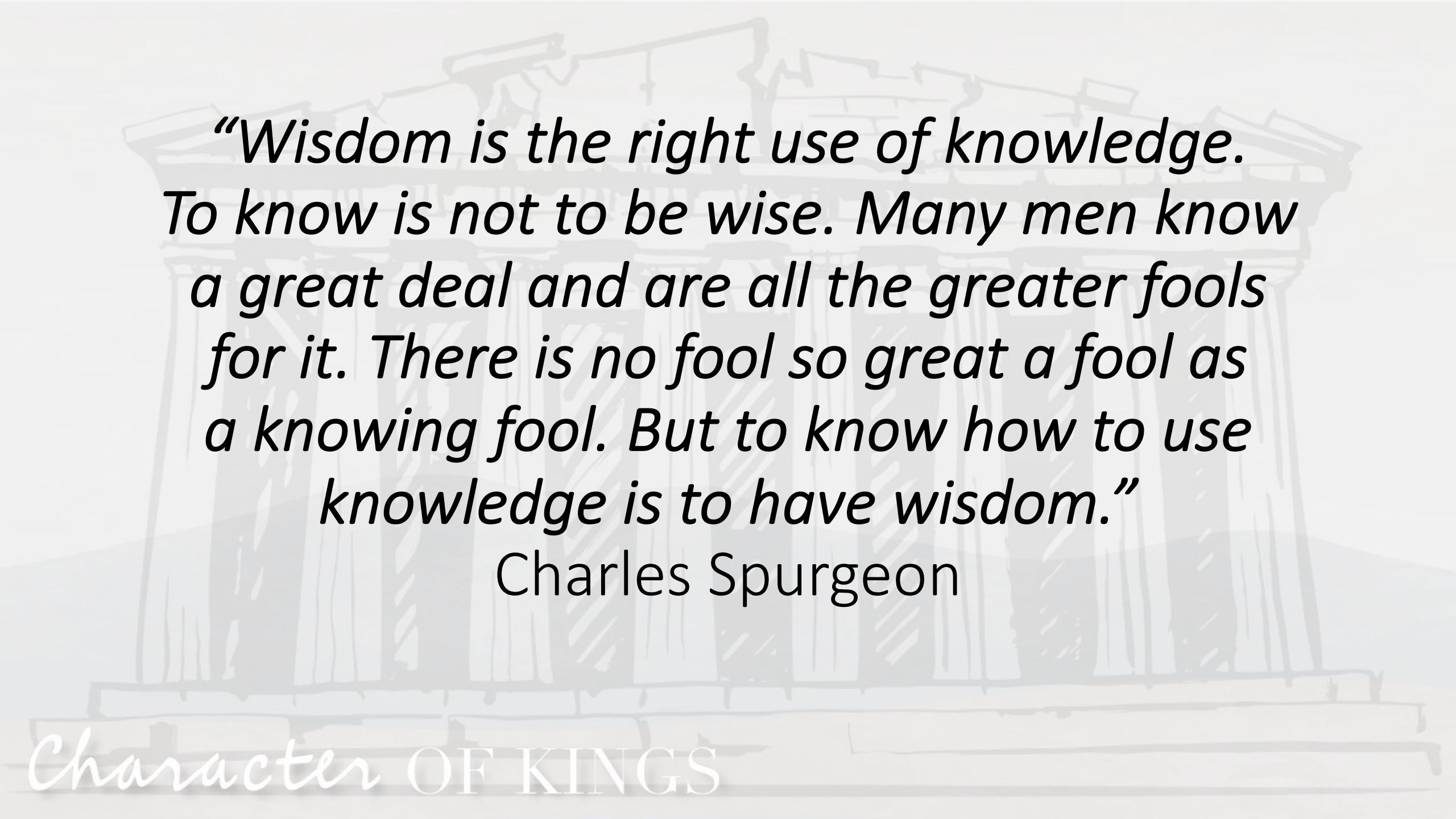


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We Need Wisdom!

1 Kings 3:1-14

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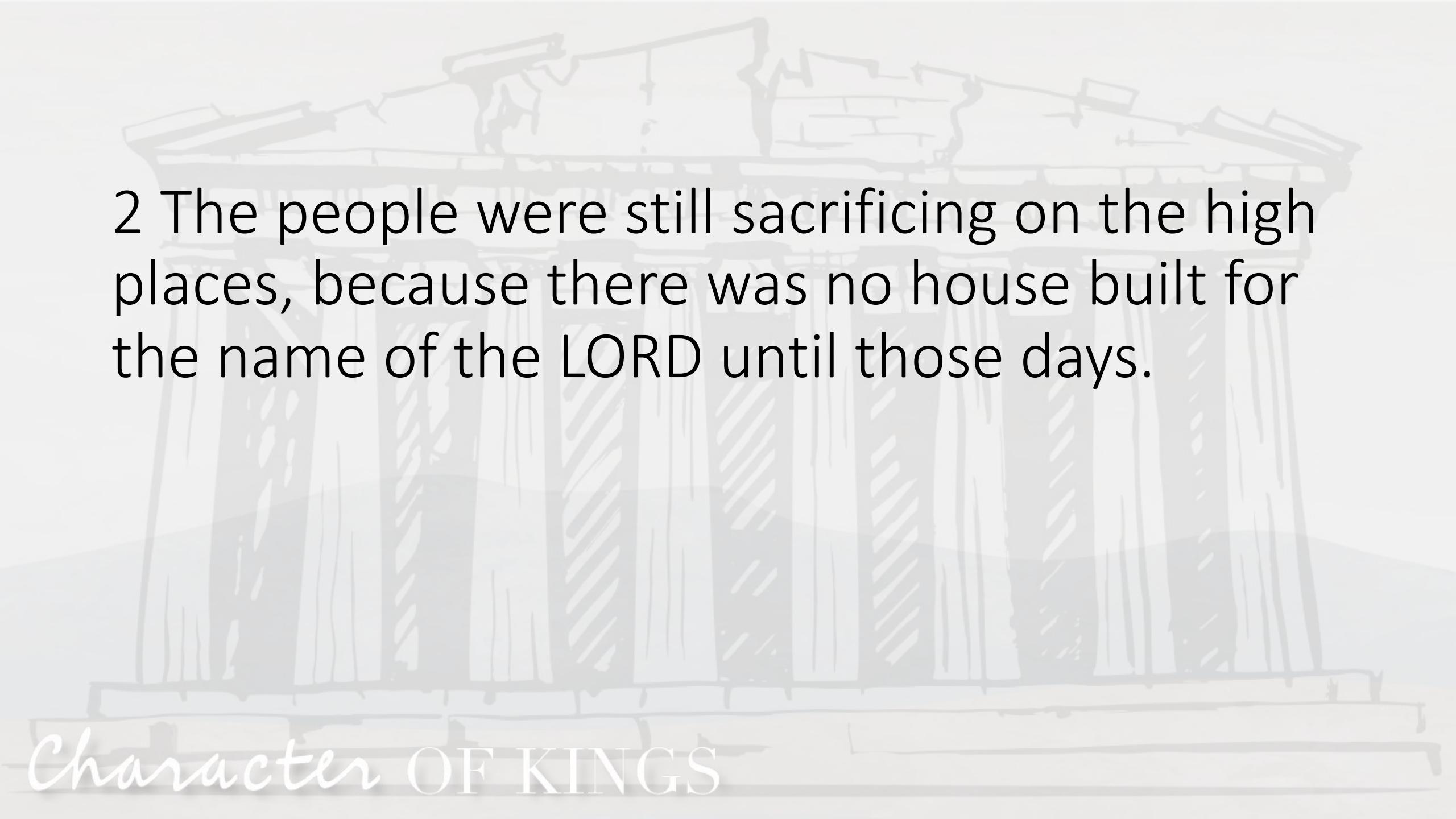


