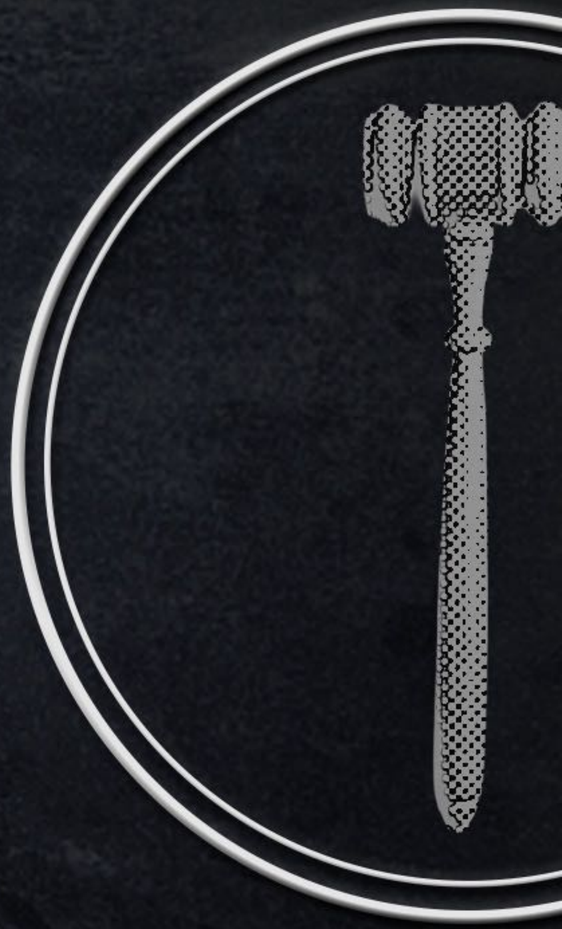

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Sometimes what we call being realistic is nothing more than a negative spirit controlling our attitude

Jude 1:16

These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words



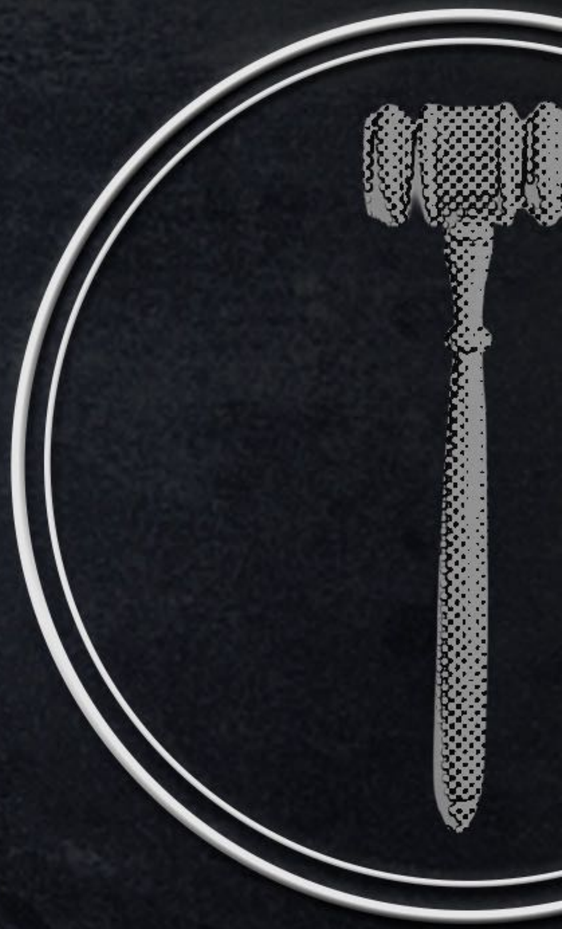

Principle #1:
Watch What Comes Out of
Your Mouth



Most people who have a problem with what is happening around them usually have a problem with what is happening within them.

