

A wide panoramic image showing a dramatic landscape. The left side features a bright sunset with orange and yellow clouds over a field. The right side shows a dark, stormy sky with a windmill on a hill. A road with yellow lines runs through the center, and many small dark shapes, possibly birds or debris, are scattered across the sky.

WHY NOW?

(Part 1)

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**Is this of
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**Where in
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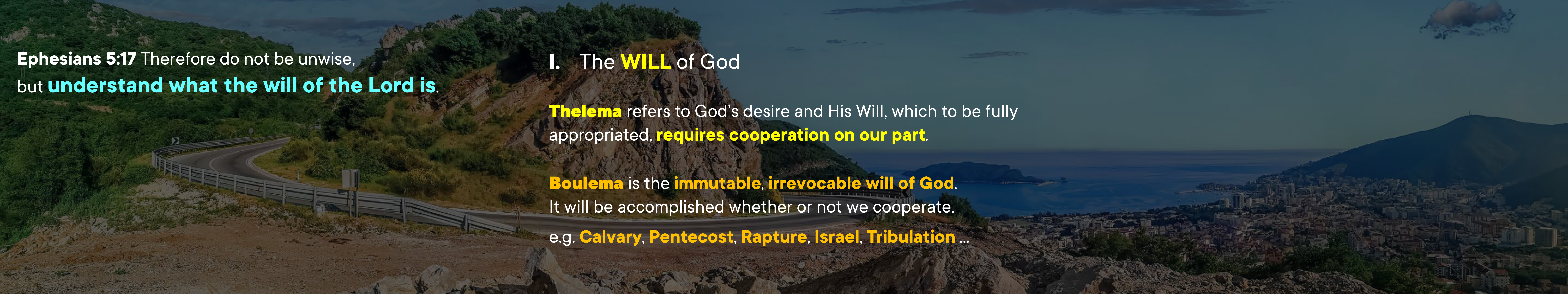
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There are 2 Aspects of the Will of God:

Thelema & Boulema

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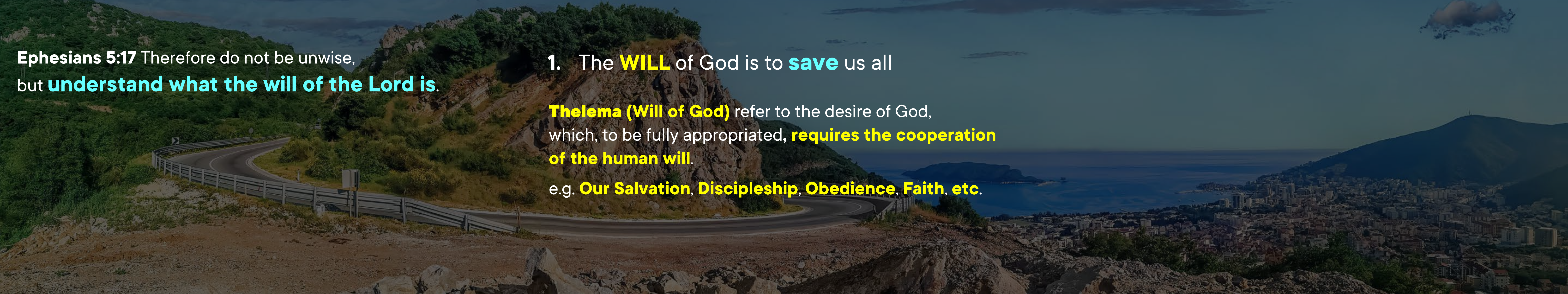
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Thelema refers to God's desire and His Will, which to be fully appropriated, **requires cooperation on our part.**

Boulema is the **immutable, irrevocable will of God.**

It will be accomplished whether or not we cooperate.

e.g. **Calvary, Pentecost, Rapture, Israel, Tribulation ...**

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of the human will.**

e.g. **Our Salvation, Discipleship, Obedience, Faith, etc.**



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2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

Ezekiel 18:23 “Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord God, “and not **that he should turn from his ways and live?**”