*“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.
To know is not to be wise. Many men know
a great deal and are all the greater fools
for it. There is no fool so great a fool as
a knowing fool. But to know how to use
knowledge is to have wisdom.”*

Charles Spurgeon



1 Then Solomon formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her to the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem.

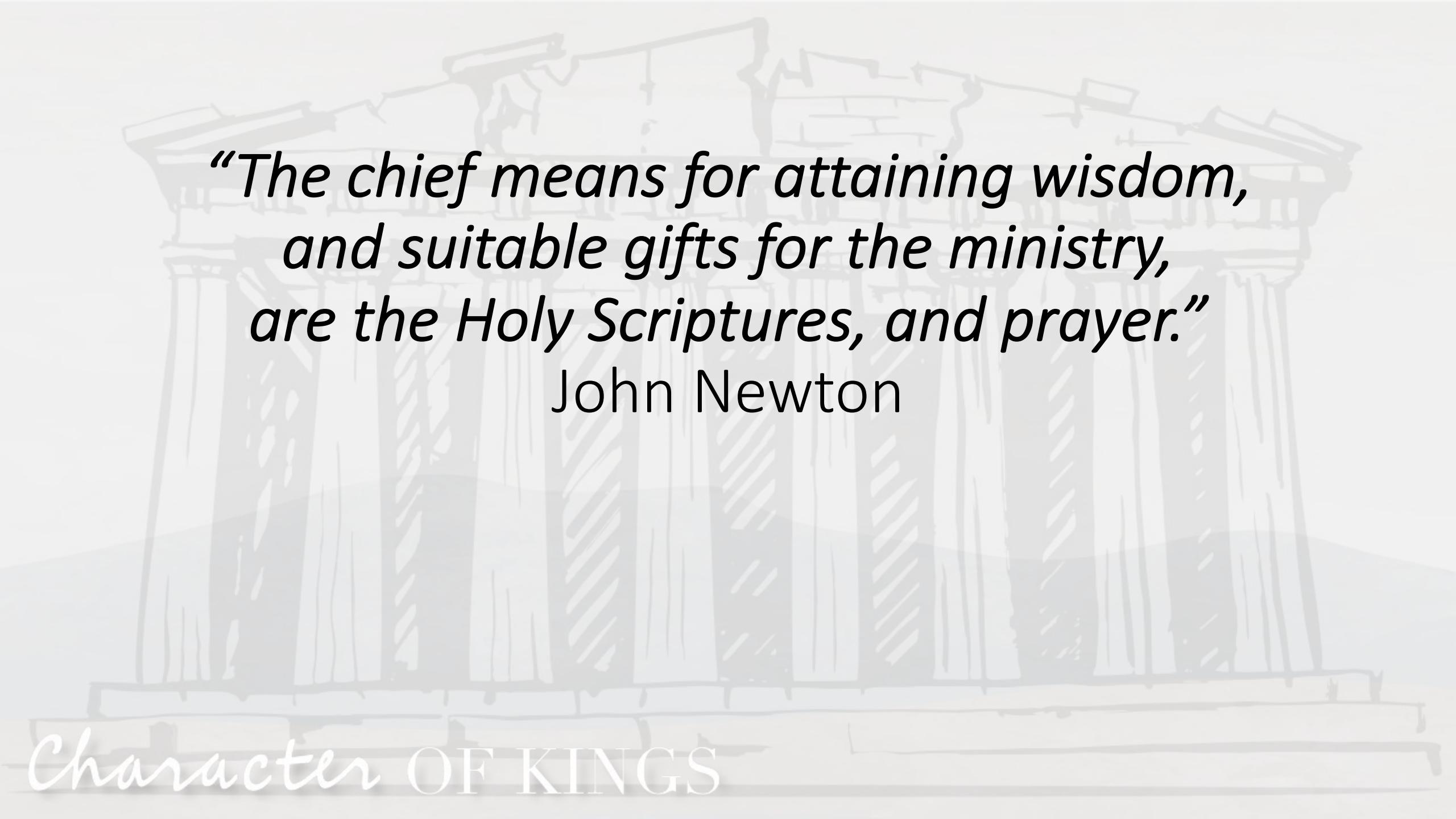


2 The people were still sacrificing on the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.

Need of Wisdom 1,2

- Peace by marriages
- Peace by armies
- Peace by offerings
- Peace by faith
- Peace with – of – from God

