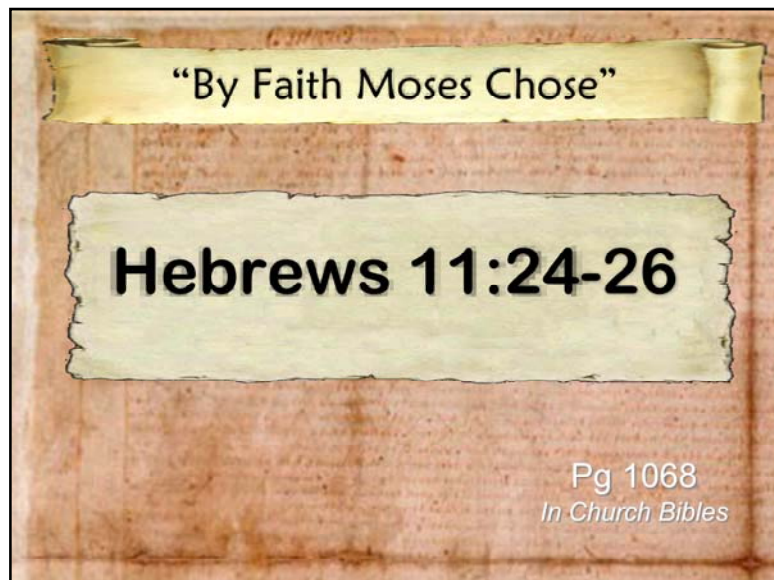




Today...we are again in Hebrews

- Don't know about you...but I have missed it

Reminder... are in an incredible chapter of the Word of God

- Faith chapter....hall of faith
- Lays before us example after example of lives lived by faith
- Point is not just observation or appreciation...
 - Point is that we would follow their example, learn from

Today...Moses and an incredible choice he made...



Life is a constant series of choices

- Picture it as coming to a cross roads—leading different directions
- Roads that can and will take us down varying courses

Every day – we walk through a constant array of choices

- What time to get up, coffee, what to eat, what to wear
- Whether to come to church, what to say, etc

True Many of the choices we make are small, small effect

- Yet, life is marked by many choices – that change whole course
Job, Marriage, School...etc

Life is a constant series of choices

- We make our choices
- Our choices make us

Key area to grow in our faith....making good choices

- Such an issue is exactly what God brings before us today

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Background

- Where?
- When?



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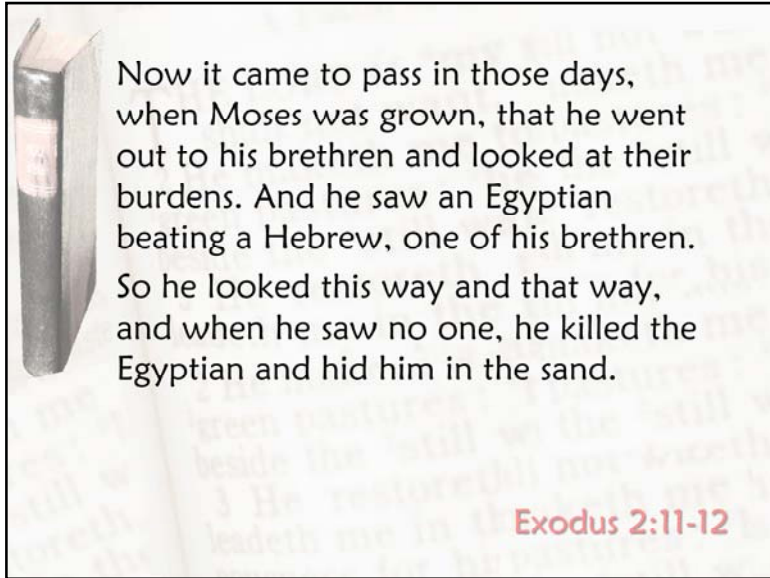
- If you have been with us in Hebrews 11 up to this point, then you know that each of the references here in Hebrews 11 points us back to the Old Testament to an account there.
- Sometimes a single sentence here can refer to multiple chapters in the OT. We have often looked back to

Yet here...we have something different...something more.

- Not refereeing to a specific instance recorded in scripture,
- Taking us deeper, behind the scenes into Moses' heart, seeing the motivation that was taking place.

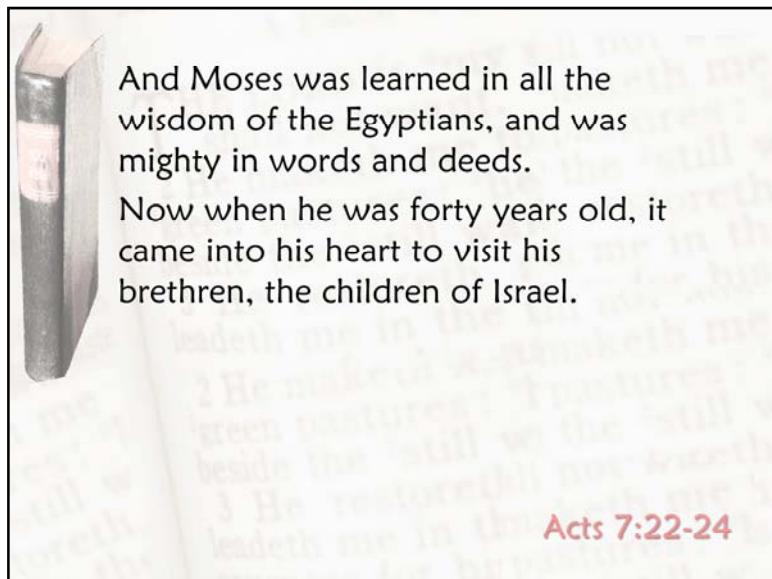
Instead of having you turn...let me just read to you the account that this goes behind the scenes in.