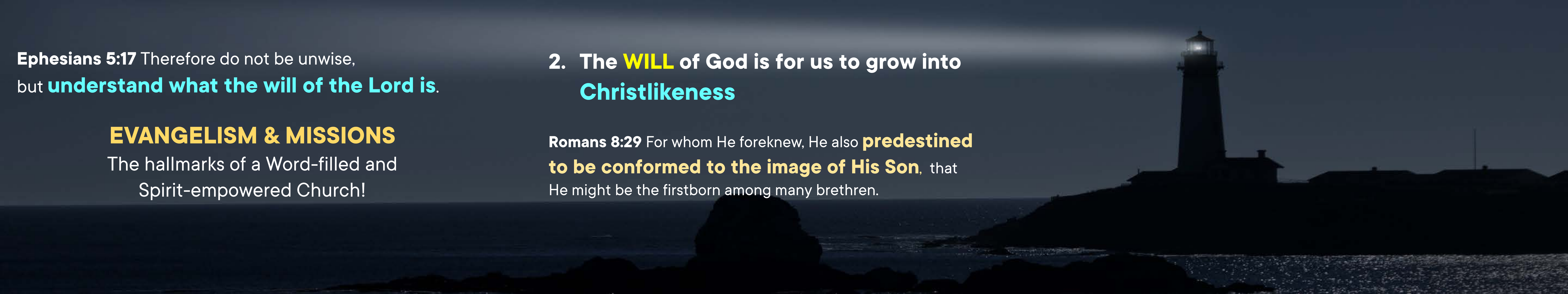
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Mark 16:15 And He said to them, “Go into **all the world** and **preach the gospel to every creature.**”

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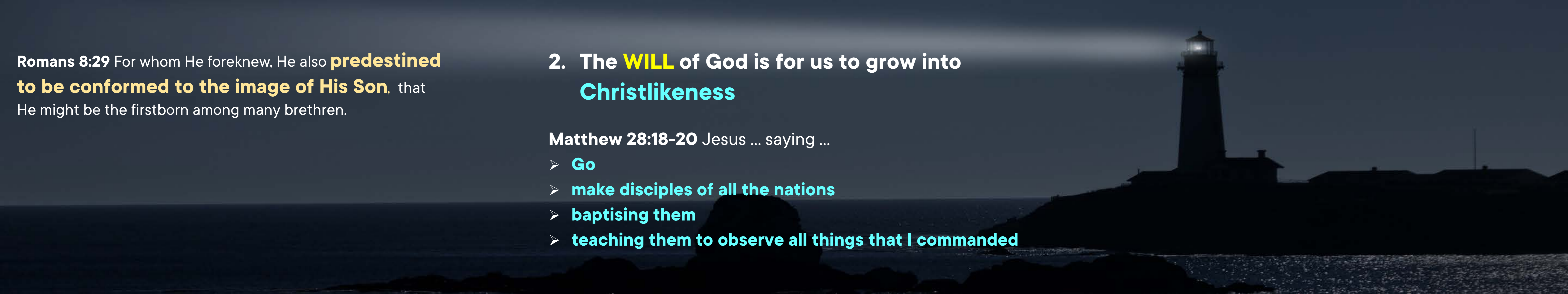
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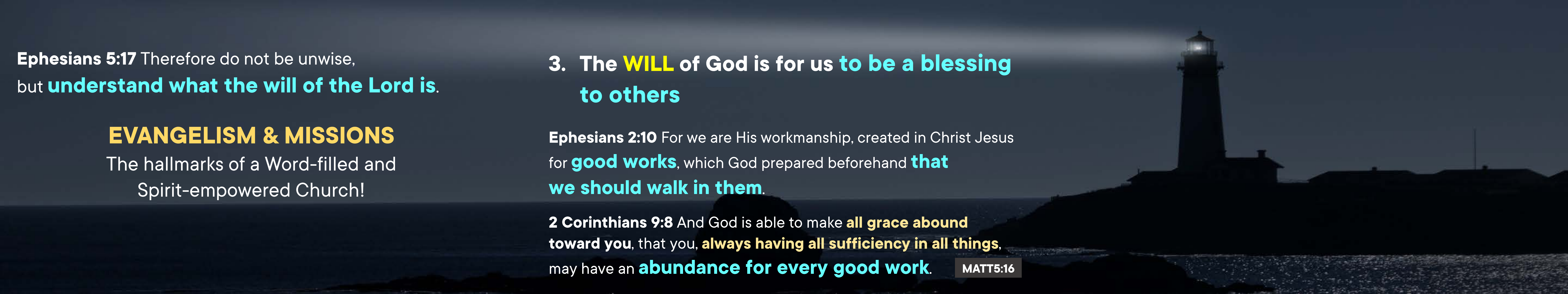
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We **share** Christ as we **mature** in Him!

