

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

1 TIMOTHY 6





We are to **keep** the Command. Vs 14

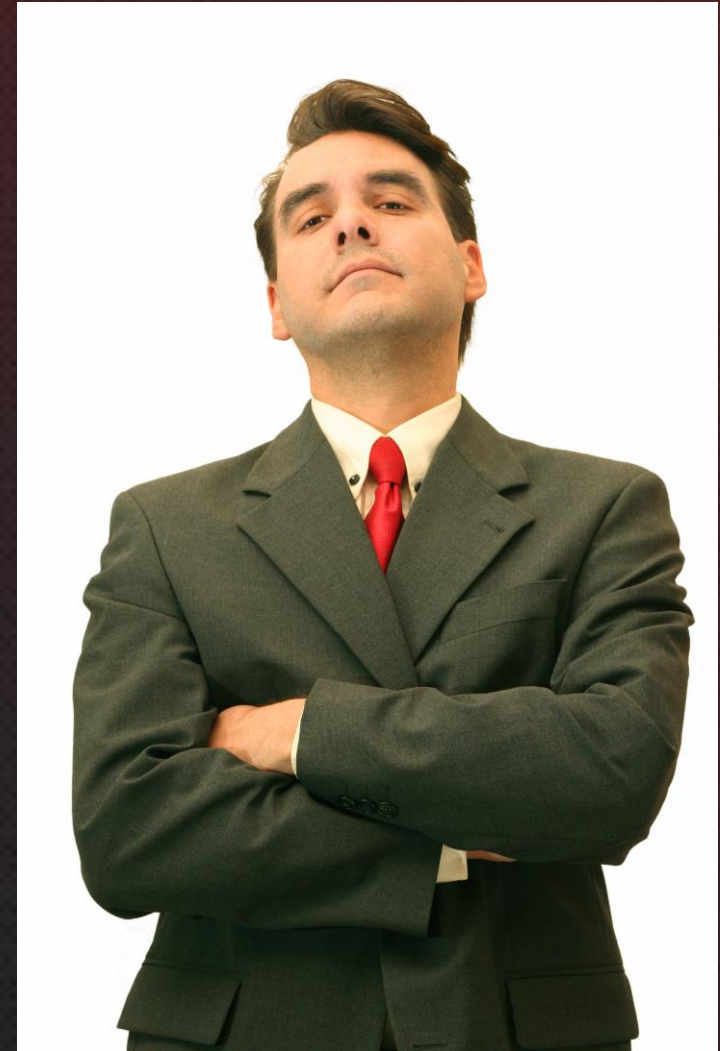
- **FLEE!** Vs 11
- **FOLLOW.** Vs 11b
- **FIGHT!** Vs 12

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FOCUS: Paul gives Timothy the **CHARGE**
for those with the resource of wealth.

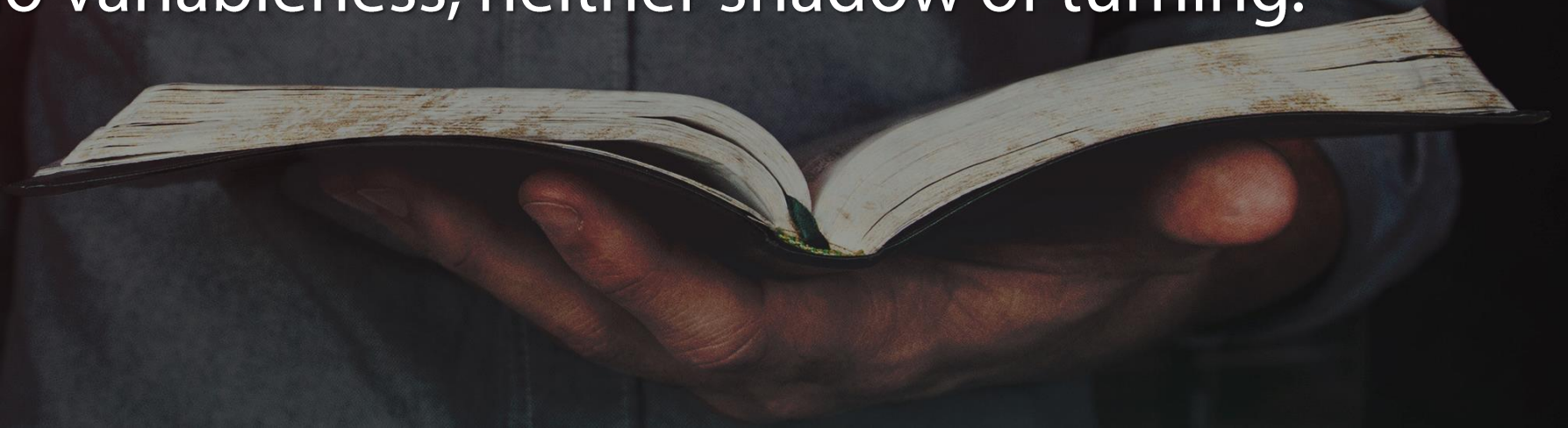
Be Humble = Not Highminded. Vs 17a

- Highminded – lofty, arrogant.
- Why are the rich tempted to be highminded?
Because they have MORE than...
- They buy their way out of all need.
- We are a rich people.