- next slide Exodus



We see here what Moses was doing....

Also recorded for us in the book of Acts, as Stephen records this
(Next Slide)



And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

Acts 7:22-24

Notice...we see that it came into his heart...how, what?

That is what we have recorded for us in Hebrews 11,

- In Hebrews 11, God helps us to see what is in his heart

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Part of the Point of this today...is God is taking us deeper...into Moses heart

Important, because the truth is that choices, things that we decide – really begin deeper.

It is deeper, it is in your heart that God wants to work

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Background

- Where? Where in scripture does this refer to?
- When? When in Moses' life does this refer?



It tells us here in Hebrews 11 – when Moses became of age. What age? Acts 7 told us that Moses was 40 years old.

Point

- This is a turning point in Moses life...a place of decision
- For some of you, teenagers, college students – this has direct application
- Yet, for those who are older, don't dismiss this...
 - Moses was 40 when he came to this decision
 - Perhaps...it was even at the stage of life that many define as a “mid-life crises” a time when we often decide what direction we are going in life

Perhaps following me...the age is not a “magic age”

- But it was a time of decision.....
- Maybe you are in such a place...I want to draw you there...

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Moses **Refused**

Moses **Chose**

Moses **Esteemed**



Lets read the whole sentence (three verses)

Note with me that there are three key verbs – that shape what God is showing us here.

Refused

Choosing – or chose

Esteeming – or esteemed

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Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1John 2:15-17



In the World Refused
Pride of LifePosition
Lust of Flesh.....Pleasures
Lust of Eyes.....Possessions

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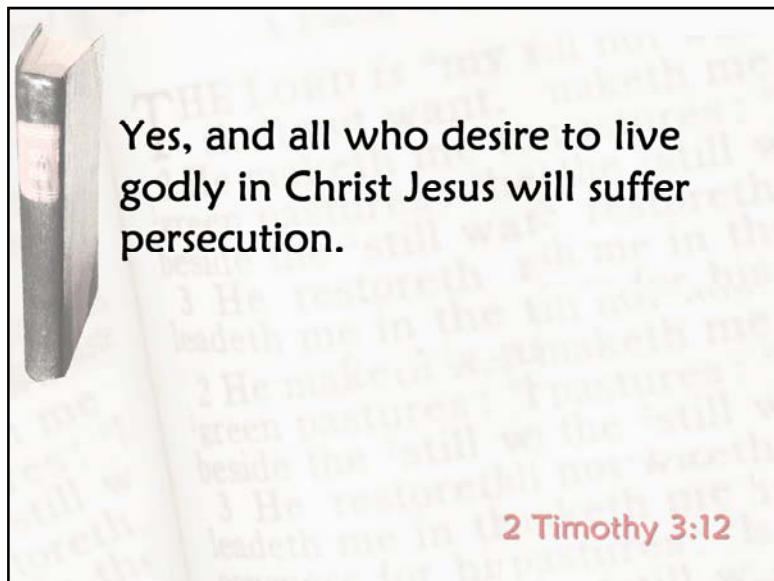
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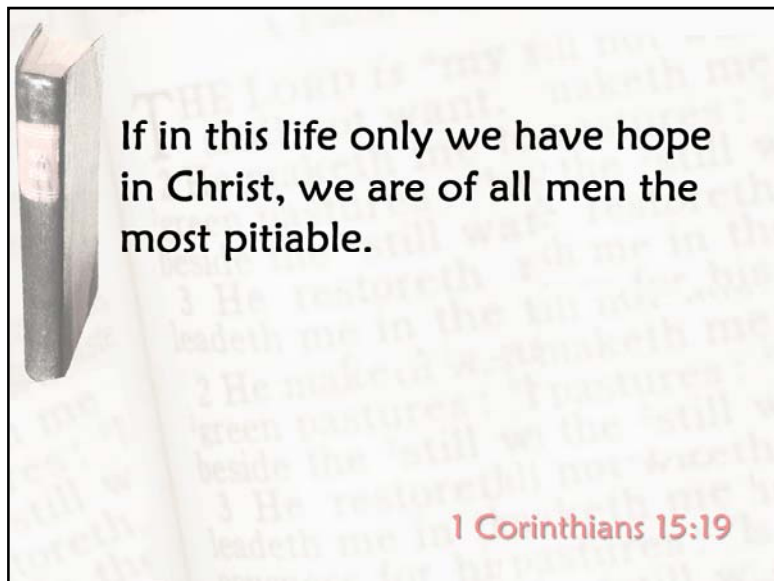
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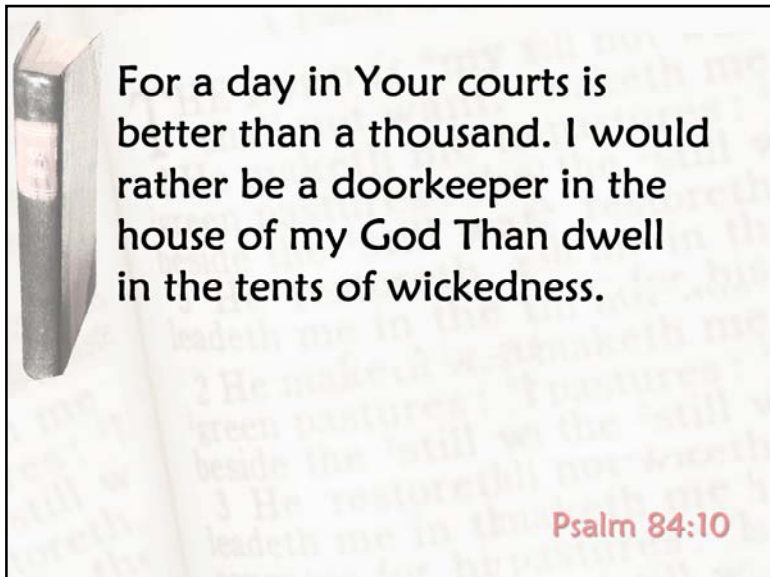
Position