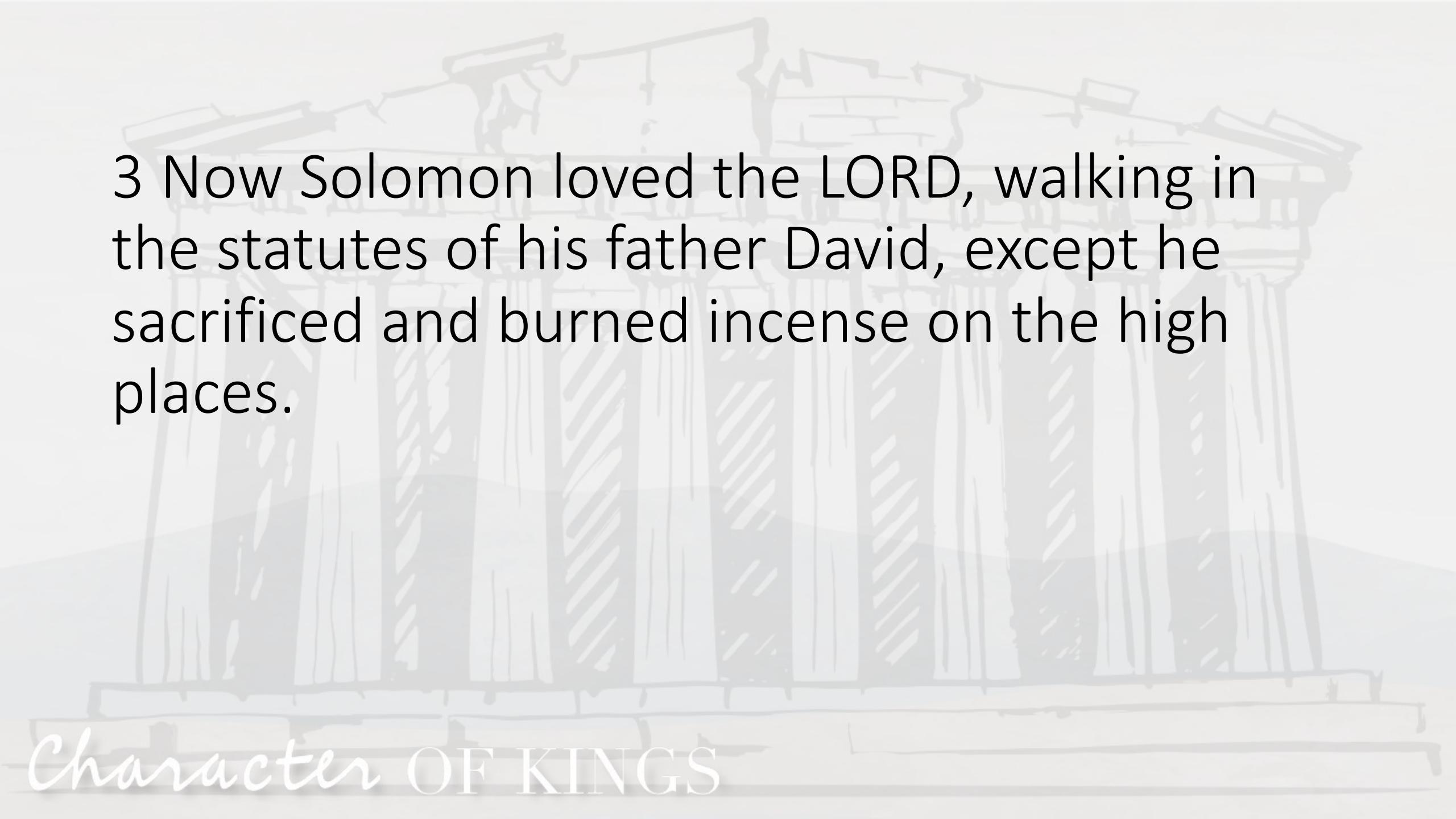
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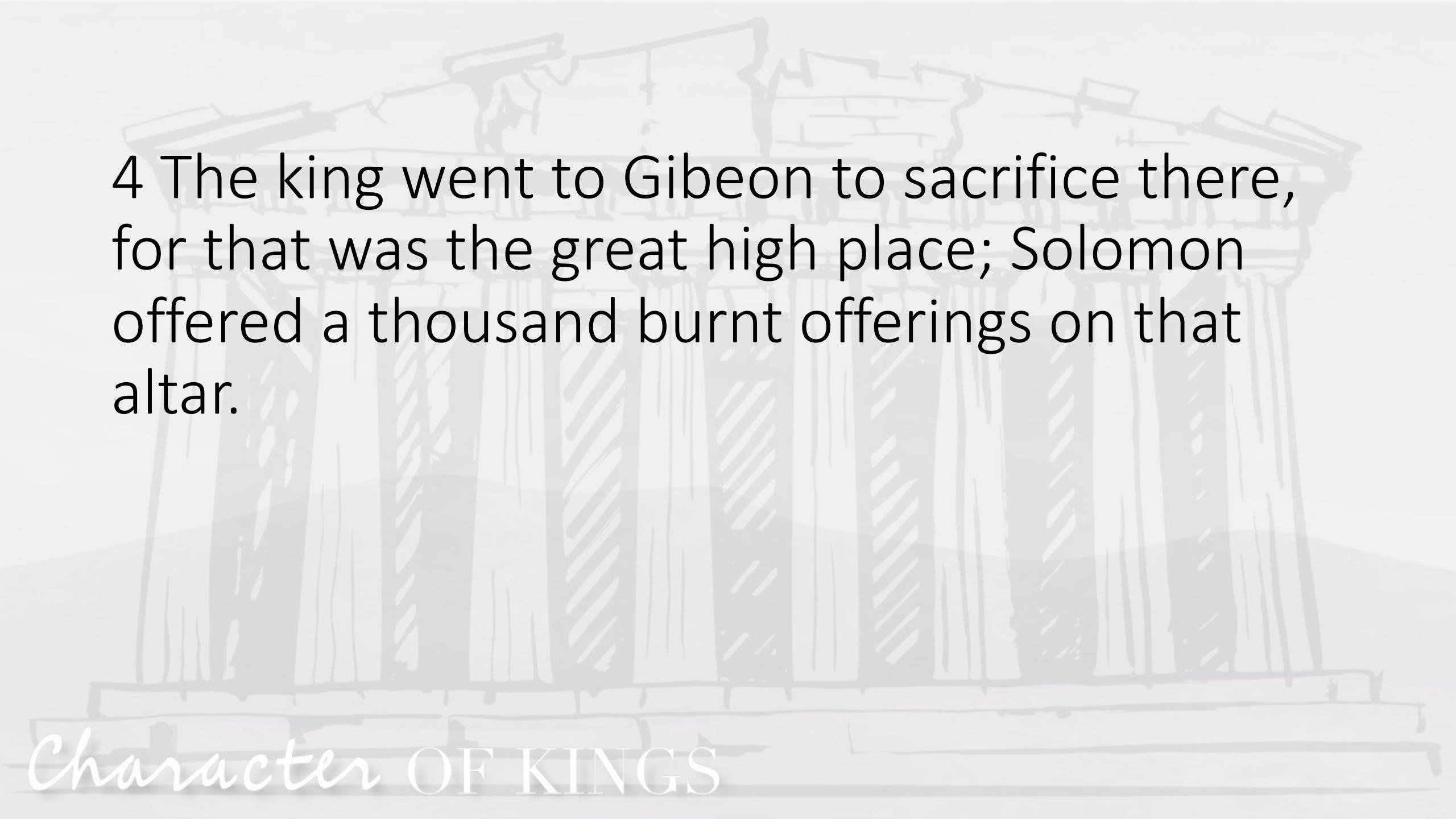
*“The chief means for attaining wisdom,
and suitable gifts for the ministry,
are the Holy Scriptures, and prayer.”*