Hosea 13:6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.



Be Faithful = Trust in God – Not Riches. Vs 17b

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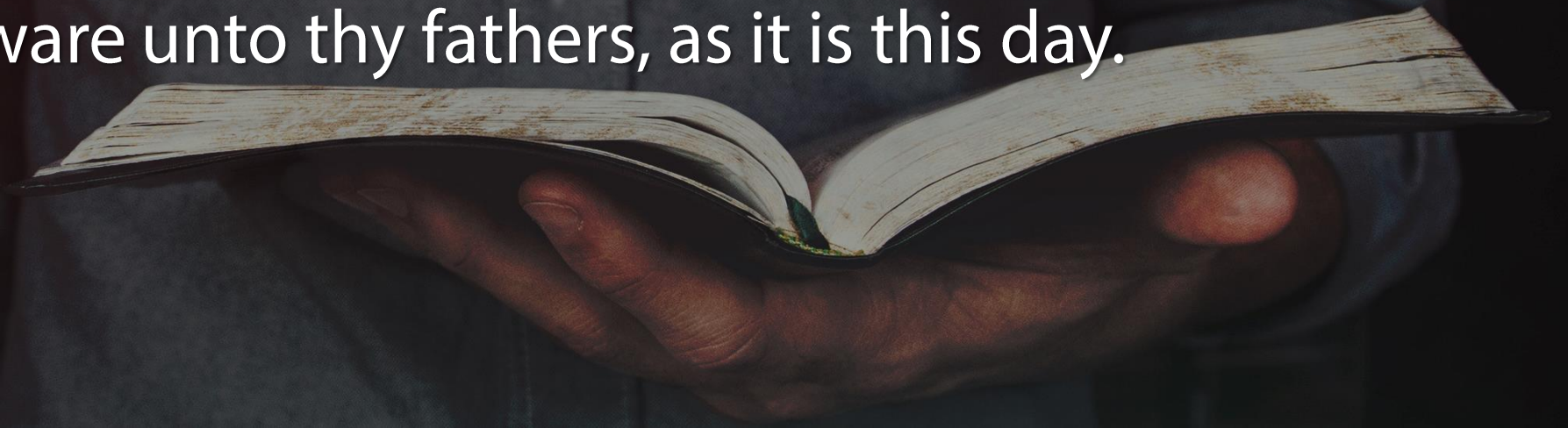
Deut 8:11-20 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: {12} Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; {13} And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;



Deut 8:14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; {15} Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;



Deut 8:16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; {17} And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. {18} But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.



Deut 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. {20} As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.



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Don't trust in riches.
They CANNOT save you!

Luke 12:15-21 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?



Luke 12:18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.



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 - Luke 18:23-24 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. {24} And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!