Best in world

with Christ

with God's people





For a day in Your courts is
better than a thousand. I would
rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God Than dwell
in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm 84:10

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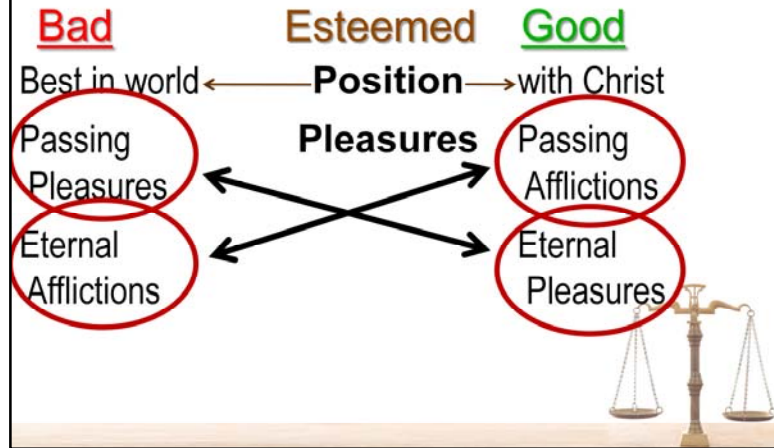
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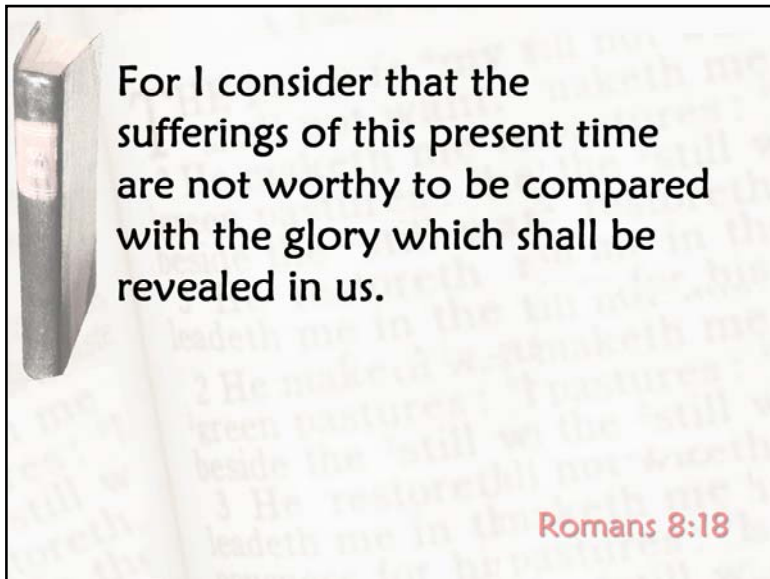
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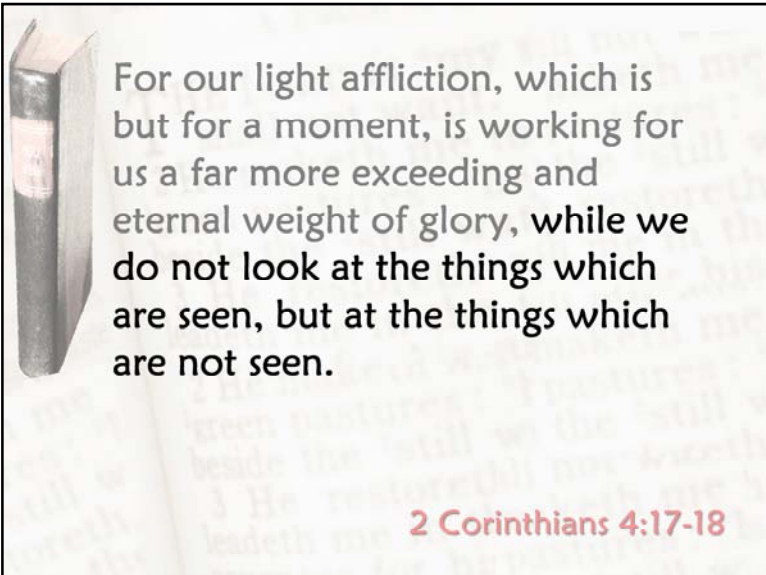
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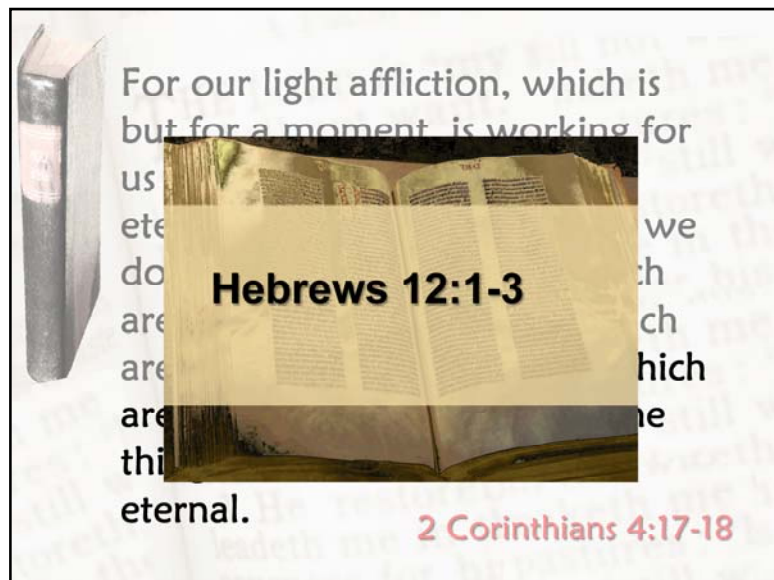