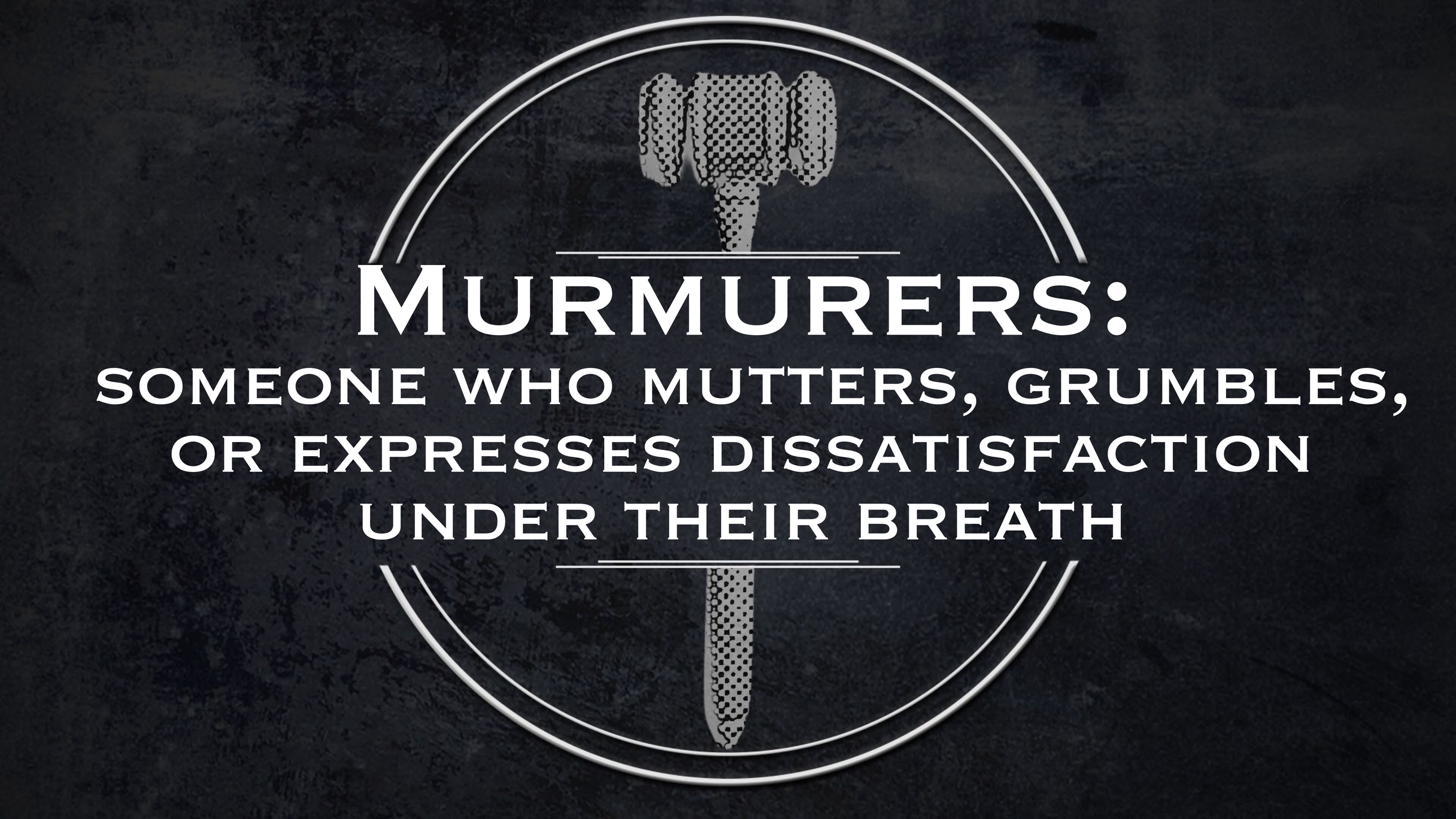
Matthew 12:34

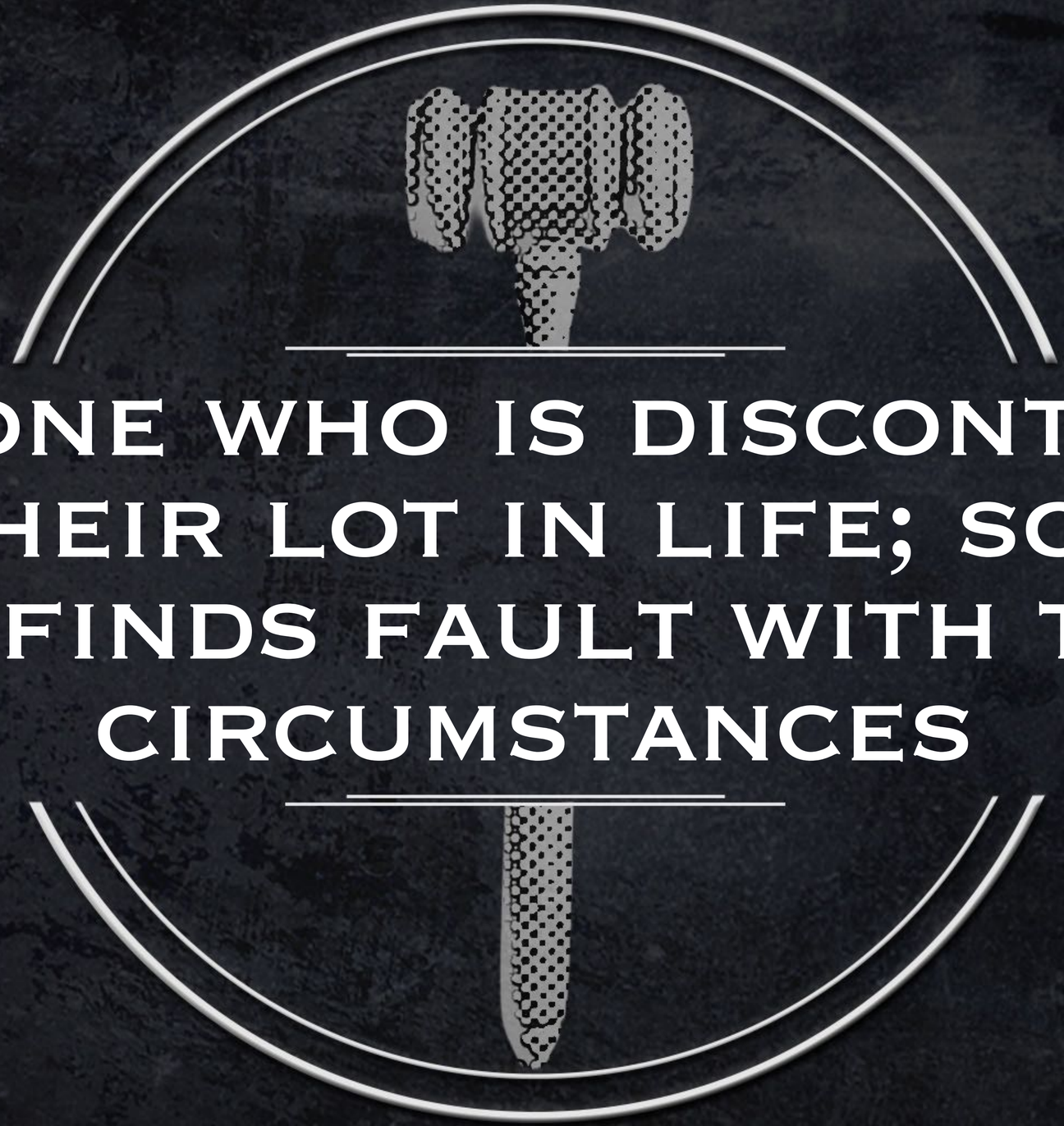
... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.





Be careful about what comes out of your mouth because your words will determine the direction of your life


Murmurers:
someone who mutters, grumbles,
