

COUNTERFEIT COMFORTS



MAIN IDEA:

Lasting peace and fulfillment come from choosing Jesus Christ and His Kingdom over the fleeting comfort of this world.

1 THE COUNTERFEIT COMFORT OF LOVING THE WORLD



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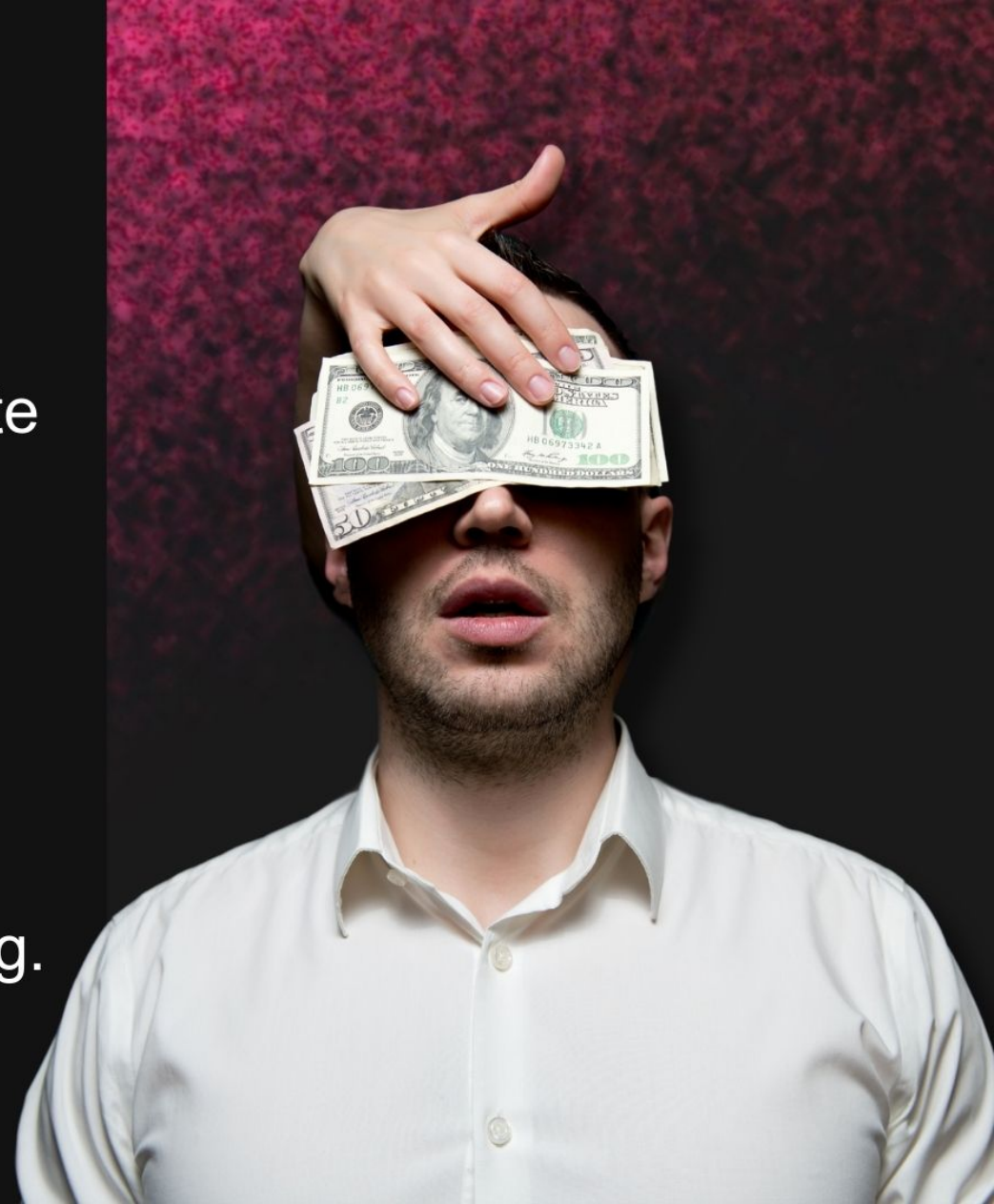
2. Because the things of the world are not of God (v.16)

