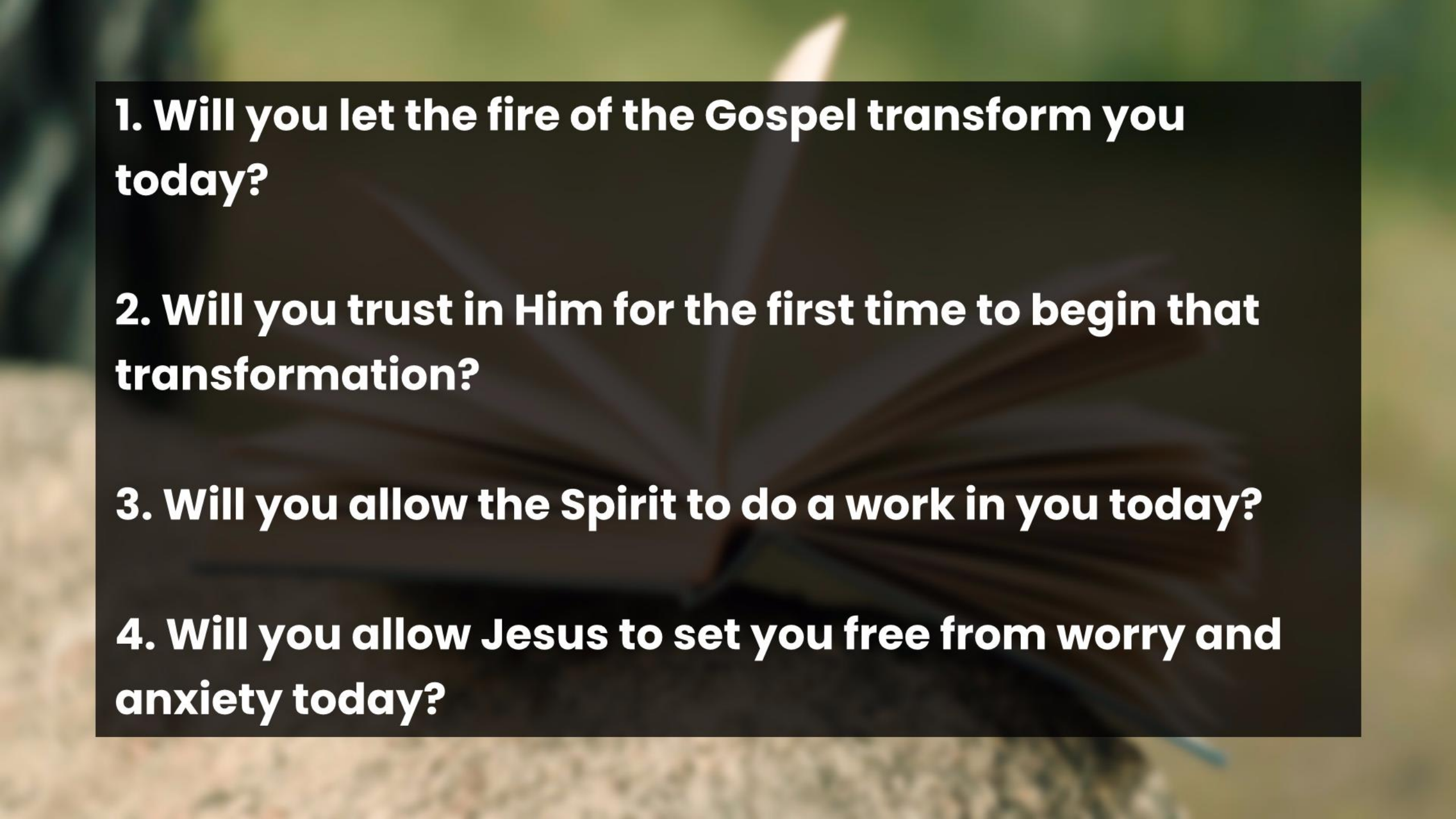


SEEK FIRST

HIS KINGDOM & HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

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MATTHEW 6:33



1. Will you let the fire of the Gospel transform you today?

2. Will you trust in Him for the first time to begin that transformation?

3. Will you allow the Spirit to do a work in you today?

4. Will you allow Jesus to set you free from worry and anxiety today?