Evangelism and discipleship should be a natural outflow of our relationship with God!

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but **what I do have I give you**: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”





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3. The **WILL of God is for us **to be a blessing** **to others****

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand **that**
we should walk in them.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make **all grace abound**
toward you, that you, **always having all sufficiency in all things**,
may have an **abundance for every good work.**

MATT5:16

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Matthew 1:22-23

22 So all this was done **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet**, saying: **23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."



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Matthew 2:15, 17-18, 23

15 ... that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

17 Then was **fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet**, saying: **18** "A voice was heard in Ramah. Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

23 ... that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."



Similarly the Word will be fulfilled regarding:

The Rapture and Jesus' Second Coming!

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Some significant signs that we're in the end-times:

- Israel
- Increase in lawlessness
- Increase in knowledge
- Increase in attacks on Christians, Christianity and the Church, etc.
- Increase in apostasy, lies and deception
- Increase in war and natural calamities
- Increase in the longing for the Rapture

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EVIL END-TIMES

1 Peter 4:7 But **the end of all things is at hand**; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times** some will **depart** from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits** and **doctrines of demons**.

2 Timothy 3:1 But know this, that **in the last days** **perilous times will come**.

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Isaiah 44:26a **Who confirms the word of his servant,**
and **performs the counsel of His messengers** ...

1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each one has received a **gift, minister it to one another**, as
good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **11** If anyone **speaks**,
let him **speak as the oracles of God** ...