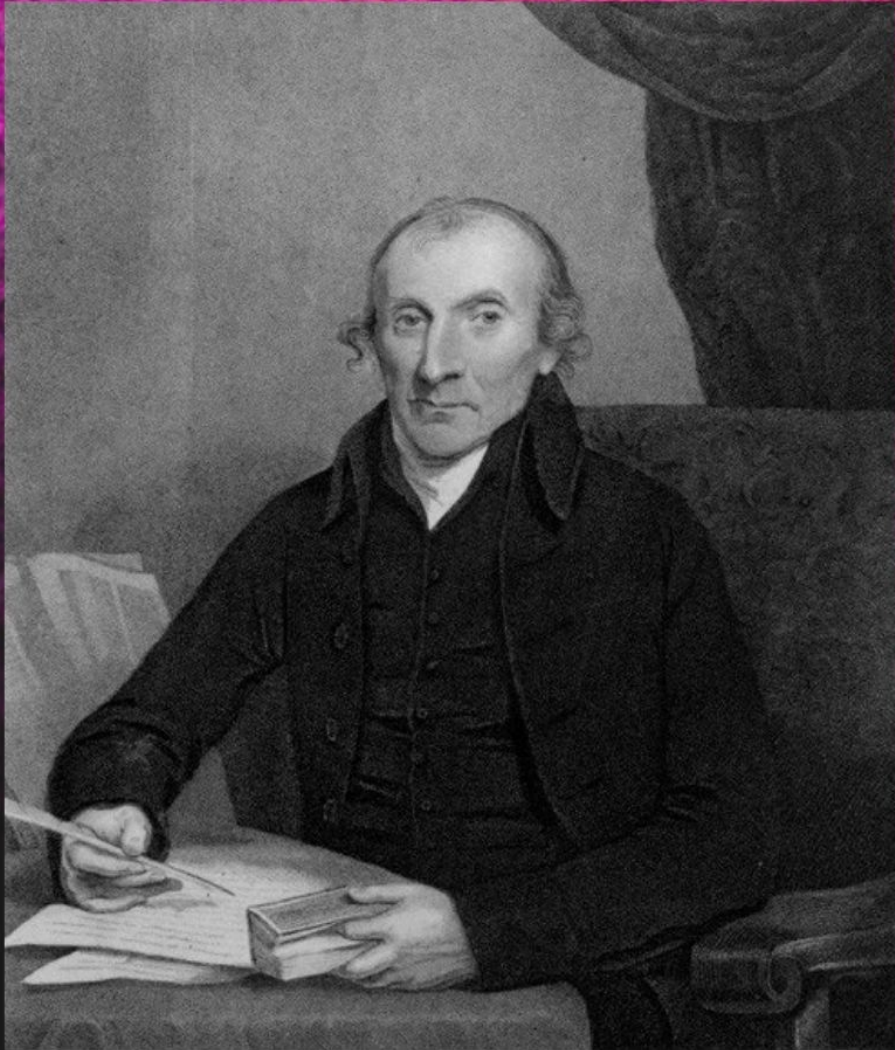
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LUST/DESIRES

These desires are characterized by their **overwhelming and unsatisfying nature** and their potential to dominate a person's thoughts and actions, **sometimes leading to behavior that prioritizes the fulfillment of these desires** over moral or ethical considerations. These desires are intense, excessive and overpowering. **They are not from God.**