For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18



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eternal glory, which far outweighs the temporary suffering we are now experiencing. The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is perishing, yet our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us

Hebrews 12:1-3

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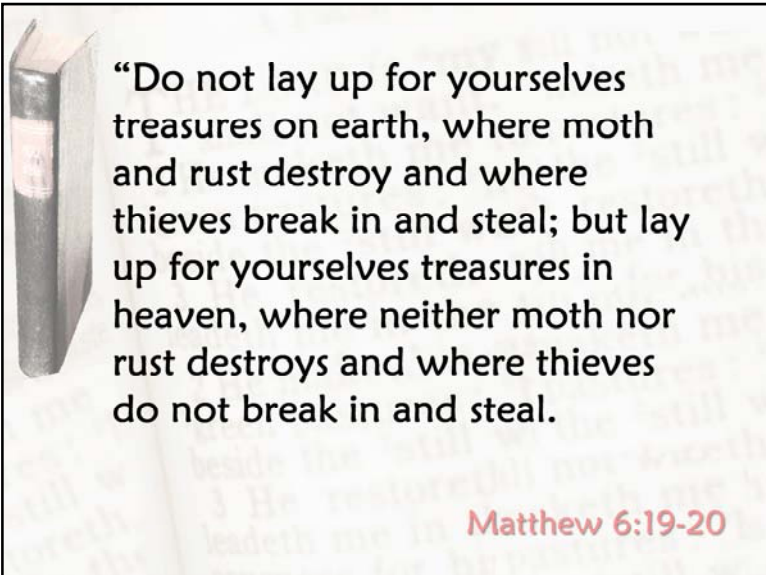
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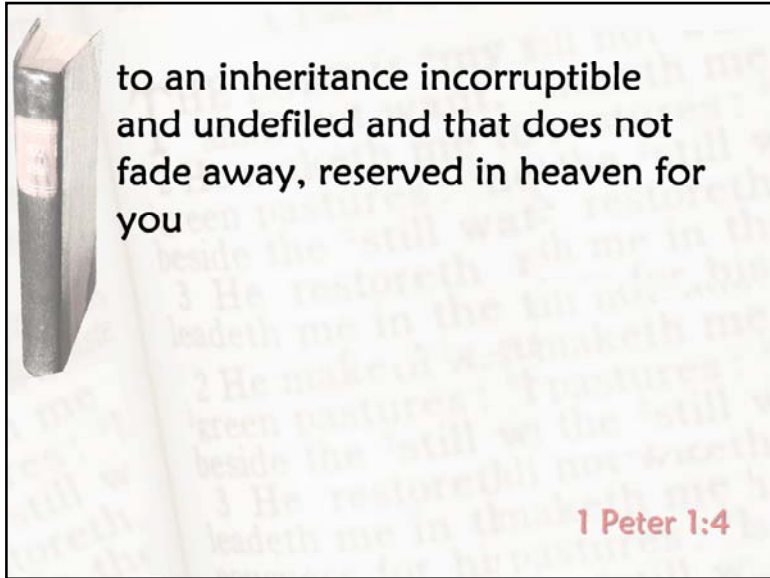
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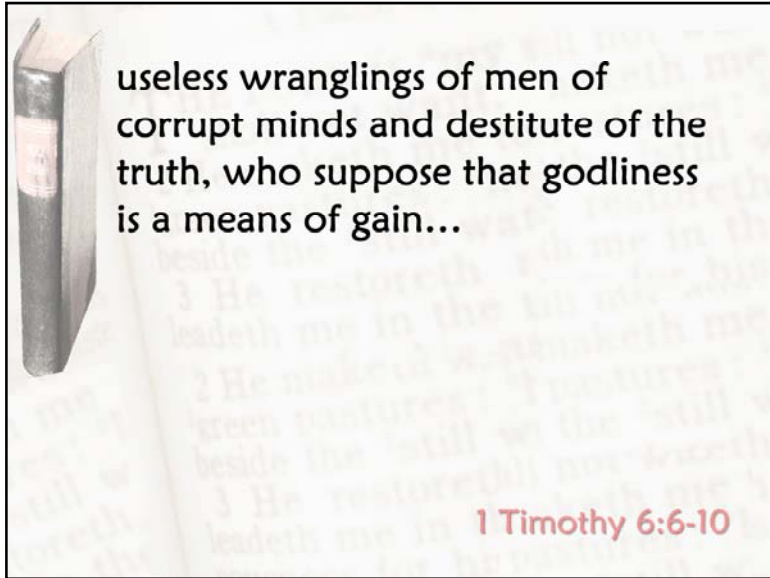