John Newton

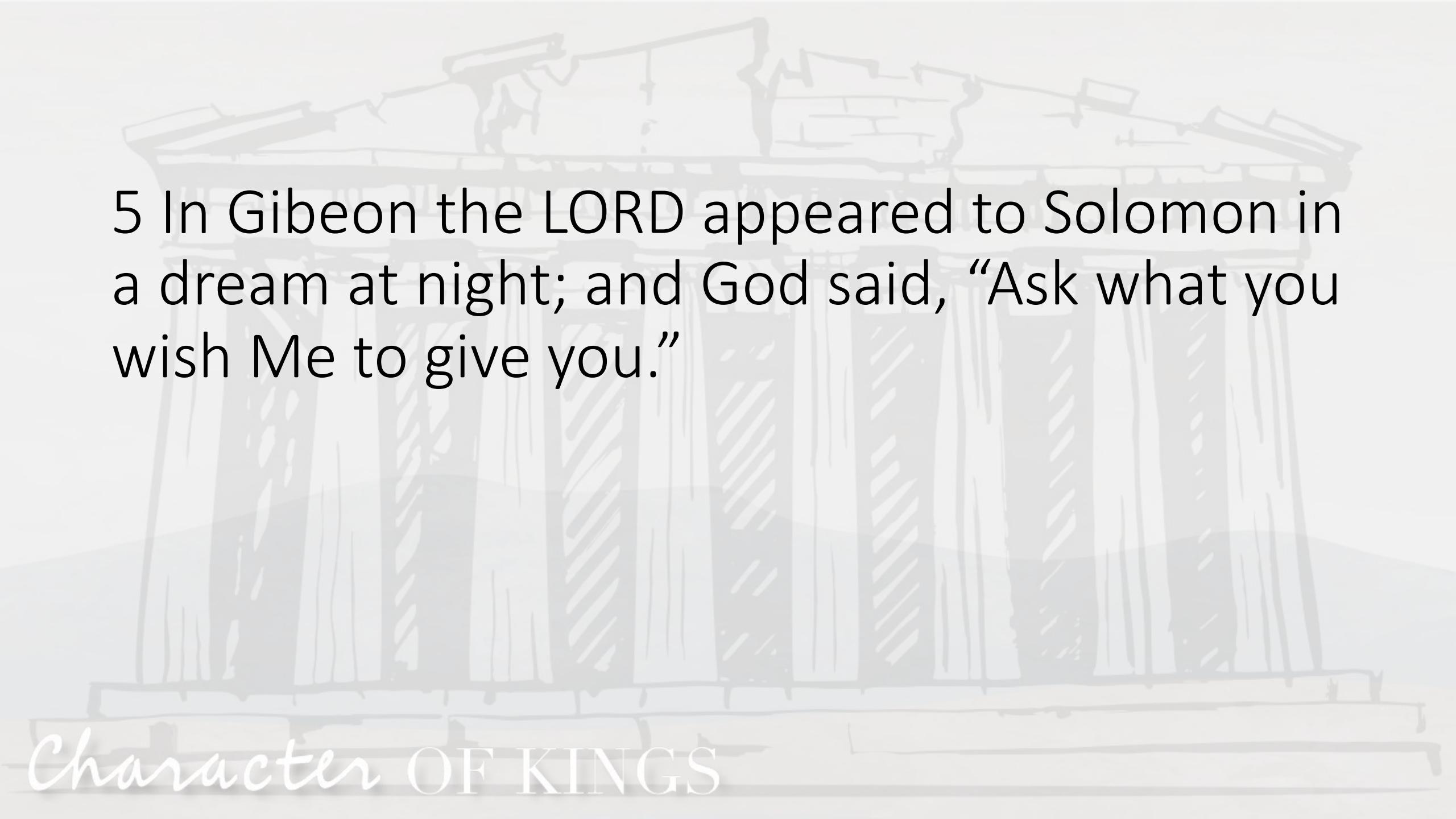
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3 Now Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.



4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.