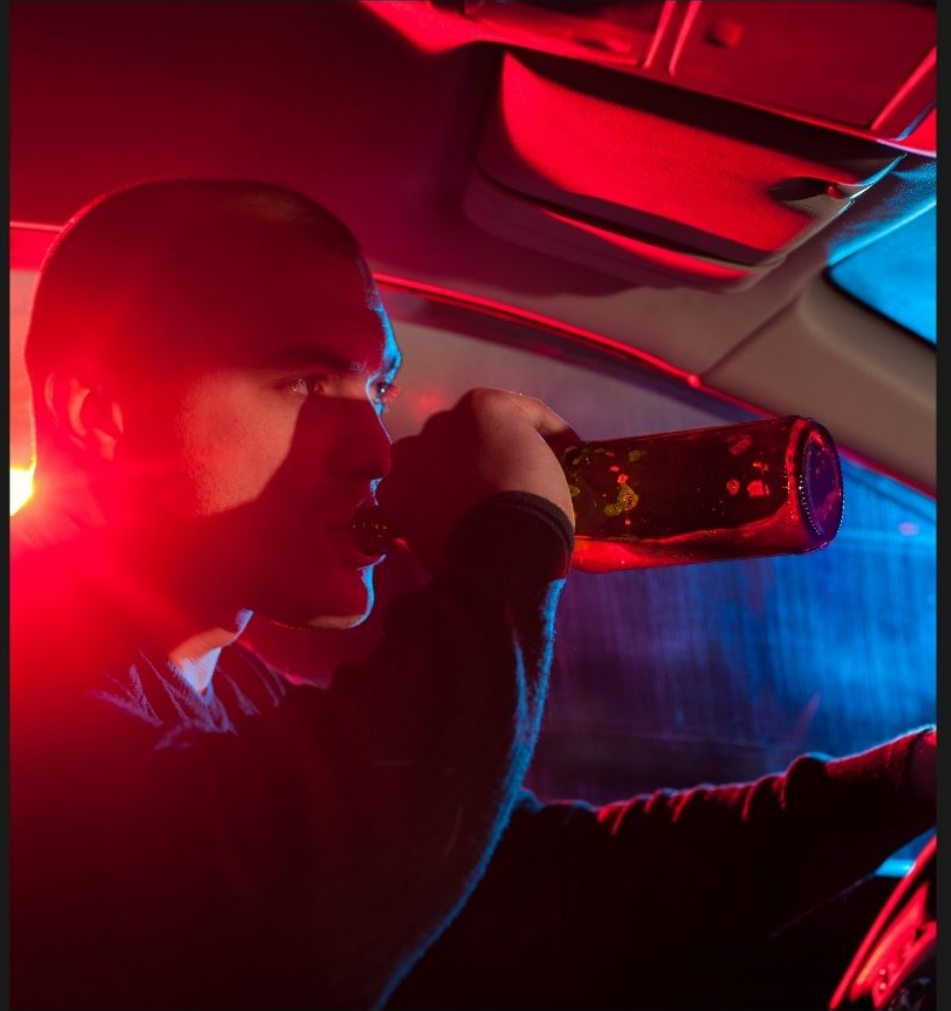


WHAT IS THE LUST OF THE FLESH?

The pleasure arising from gratifying the outward senses, whether of the taste, smell, or touch, or the bodily appetites.

Joseph Benson









WHAT IS THE LUST OF THE EYES?

The lust of the eyes is a mental pleasure that is stimulated by what we see.



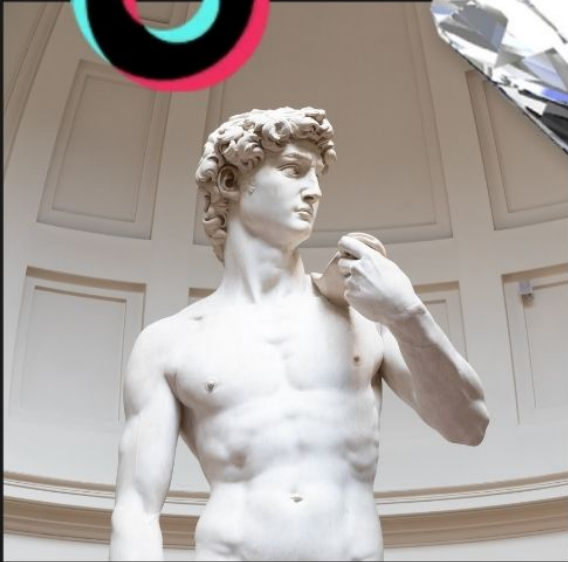
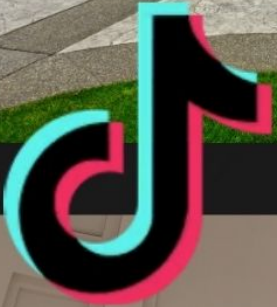