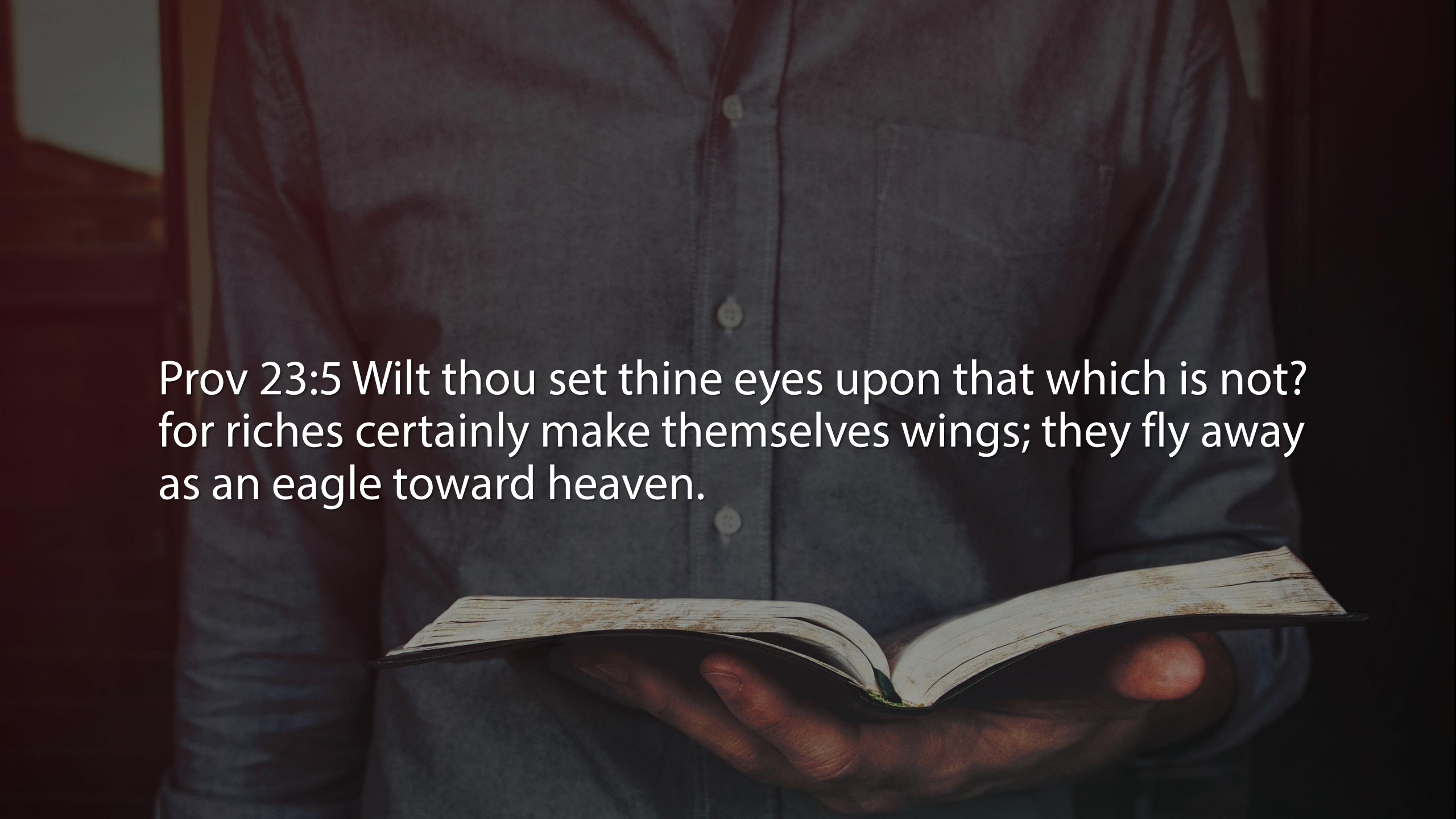
Matt 19:23-26 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. {24} And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. {25} When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? {26} But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.



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 - Your wealth will not make your life one of contentment!



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Prov 23:5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not?
for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away
as an eagle toward heaven.

A person is shown from the chest up, holding an open book and reading. The background is dark and out of focus.

Be Blessed = Enjoy What God Has Given You. Vs 17c

- Eccl 5:18–20 Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion. 19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God. 20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.



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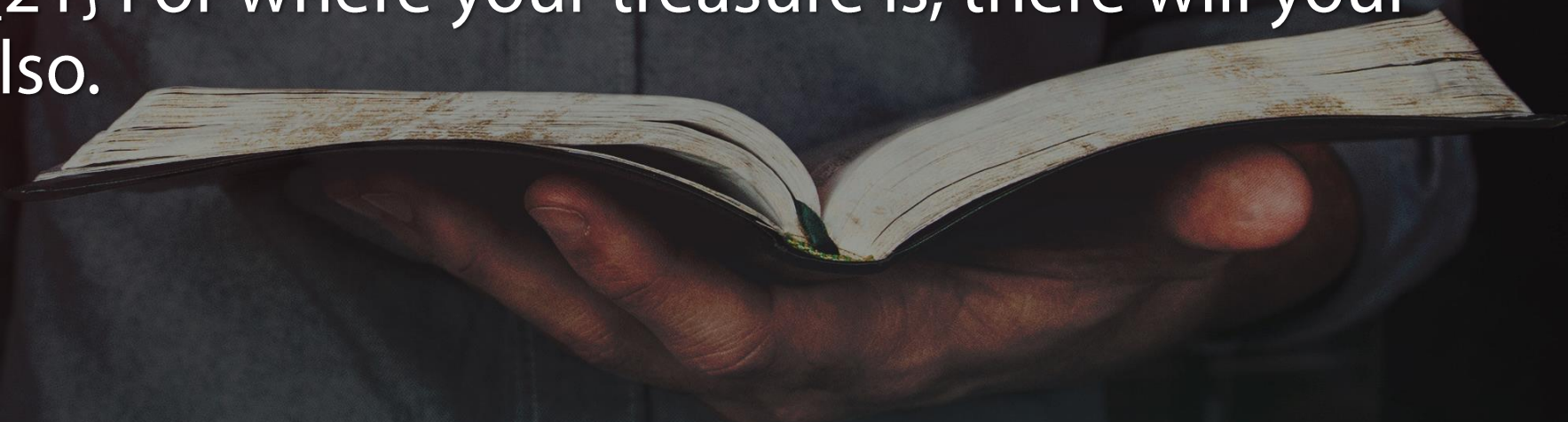
- Phil 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
- Have you learned that? This is one of the great keys to Christian maturity.
- Ps 17:15b I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness.