or expresses dissatisfaction
under their breath

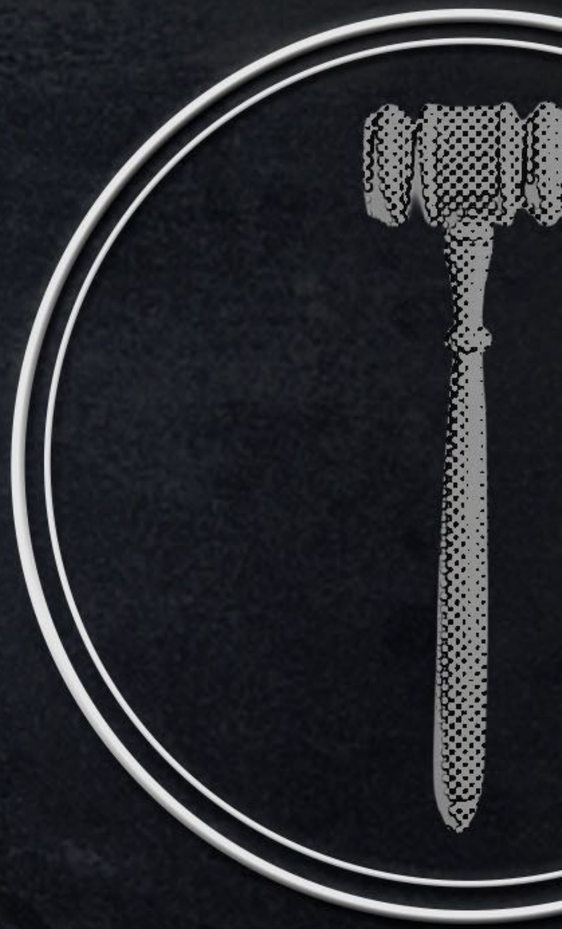


Someone who is discontented with their lot in life; someone who finds fault with their circumstances



Murmuring is what happens when dissatisfaction finds a voice. Complaining is what happens when dissatisfaction becomes a lifestyle.