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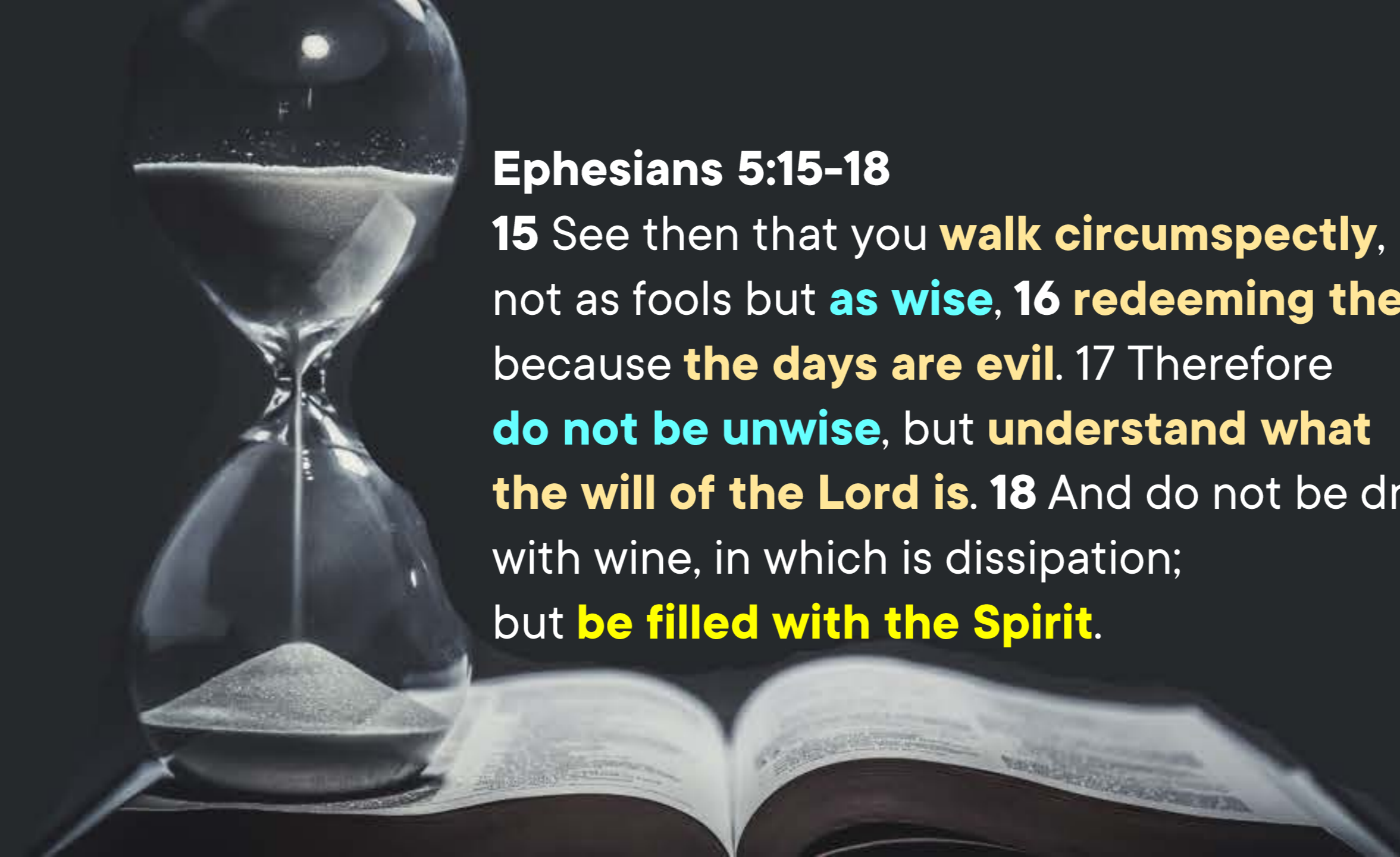
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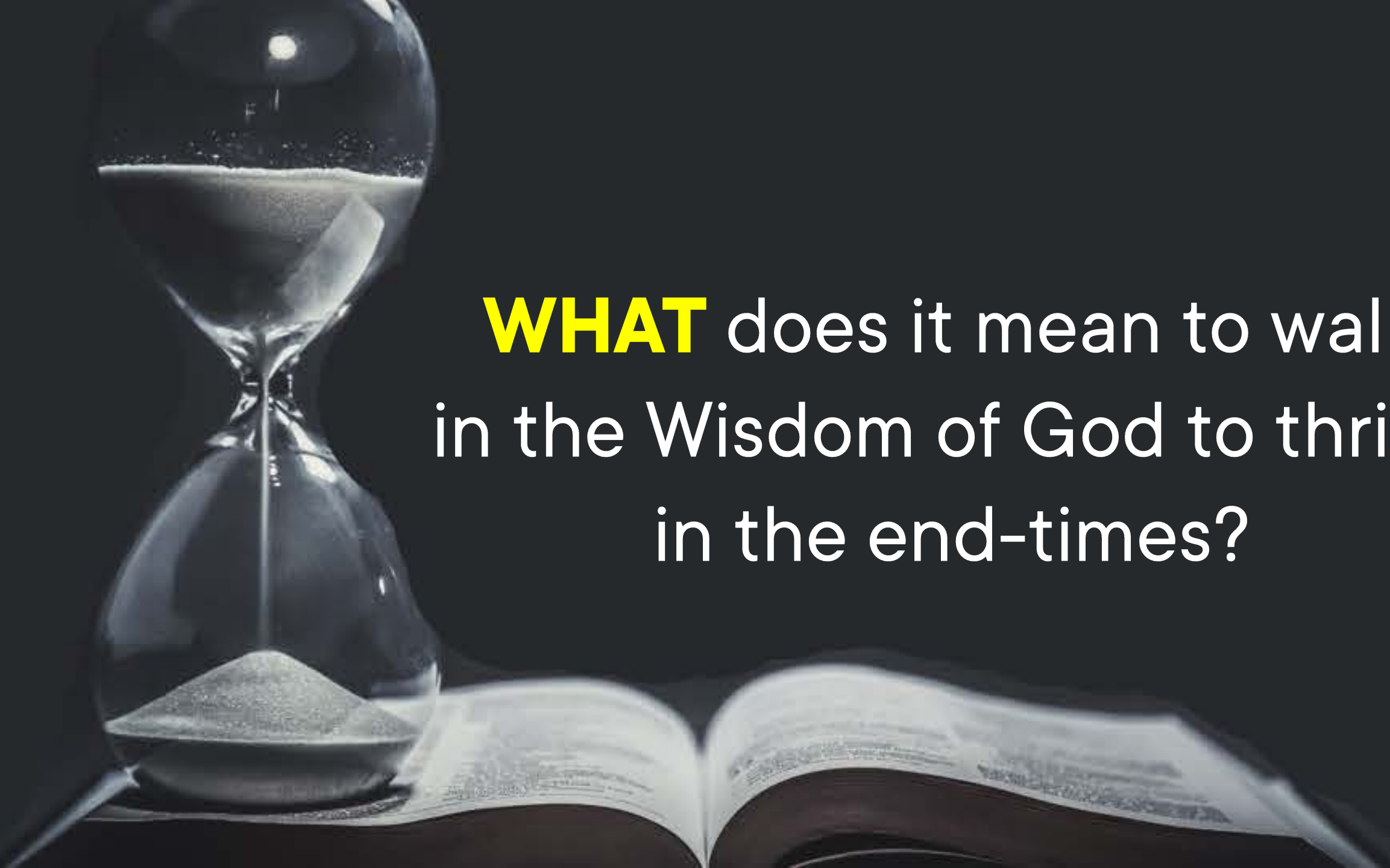
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Ephesians 5:15-18