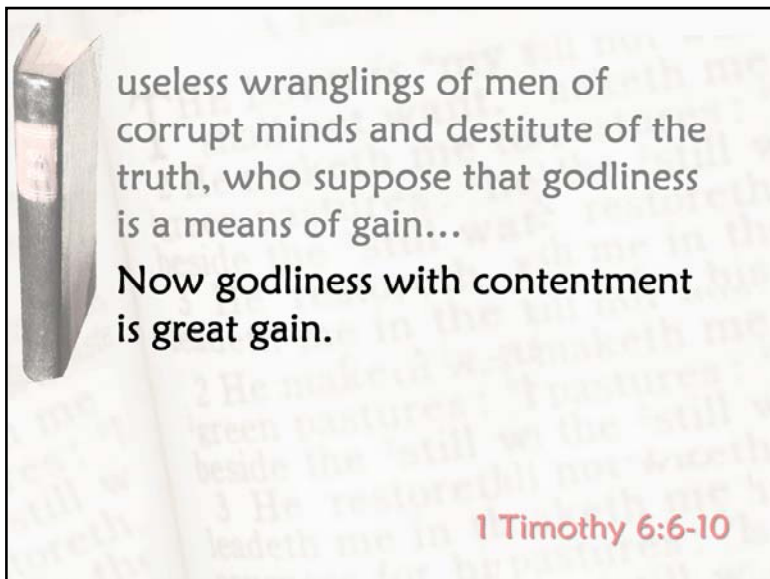


“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19-20



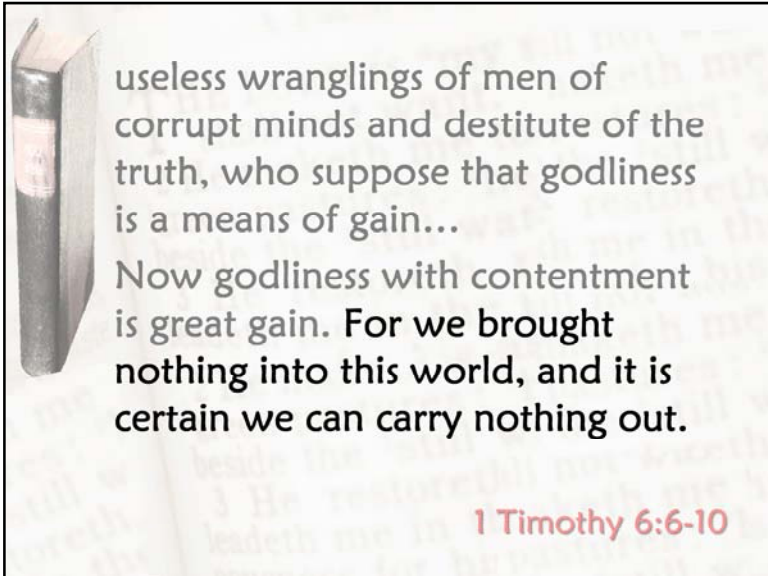




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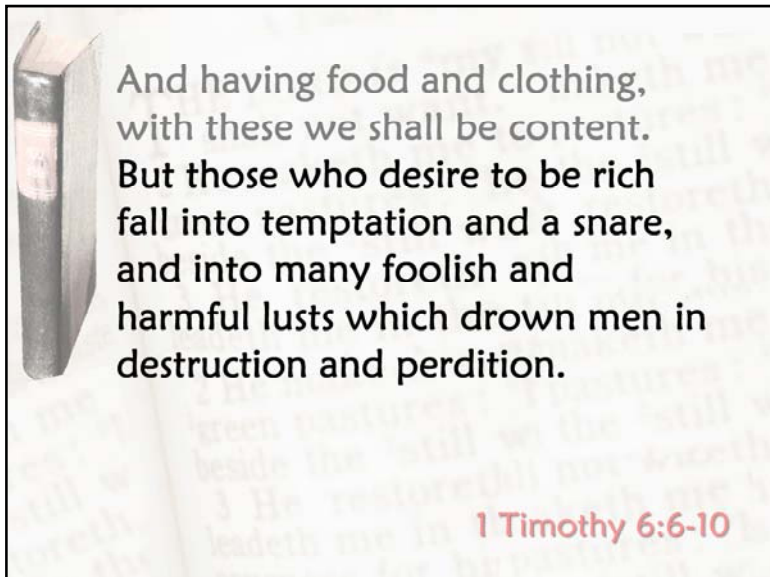
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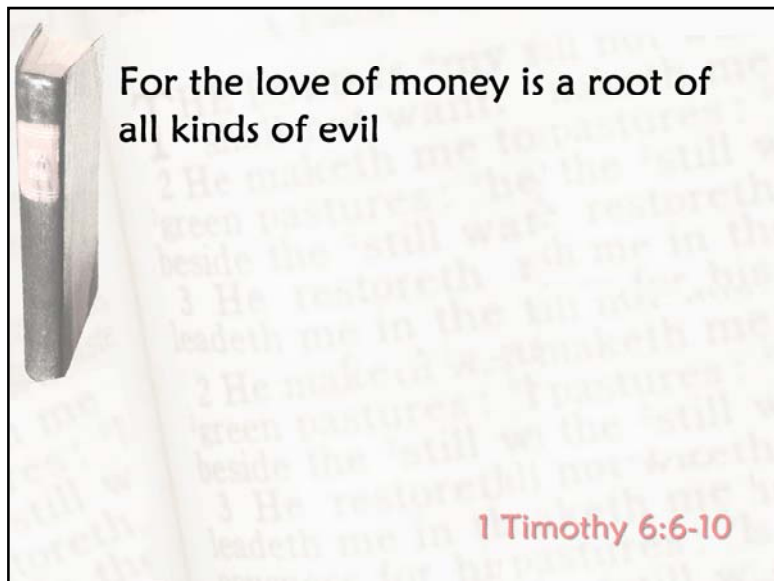