There is a difference between bringing your burden to God and becoming bitter toward God because of your burden.



Jude 1:5



I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.



Israel had been delivered from Egypt, but Egypt had not been completely delivered out of their thinking

Numbers 14:2

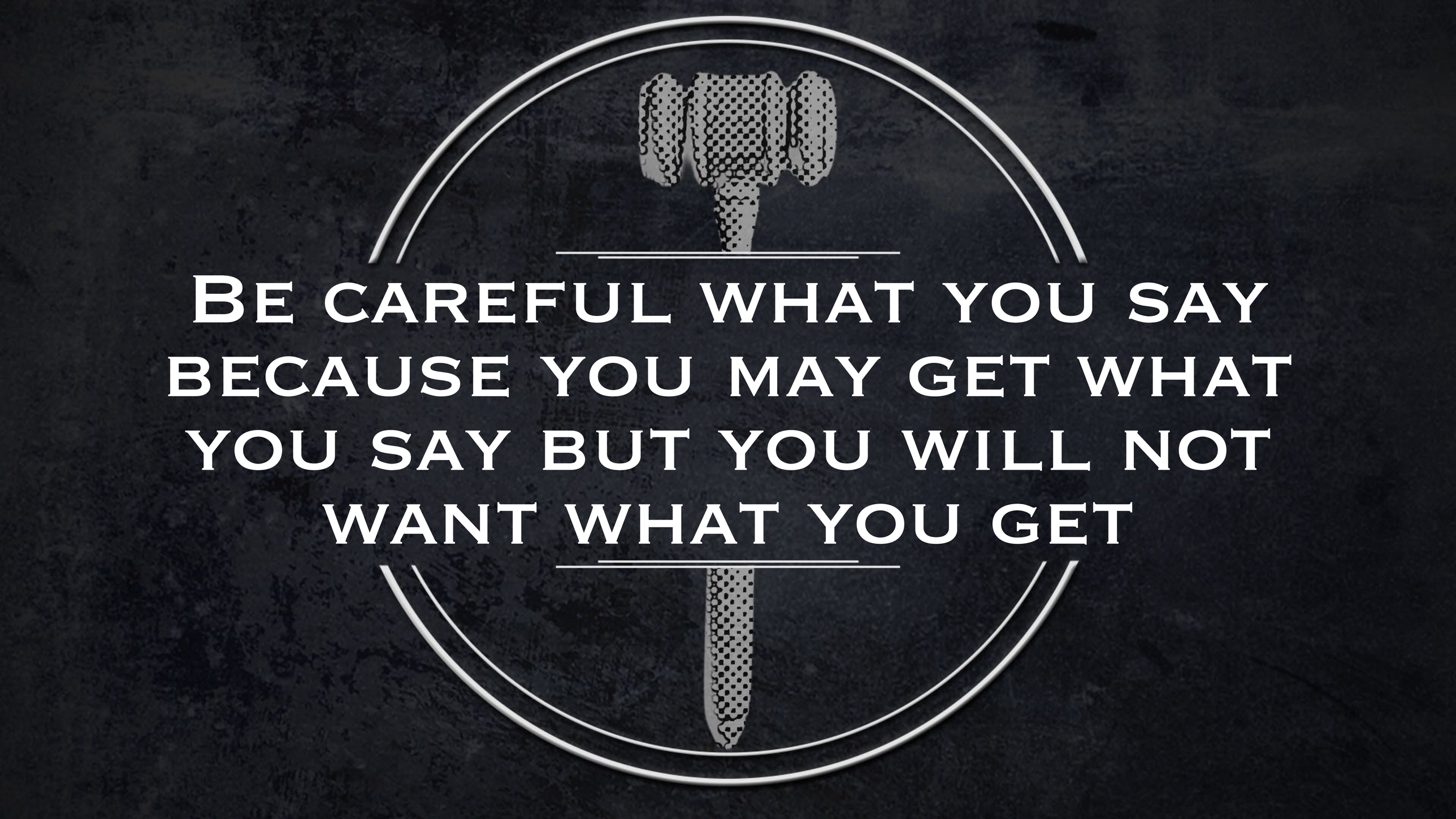
And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!



Numbers 14:28–29



Say unto them, As truly as I live,
saith the LORD, as ye have spoken
in mine ears, so will I do to you:
Your carcases shall fall in this
wilderness; and all that were
numbered of you, according to
your whole number, from twenty
years old and upward, which have
murmured against me


Be careful what you say
because you may get what
you say but you will not
want what you get

1 Corinthians 10:10-11

Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.