15 See then that you **walk circumspectly**, not as fools but **as wise**, **16 redeeming the time**, because **the days are evil**. **17** Therefore **do not be unwise**, but **understand what the will of the Lord is**. **18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit**.

An hourglass is positioned on top of an open book. The sand in the hourglass is falling from the top bulb into the bottom bulb, and some sand has spilled onto the pages of the book. The scene is set against a dark background, with the hourglass and book illuminated from above.

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Thoughtfully

Deliberately

Uncompromising

Measured

Vigilant

Not careless

Not impulsive

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2. To **walk wisely** is to live a life **worthy of our calling**

Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk worthy of the calling with which you were called.**



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3. To **walk wisely** is to **walk in love**

Ephesians 5:2 And **walk in love**, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself of us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

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4. To **walk wisely** is to **walk in the light**

Ephesians 5:8-9

8 For **you were once darkness**, but **now you are light
in the Lord. Walk as children of light** 9 (for the **fruit of
the Spirit** is in all **goodness, righteousness, and truth**).

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x3; 1John1:7



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What happens when we are **filled with the Spirit**?

We will have an overflow of:

- **FAITH** (2 Corinthians 4:13)
- **HOPE** (Romans 15:13)
- **LOVE** (Ephesians 3:19-20)



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6. To **walk wisely** is to **redeem the time**

Ephesians 5:16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

Psalm 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is **forgiven**, whose **sin is covered**.



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7. To **walk wisely** is to **submit to one another in the fear of God**

Ephesians 5:21 Submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the **Spirit of Wisdom** and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of **the fear of the Lord**.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.



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Matthew 7:24-25

24 Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does** them. I will liken him to **a wise man who built his house on the rock:**

25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and **it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.**



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Watch & Pray (Be on the alert! So you will not fall)

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Watch & Pray (Dangers of the end-times)

Luke 21:36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.



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John 7:6, 8

6 Then Jesus said to them, “**My time** has not yet come, but **your time** is always ready.

8 You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for **My time** has not yet **fully** come.”

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is **appointed for men to die once**, but after this the judgment.



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Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 7b

1 To everything there is **a season, a time for every purpose** under heaven: **2** a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted.

7 ... And a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak ...