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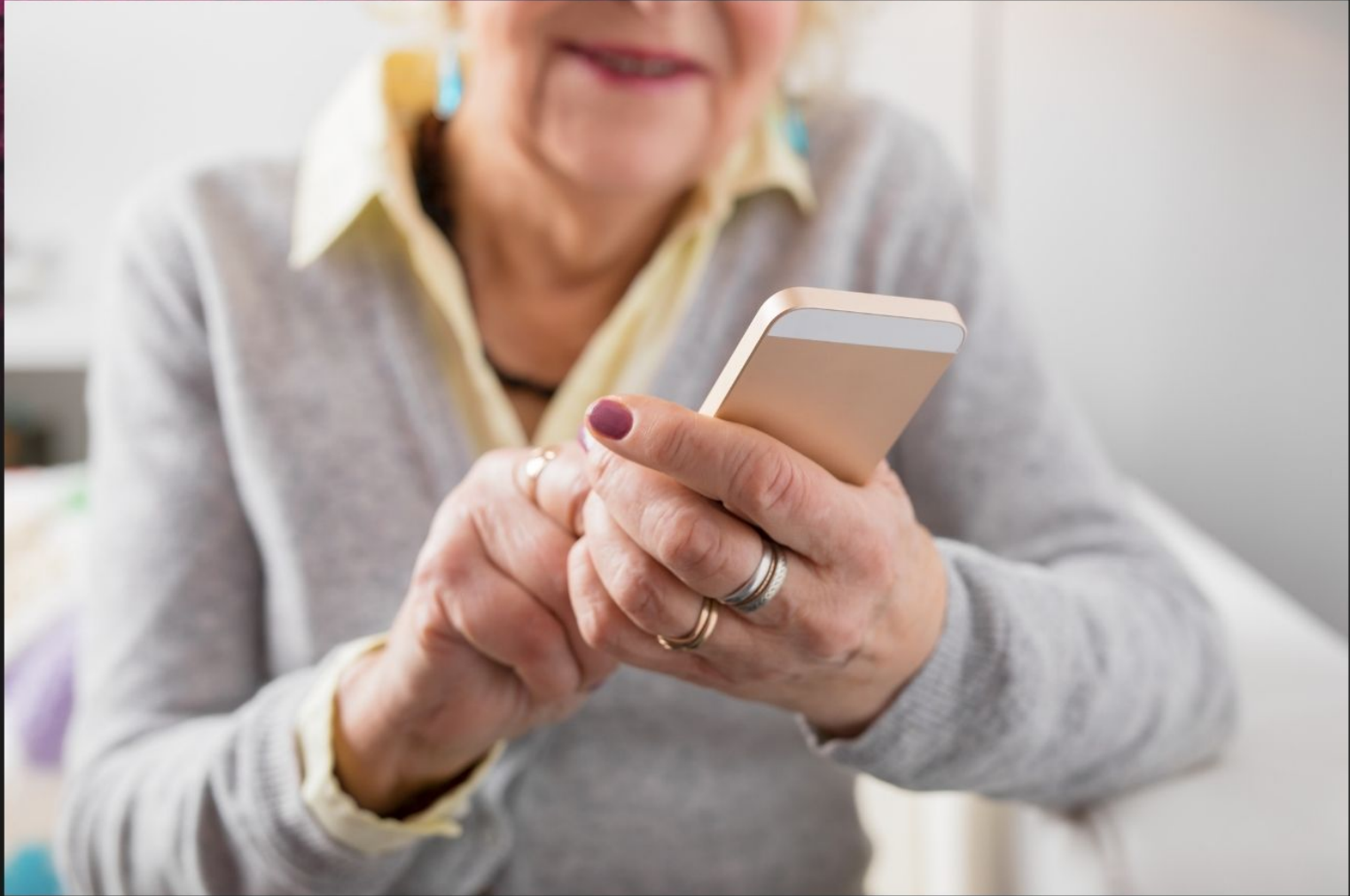
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