Proverbs 18:21



Death and life
are in the power
of the tongue:
and they that
love it shall eat
the fruit thereof



#1:
Complaining magnifies the problem and minimizes the promise



#2:
Complaining turns blessings into burdens



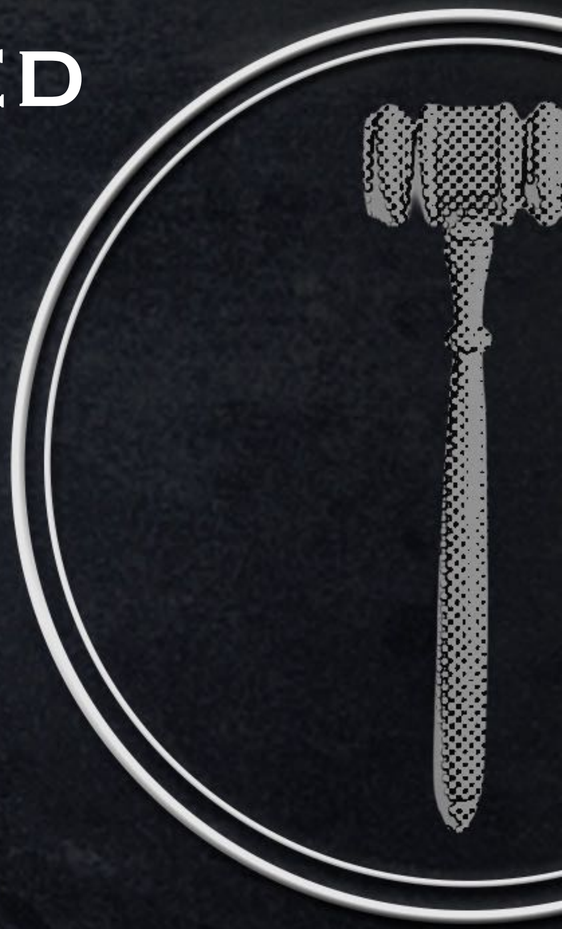
Be careful that you do not become so familiar with God's blessings that you become dissatisfied with them



#3:
Complaining is contagious

Numbers 14:1–2

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!





You do not have to be the person who starts the complaint to become the person who spreads it.



#4:

Complaining keeps you focused on what is wrong instead of what God is doing

Being grateful does not deny that there are problems – it simply refuses to let the problems become bigger than God's promises





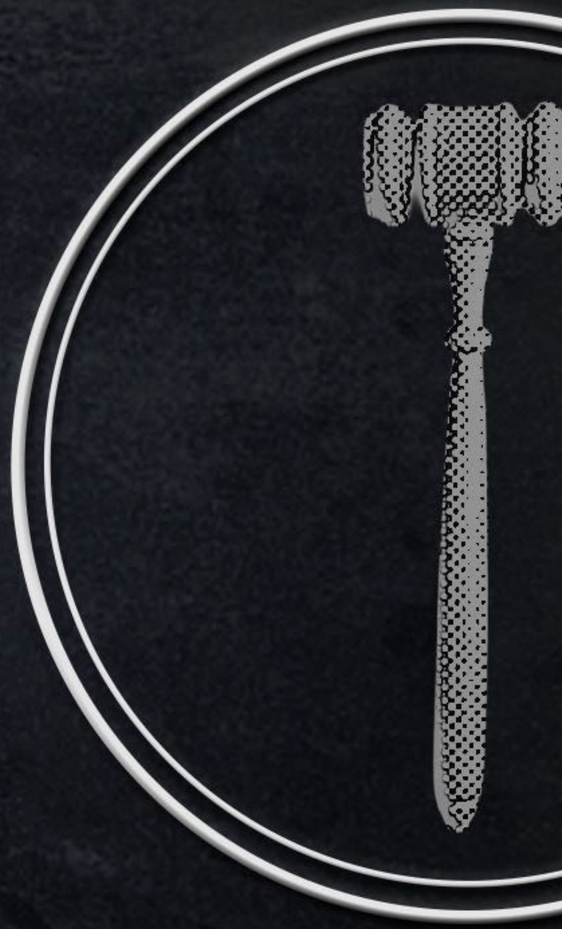
Jude 1:20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,