A person's hands are visible, holding an open book. The person is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

Be Shrewd = Invest! Vs 18-19

- Use your wealthy position to do good.
That's Investment. Vs 18
- Your investment now makes a difference in eternity.
That's reward. Vs 19

Mat 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: {20} But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: {21} For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



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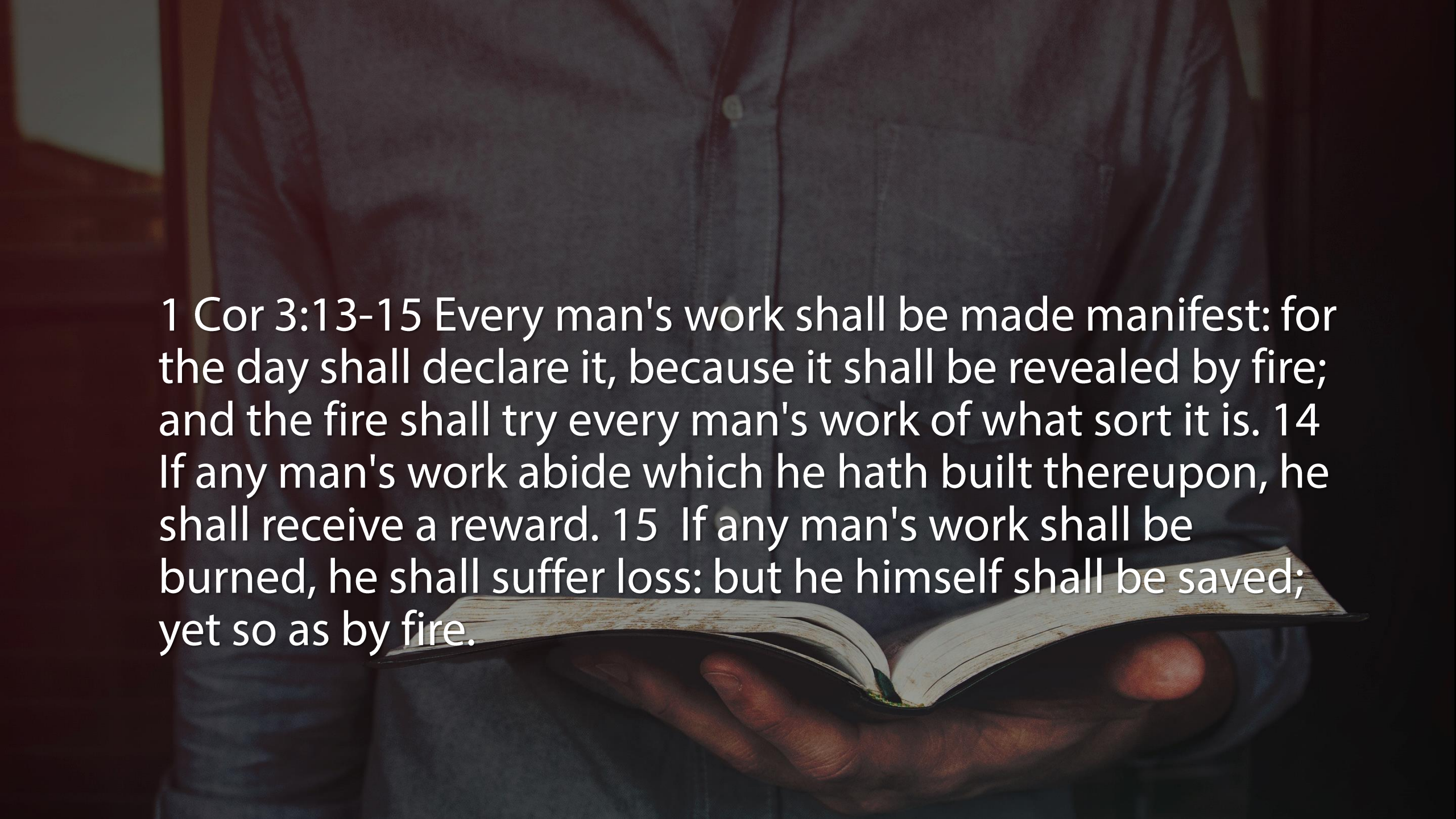
KEY: Unsaved people invest
to please self in time.
We are to invest for the Savior
in light of ETERNITY!

2 Cor 5:14-15 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: {15} And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.



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Believers are to live for, and invest
thier lives in, the cause of Christ.

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1 Cor 3:13-15 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.