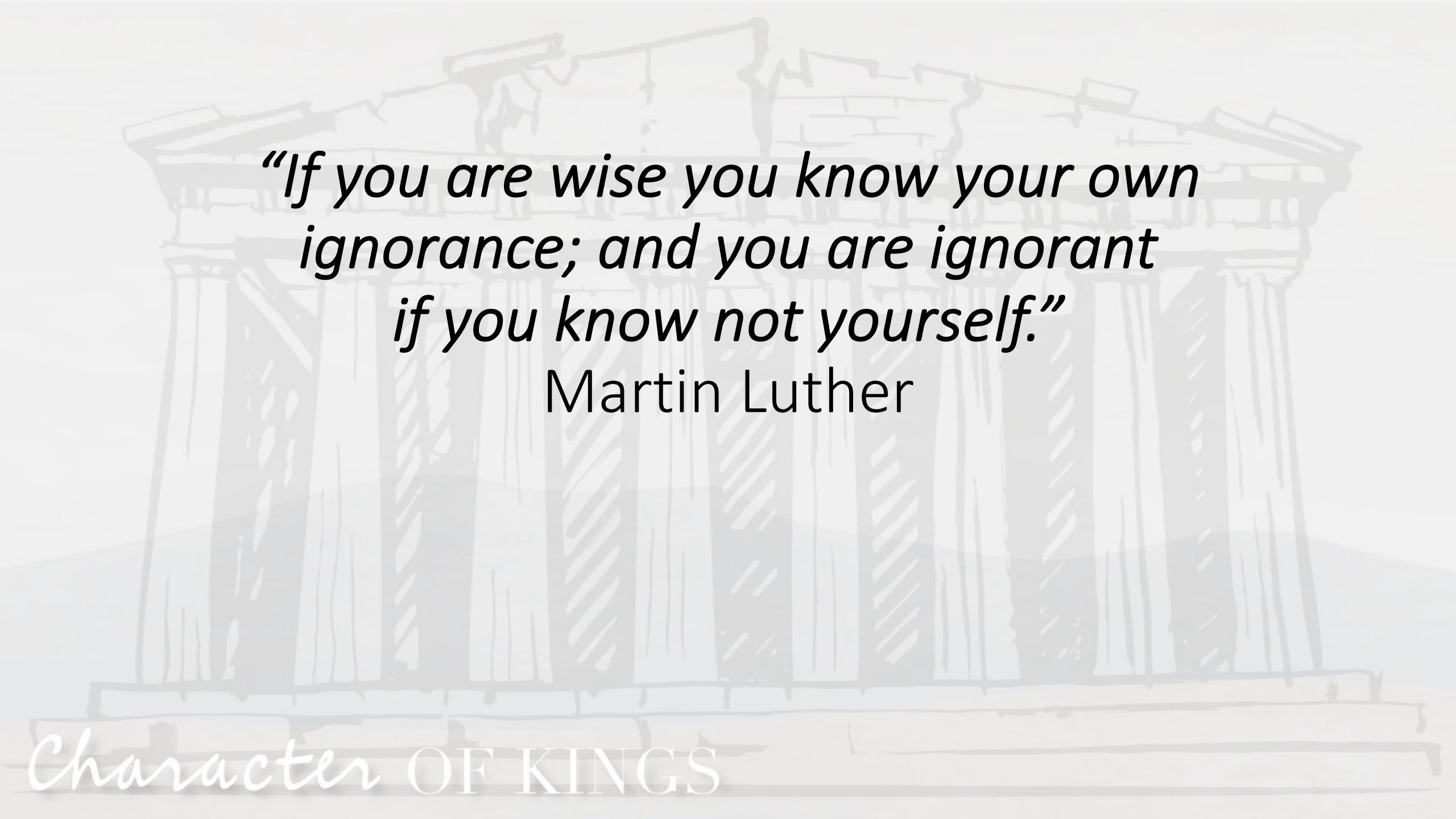
5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, “Ask what you wish Me to give you.”



Nature of Wisdom 3-5

- Love is genuine
- Love is conflicted
- Love is confirmed
- Love is relationship

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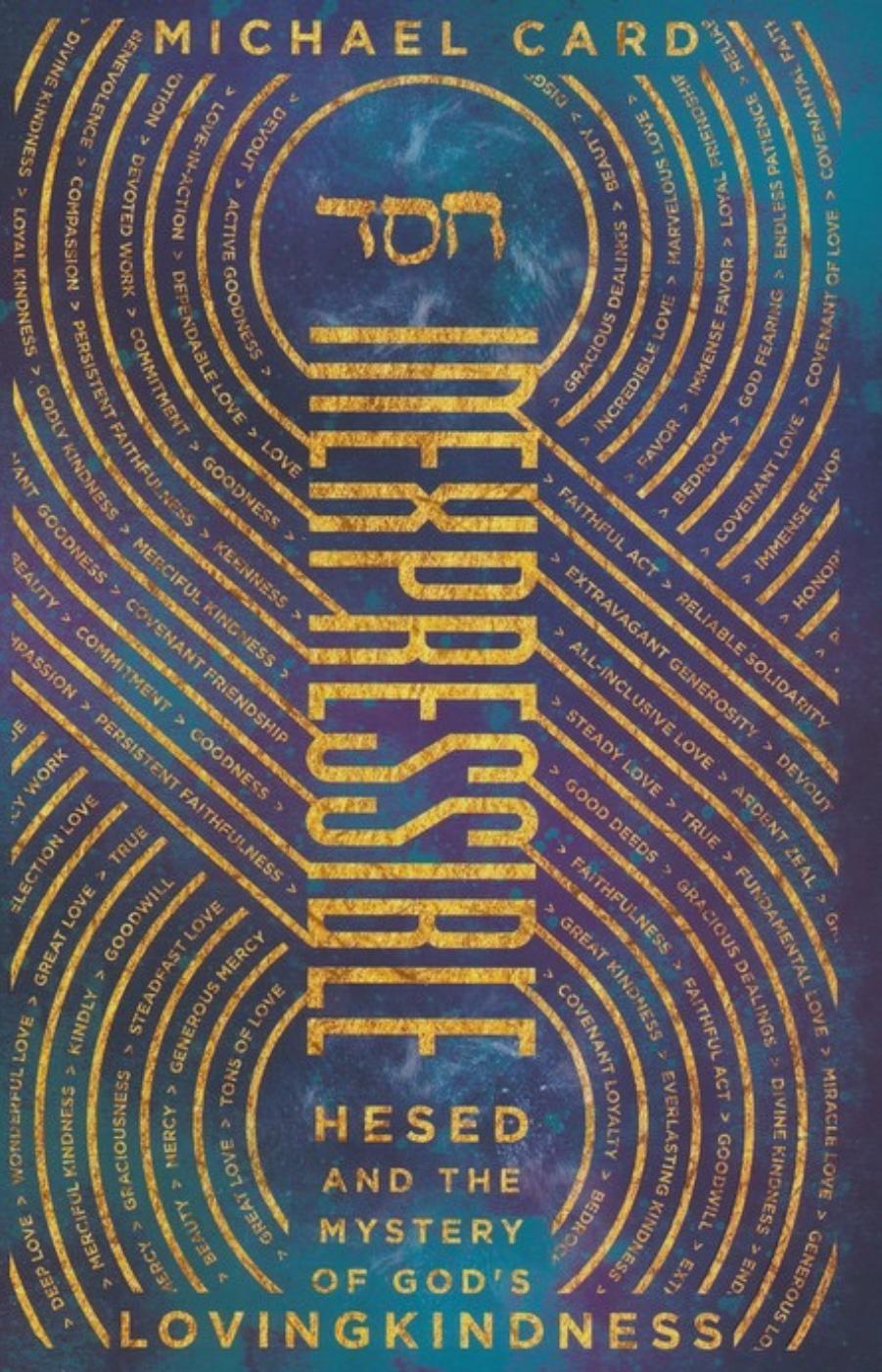