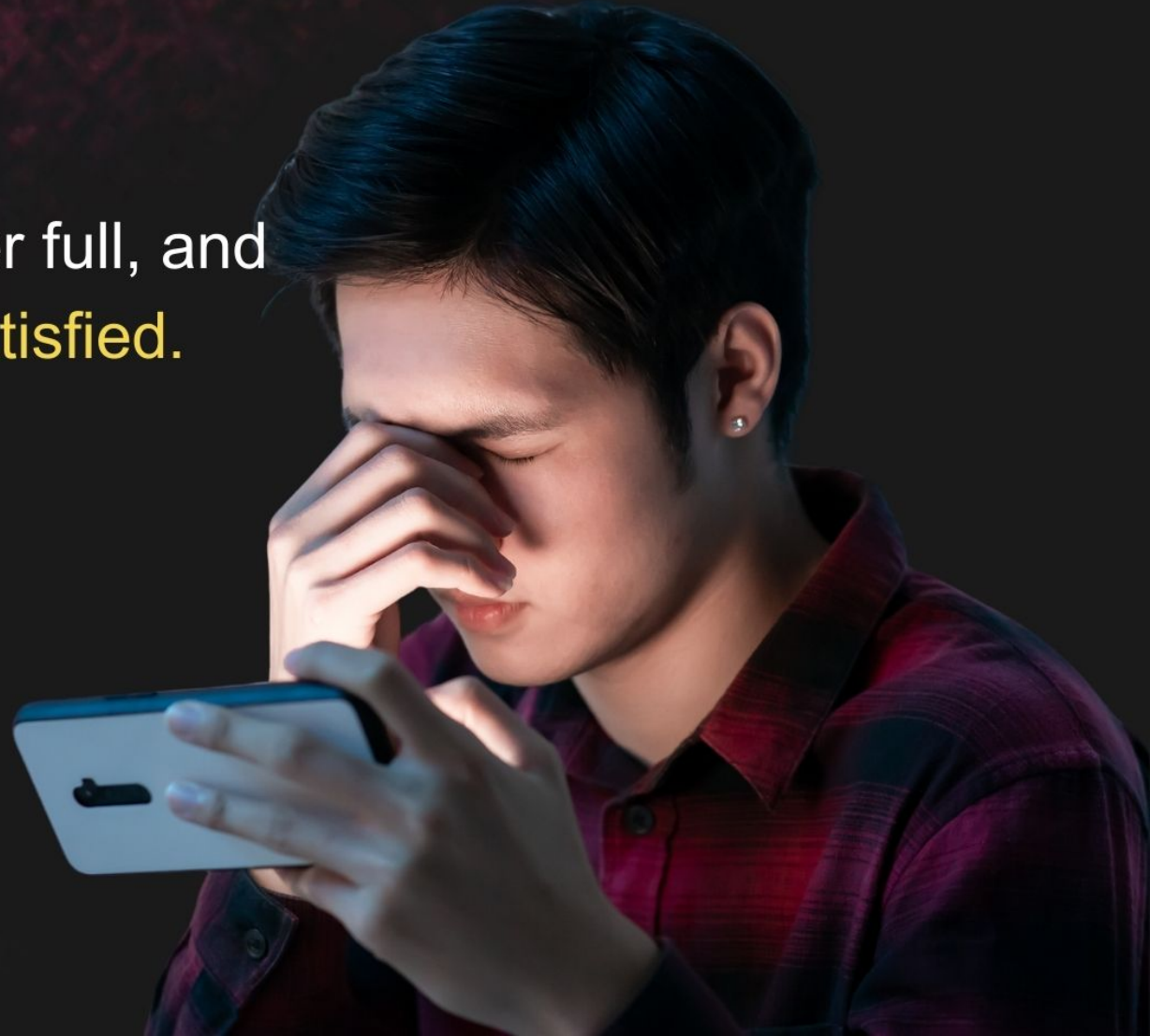
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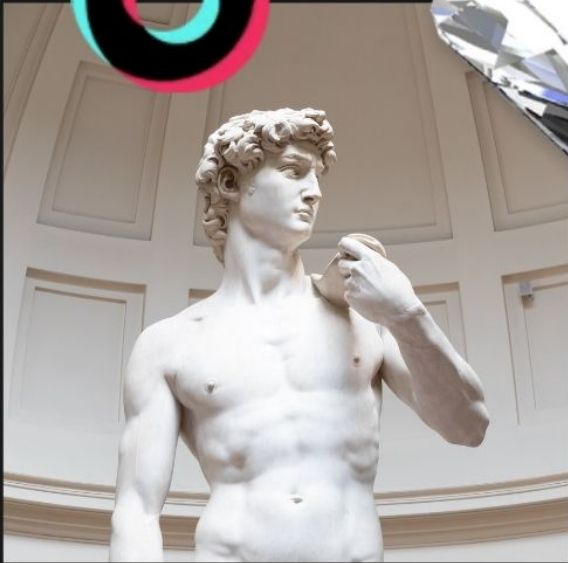
PROVERBS 27:20