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1 Timothy 5:24-25

24 Some men's **sins** are clearly evident, **preceding them to judgment**, but those of some men **follow later**.

25 Likewise, the **good works** of some are **clearly evident**, and those that are otherwise **cannot be hidden**.

- **Big Picture - LIFE Decisions**
- **Sowing & Reaping**
- **Choices & Consequences**





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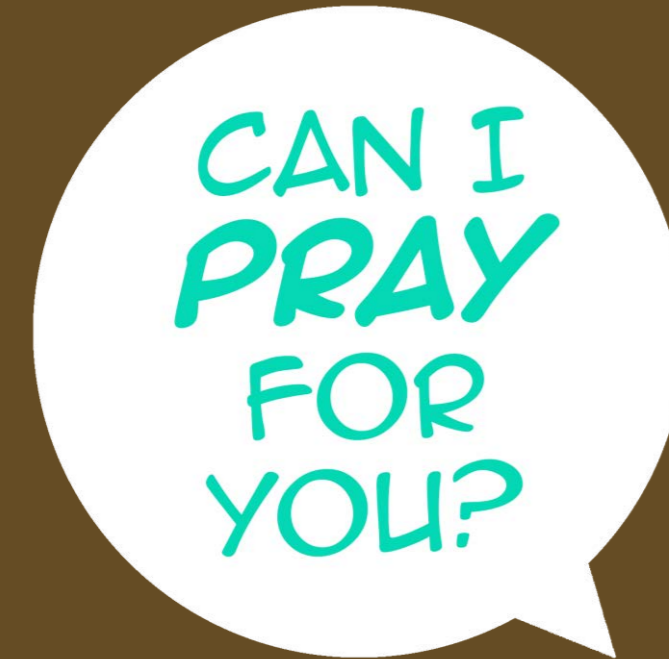
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LIFE DECISIONS

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- God
- Church
- Spiritual life
- Physical health
- Family
- Studies
- Career
- Friends
- Life partner
- Singlehood
- Finances
- Expenditure
- Time
- Obedience
- Counsel
- Decision-making
- Accidents





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BBTC's Mission:

To **share** Christ as we **mature** in Him!

CIPFY = A part of the whole = **Discipleship Issue**

- **Identify** (Divine Appointments)
- **Interact** (Divine Connections)
- **Intercede** (Divine Conversations)
- **Inspire** (lives to the Divine)



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LIFE DECISIONS - Sowing & Reaping

John 9:4 I must **work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day**; the **night is coming when no one can work**.

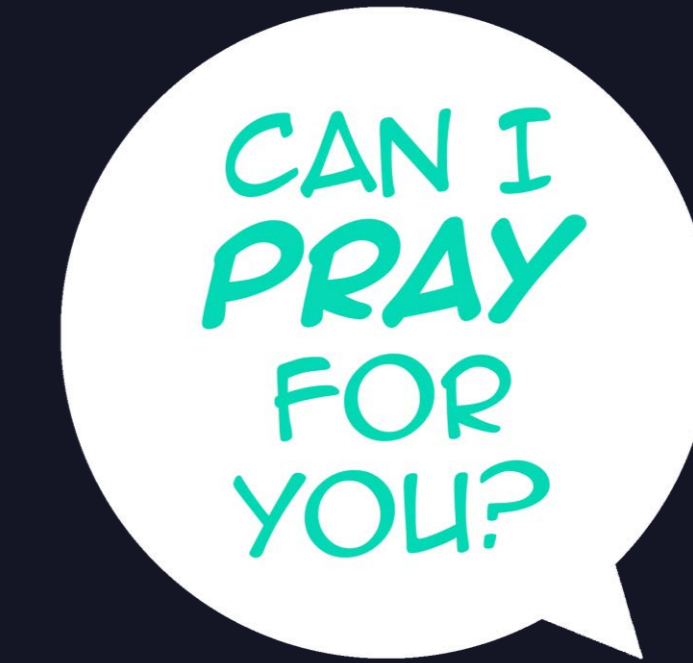
Ecclesiastes 9:10 **Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might**; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.



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Mark3:14-15; Luke 4:18; Acts26:18