*“If you are wise you know your own
ignorance; and you are ignorant
if you know not yourself.”*

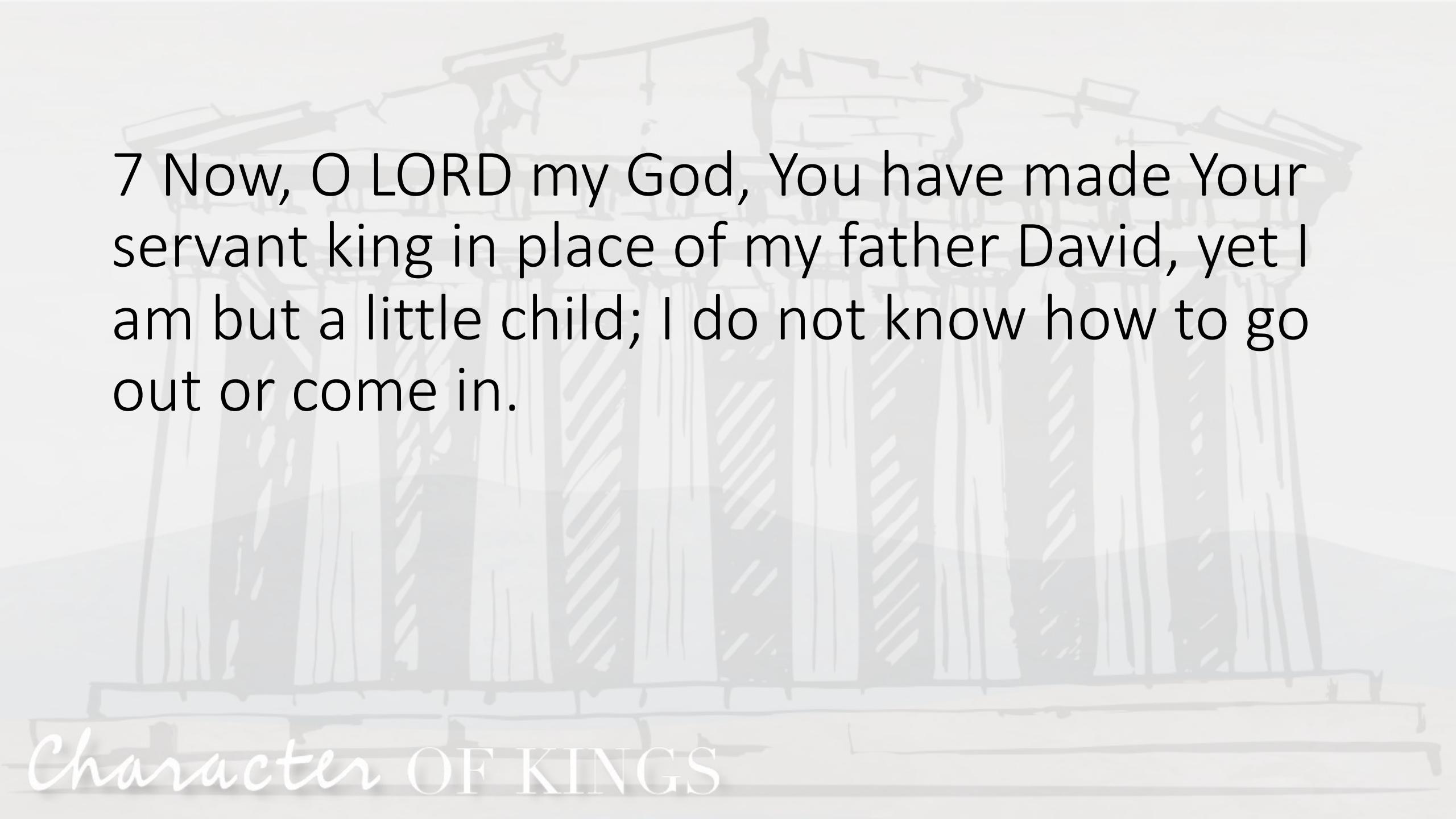
Martin Luther

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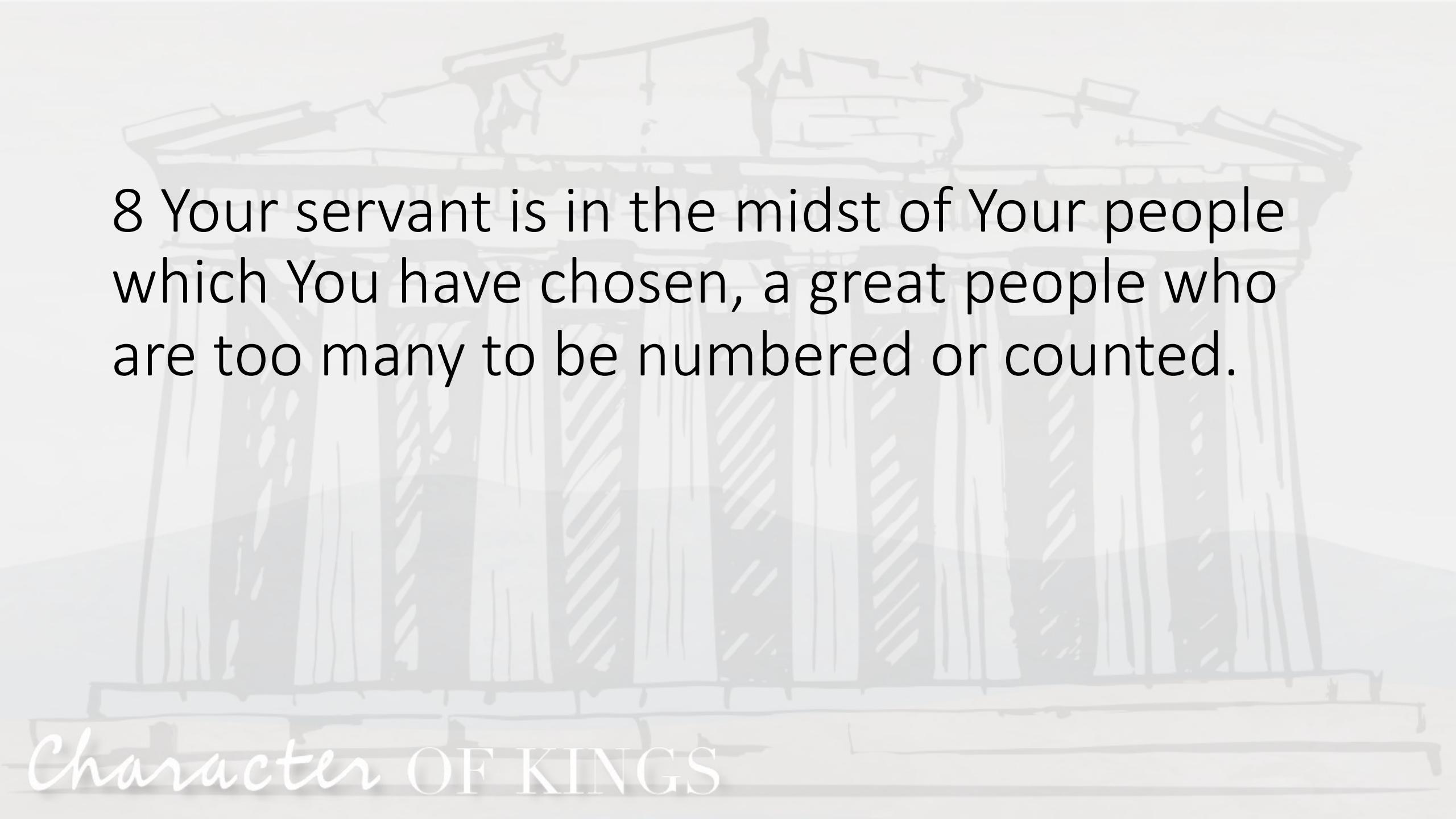
6 Then Solomon said, “You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.



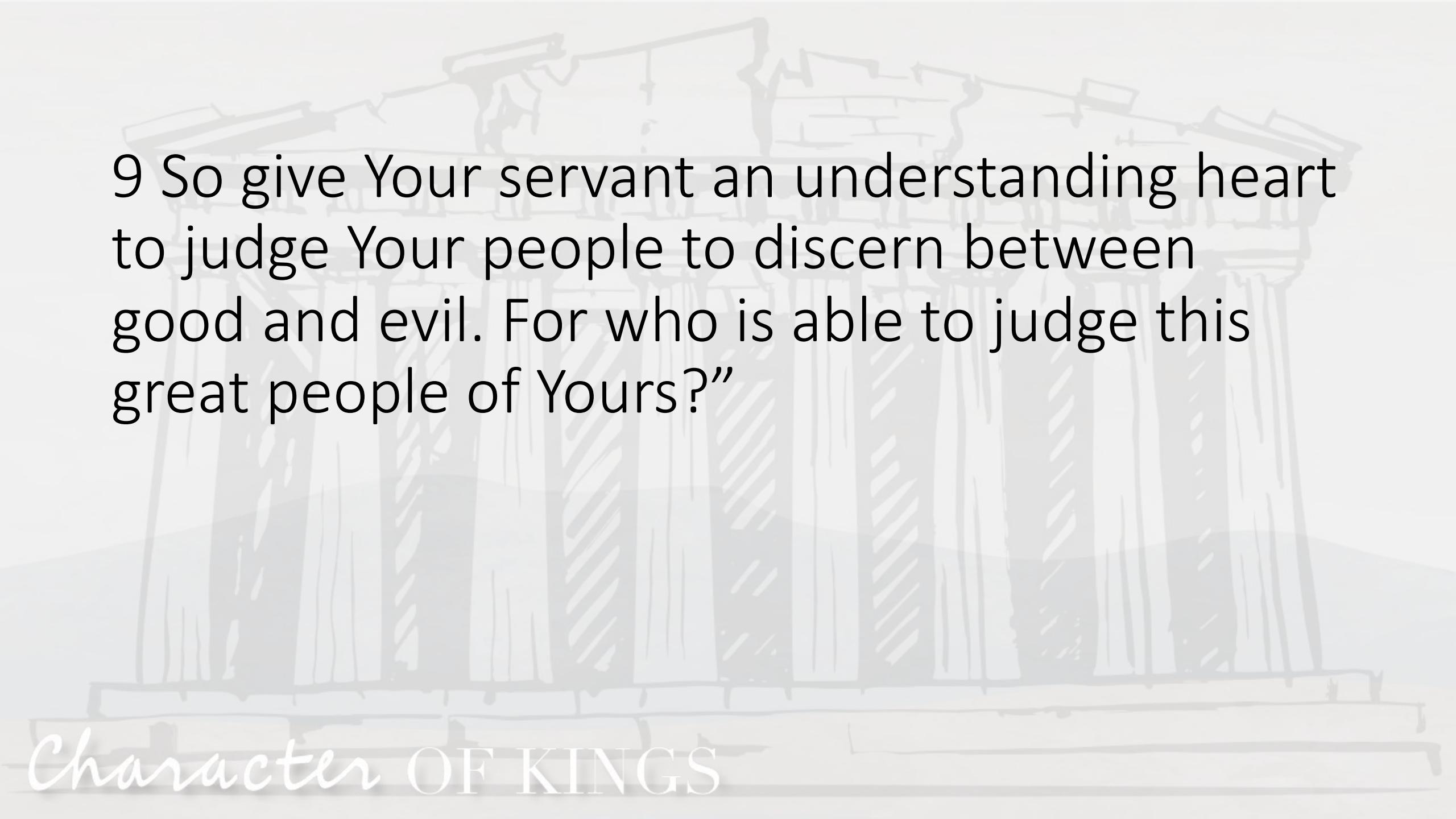
Hesed חֶסֶד surpasses ordinary kindness and friendship. It is the inclination of the heart to show “amazing grace” to the one who is loved. *Hesed* runs deeper than social expectations, responsibilities, fluctuating emotions, or what is deserved or earned by the recipient. *Hesed* finds its home in committed, familial love, and it comes to life in actions.