Principle #2:
Build Yourself Up Instead
of Tearing Everything Down

Jude 1:20

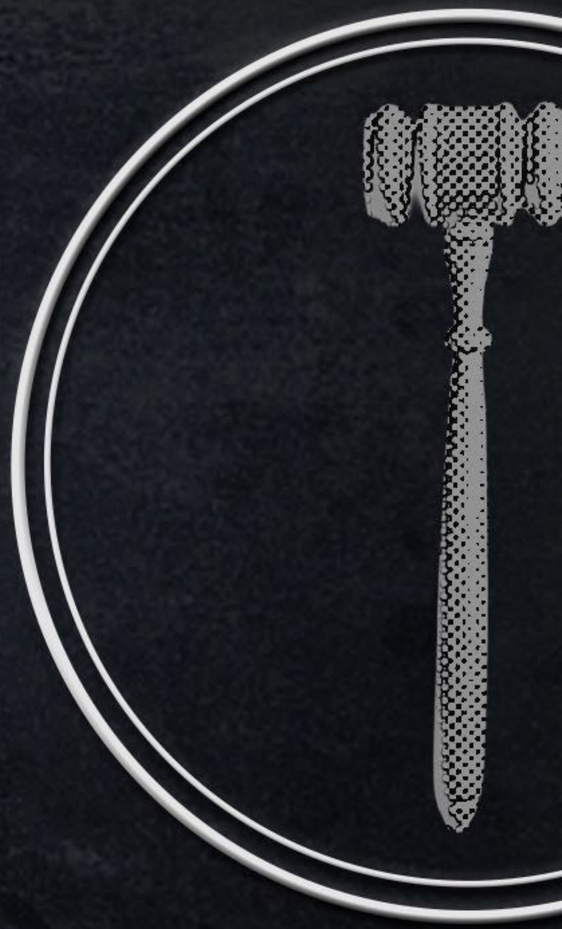
But ye, beloved, building up yourselves





You cannot build yourself up while continually tearing everything and everyone else down

Critics will see a problem in every opportunity – but builders will see an opportunity in every problem