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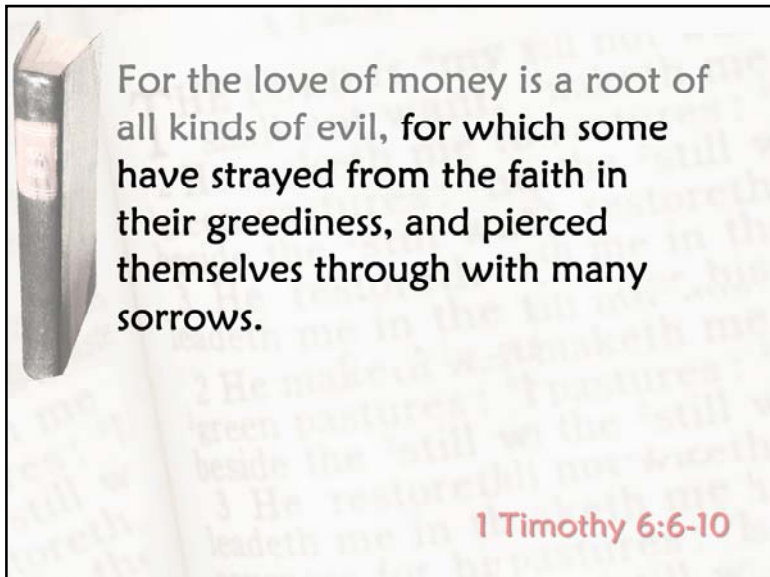
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**But those who desire to be rich
fall into temptation and a snare,
and into many foolish and
harmful lusts which drown men in
destruction and perdition.**