Hell and destruction are never full, and
the eyes of man are never satisfied.



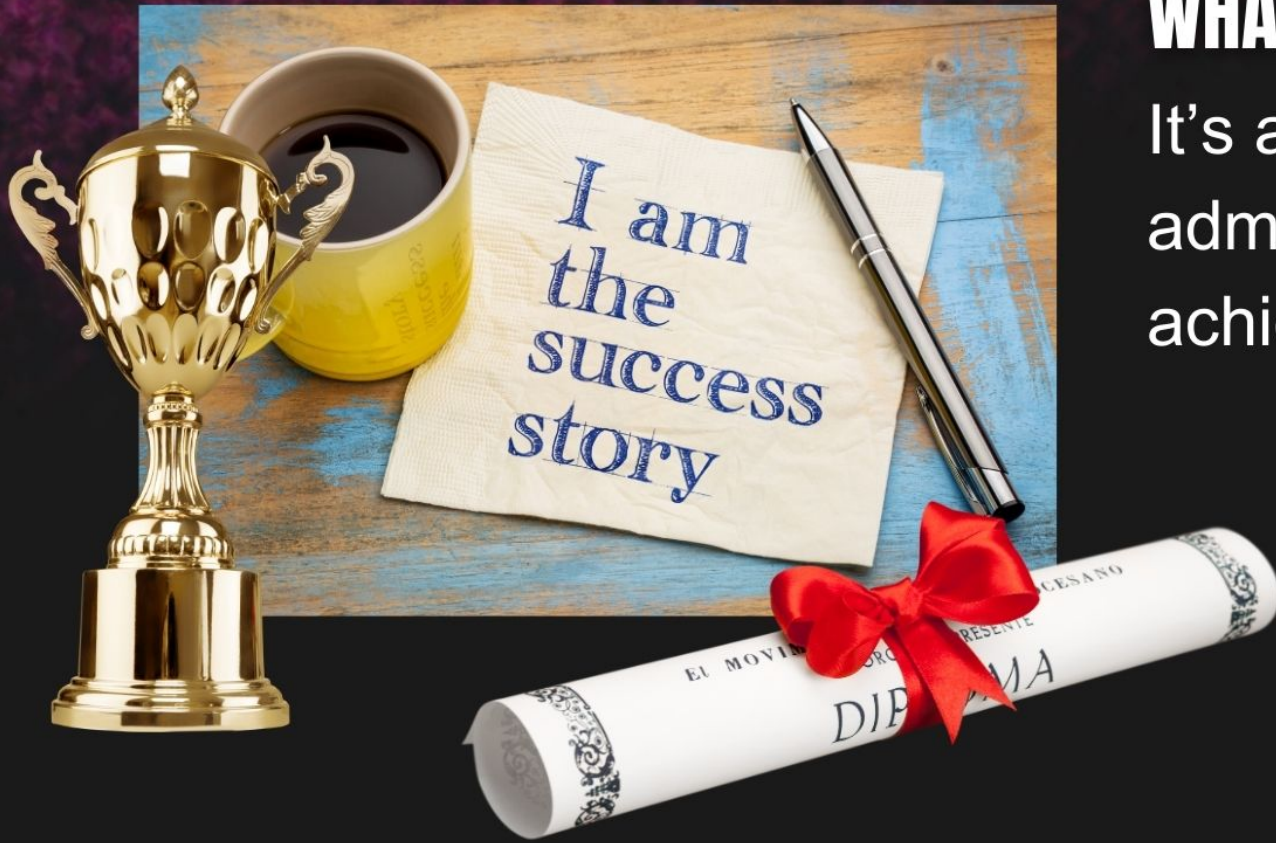


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LIVE





WHAT IS THE PRIDE OF LIFE?