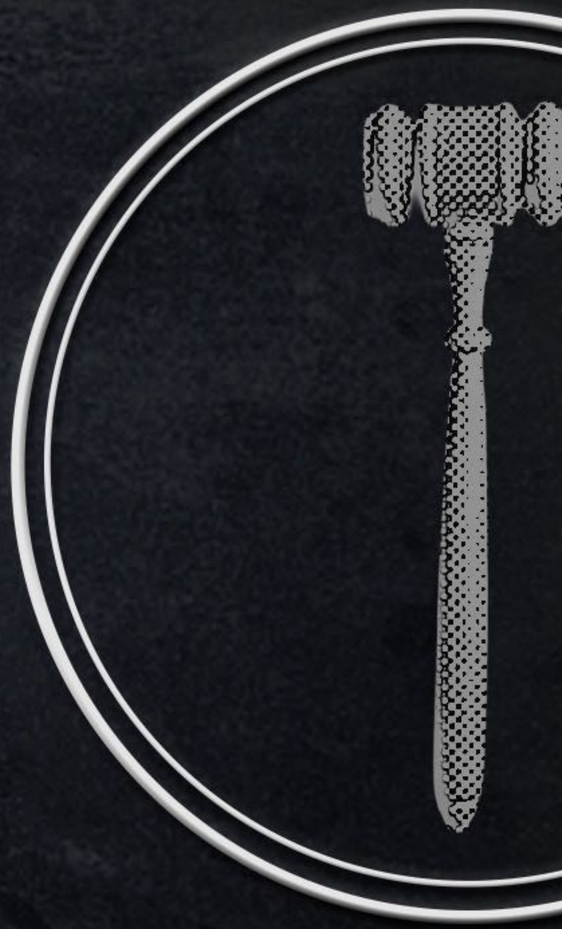


Ephesians 4:29



Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers

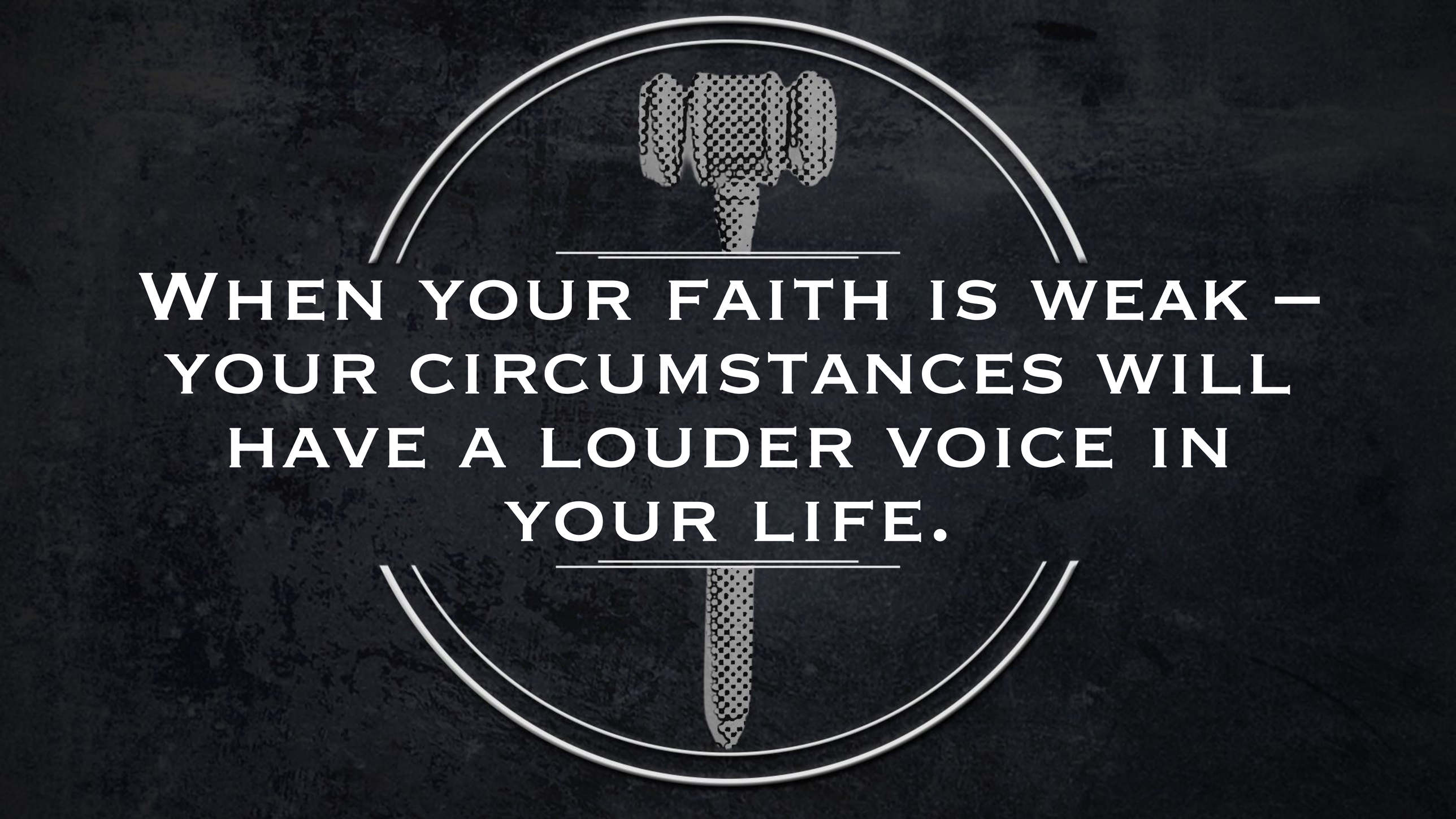
Never become so good at identifying what is wrong that you forget your responsibility to build what is right





Jude 1:20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith


When your faith is weak –
your circumstances will
have a louder voice in
your life.