1 Timothy 6:6-10





For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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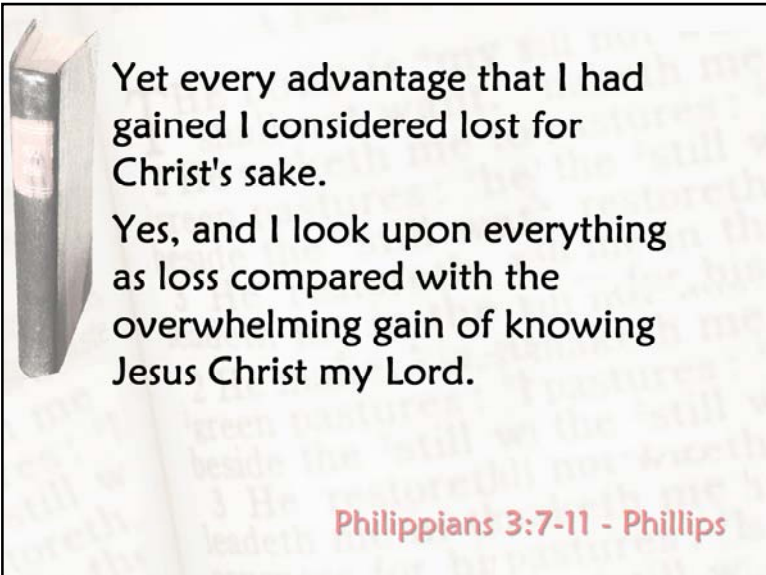
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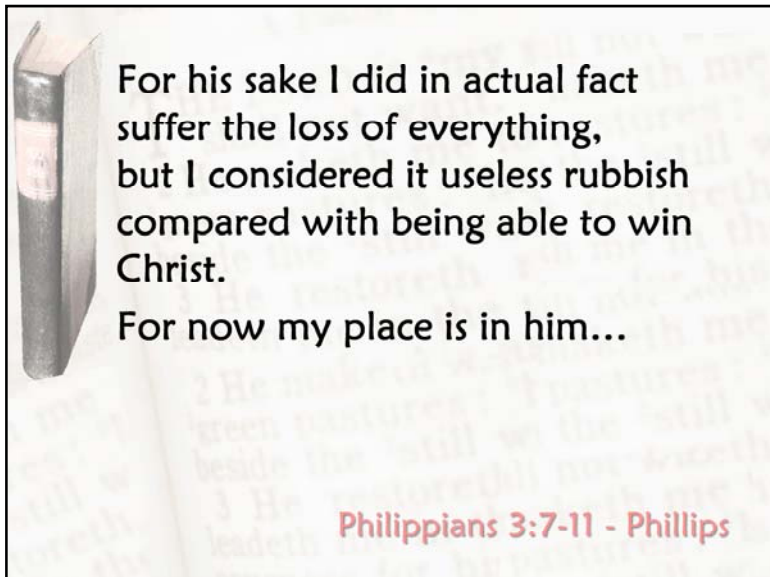




Yet every advantage that I had
gained I considered lost for
Christ's sake.

Yes, and I look upon everything
as loss compared with the
overwhelming gain of knowing
Jesus Christ my Lord.

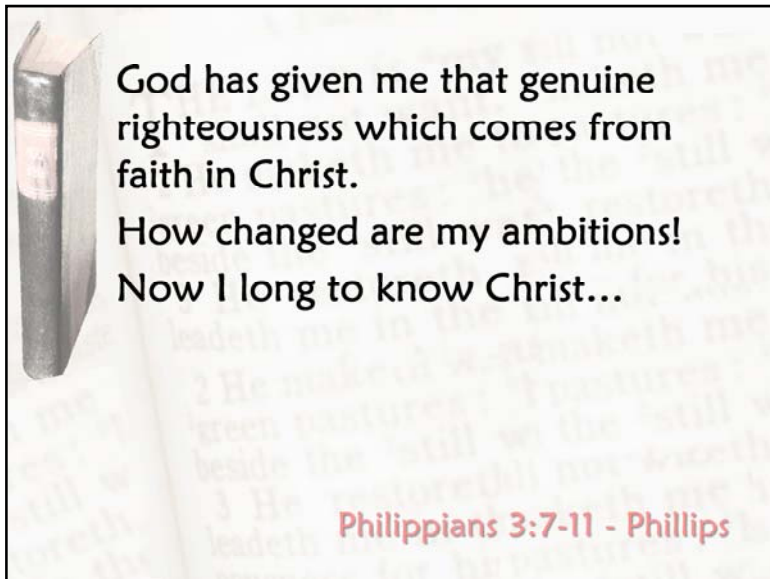
Philippians 3:7-11 - Phillips



For his sake I did in actual fact
suffer the loss of everything,
but I considered it useless rubbish
compared with being able to win
Christ.

For now my place is in him...