It's a craving of recognition and admiration based on worldly achievements.



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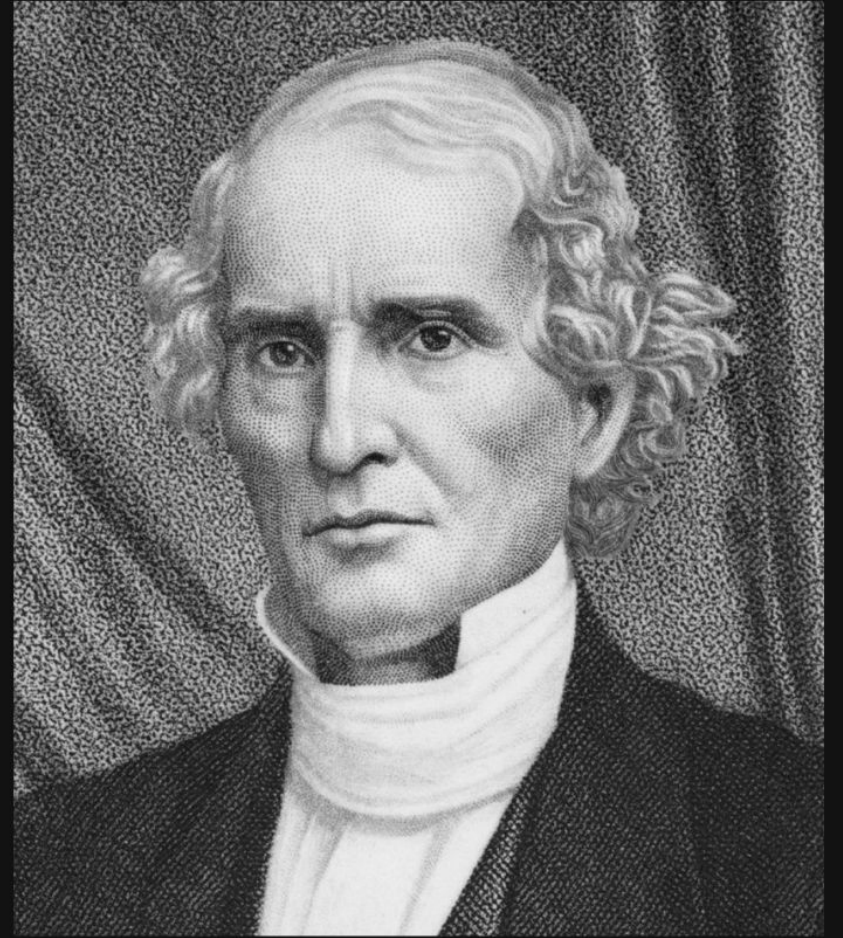
1 CORINTHIANS 7:31

For the world in its current **fashion** is passing away.