Romans 10:17

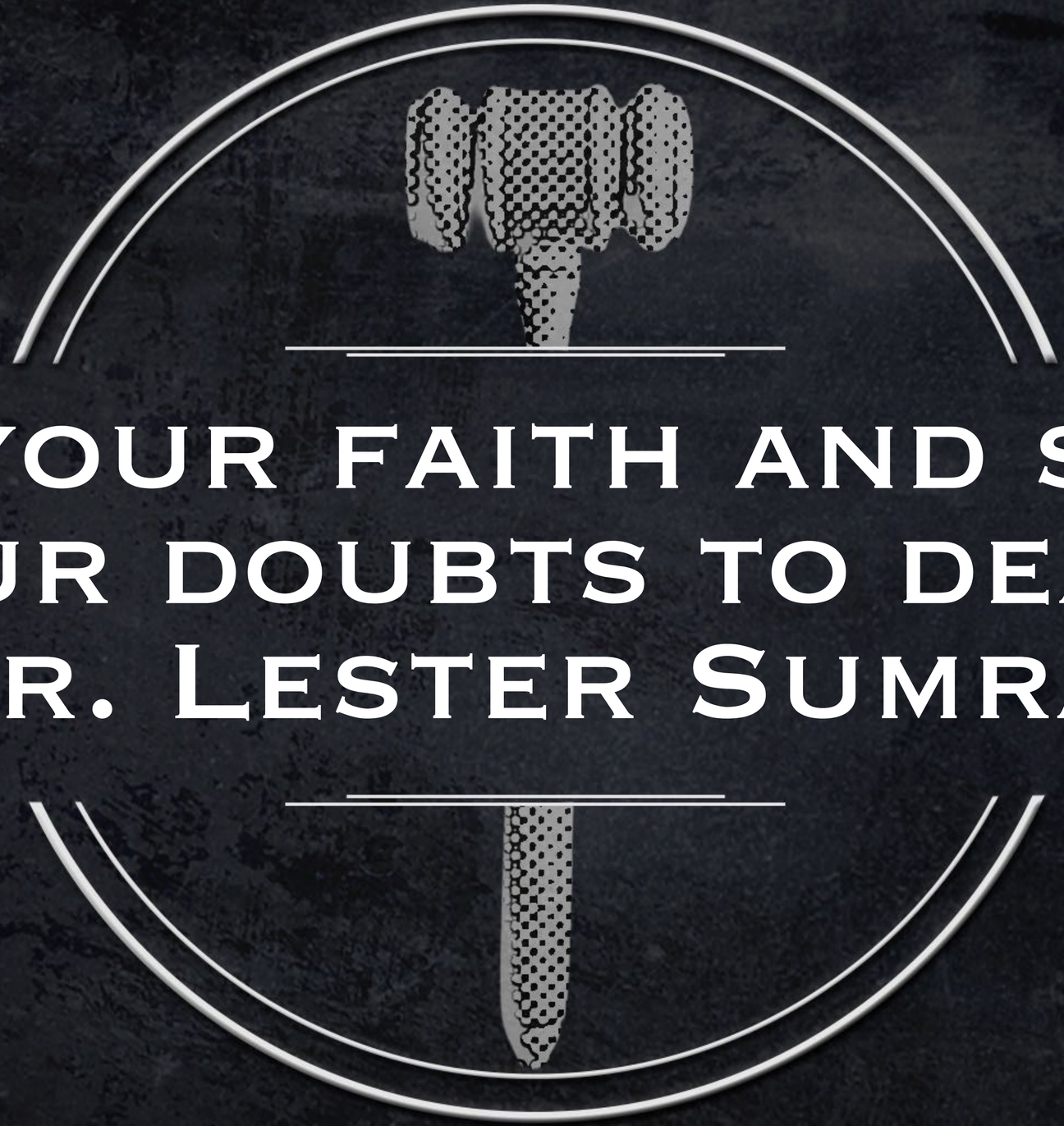
So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God



2 Corinthians 10:5



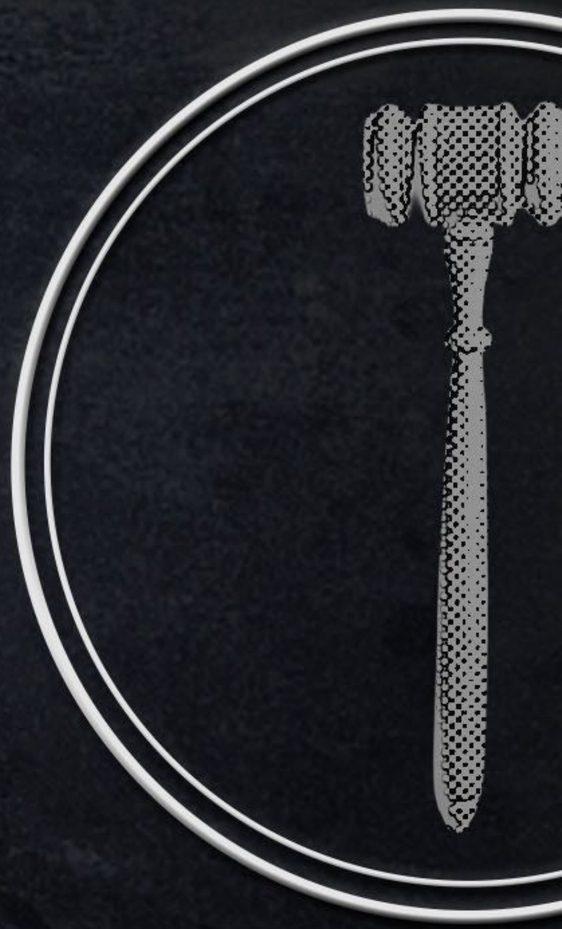
Casting down
imaginations, and every
high thing that exalteth
itself against the
knowledge of God, and
bringing into captivity
every thought to the
obedience of Christ;



Feed your faith and starve your doubts to death
– Dr. Lester Sumrall

Jude 1:20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,



1 Corinthians 14:4



He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself...

The more time you spend complaining about your circumstances, the less time you have spent praying about them



Ephesians 6:18



Praying always
with all prayer
and supplication
in the Spirit...

1 Corinthians 14:2

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God...



Praying in the Holy Ghost is not an escape from what is happening in your life. Praying in the Holy Ghost is a way of becoming strong enough to face what is happening in your life

Romans 8:26



Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Numbers 14:24

But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it




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