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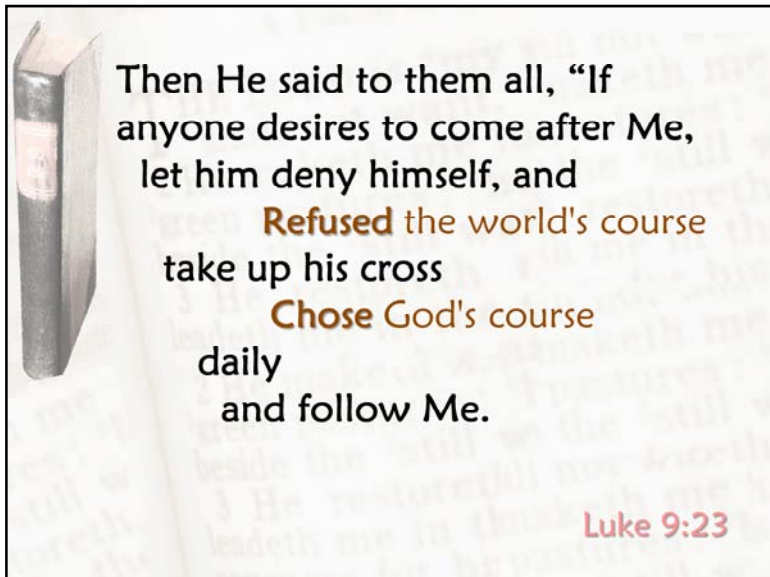


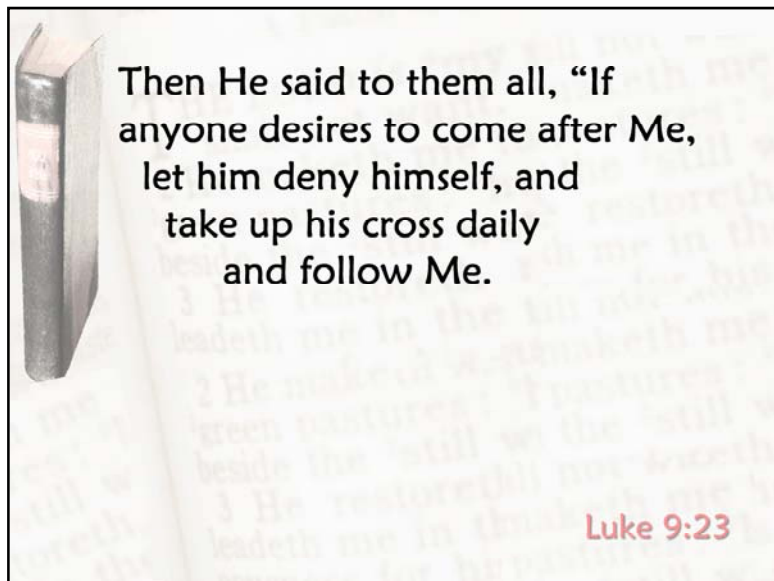
God has given me that genuine
righteousness which comes from
faith in Christ.

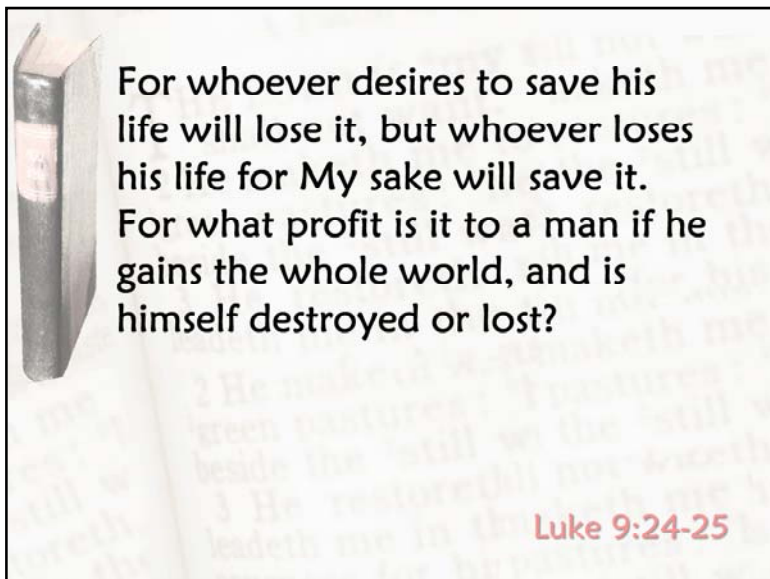
How changed are my ambitions!

Now I long to know Christ...

Philippians 3:7-11 - Phillips







For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

Luke 9:24-25

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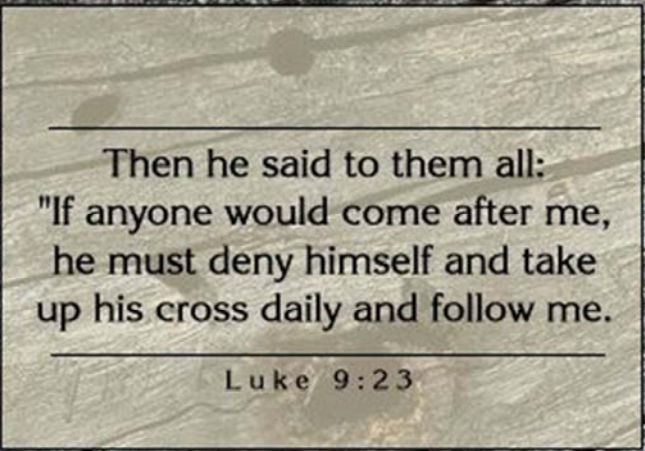
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Then he said to them all:
"If anyone would come after me,
he must deny himself and take
up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23