The word used here for "fashion" or "form" is the greek word σχῆμα.



The fashion of the world is like a splendid, gilded pageant. It is unreal and illusive. It continues but a little time; and soon the scene changes, and the fashion that allured and enticed us now passes away, and we pass to other scenes.



Albert Barnes

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4. Because the one who does the will of God outlasts the world
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Ἐπιζητοῦσιν

A search characterized by eagerness and striving after.



**DO EAGERLY CHASE THE
KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**ESSENTIAL NEEDS
WILL BE PROVIDED**









LUKE 12:18-19

"I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink and be merry."

James J. Tissot, 'The Man Who Hoards' (1886-94)

**WHERE CAN WE FIND
REST FOR OUR SOULS?**

3 THE GENUINE COMFORT 3 IN COMING TO JESUS



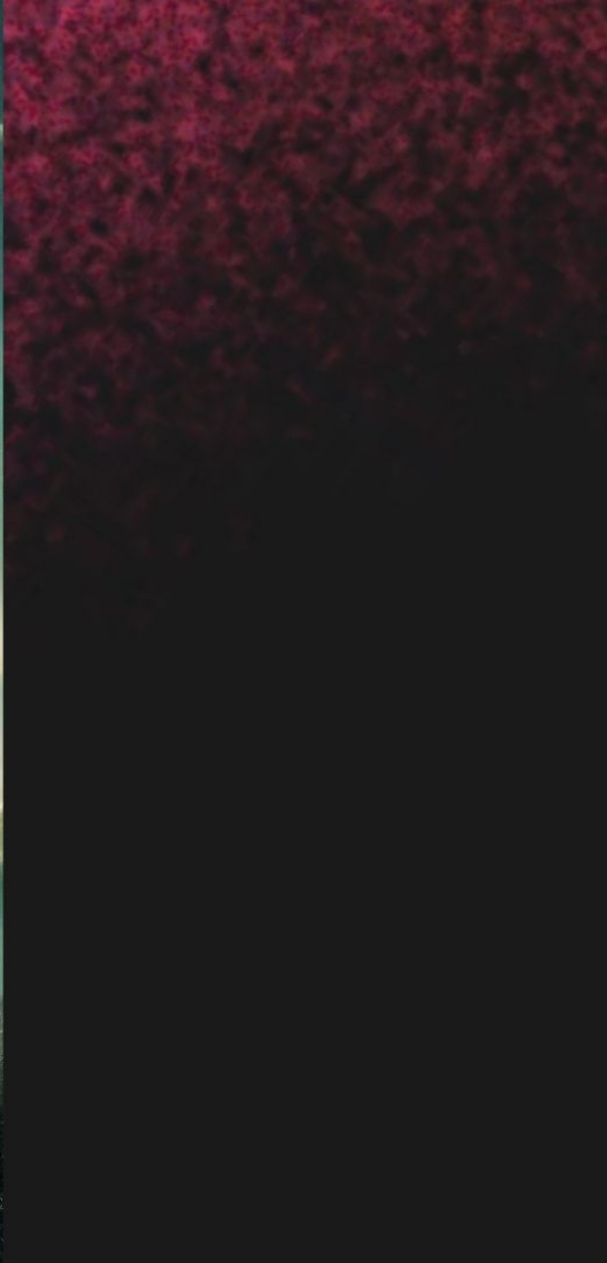
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**YOU MADE US FOR YOURSELF
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Augustine of Hippo



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