7 Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.



8 Your servant is in the midst of Your people
which You have chosen, a great people who
are too many to be numbered or counted.

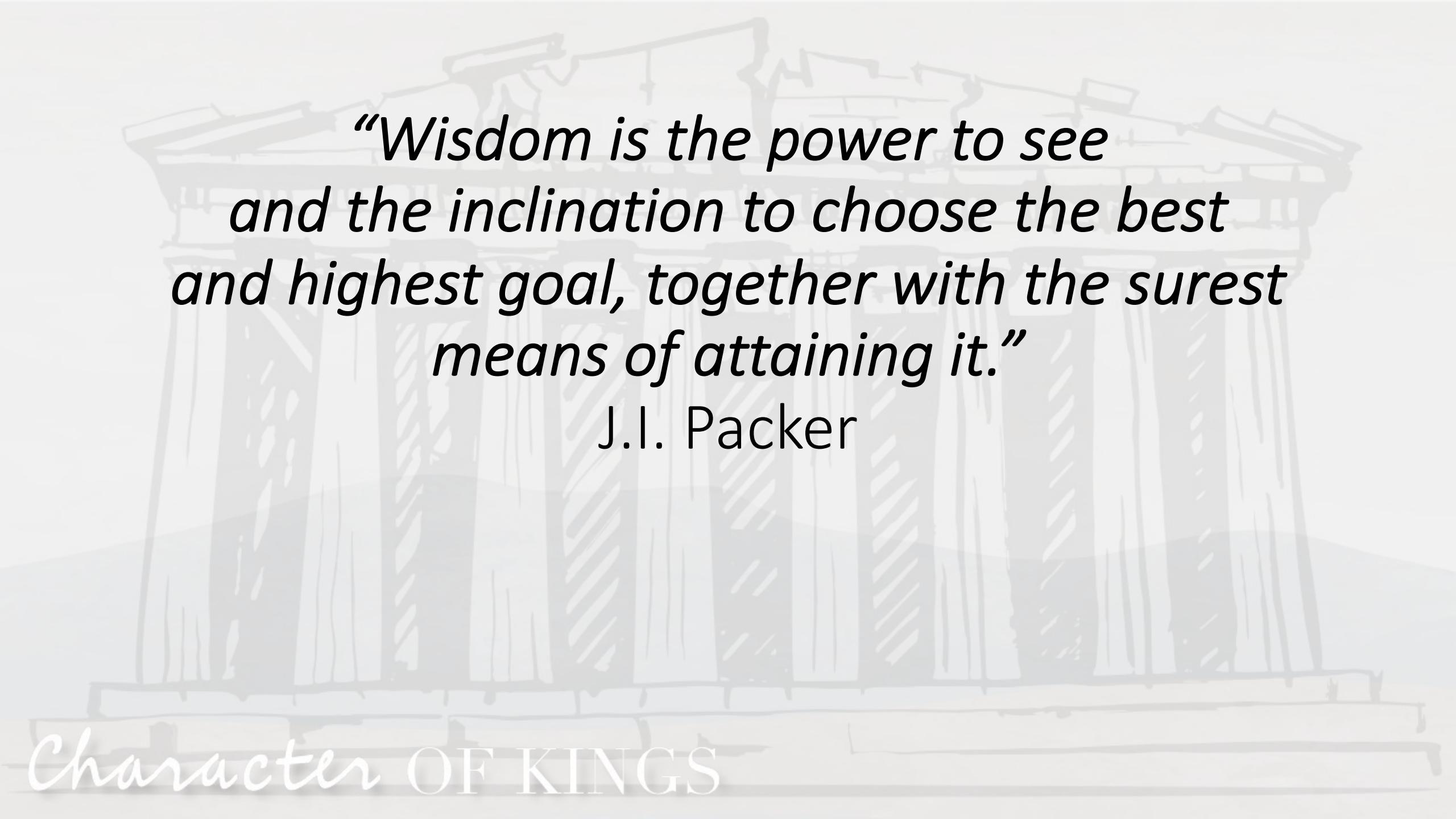


9 So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

Necessity of Wisdom 6-9

- Begins with God's love
 - “lovingkindness”
- Continues with God's blessings
- Confirmed by our humility
- Produces servant's hearts

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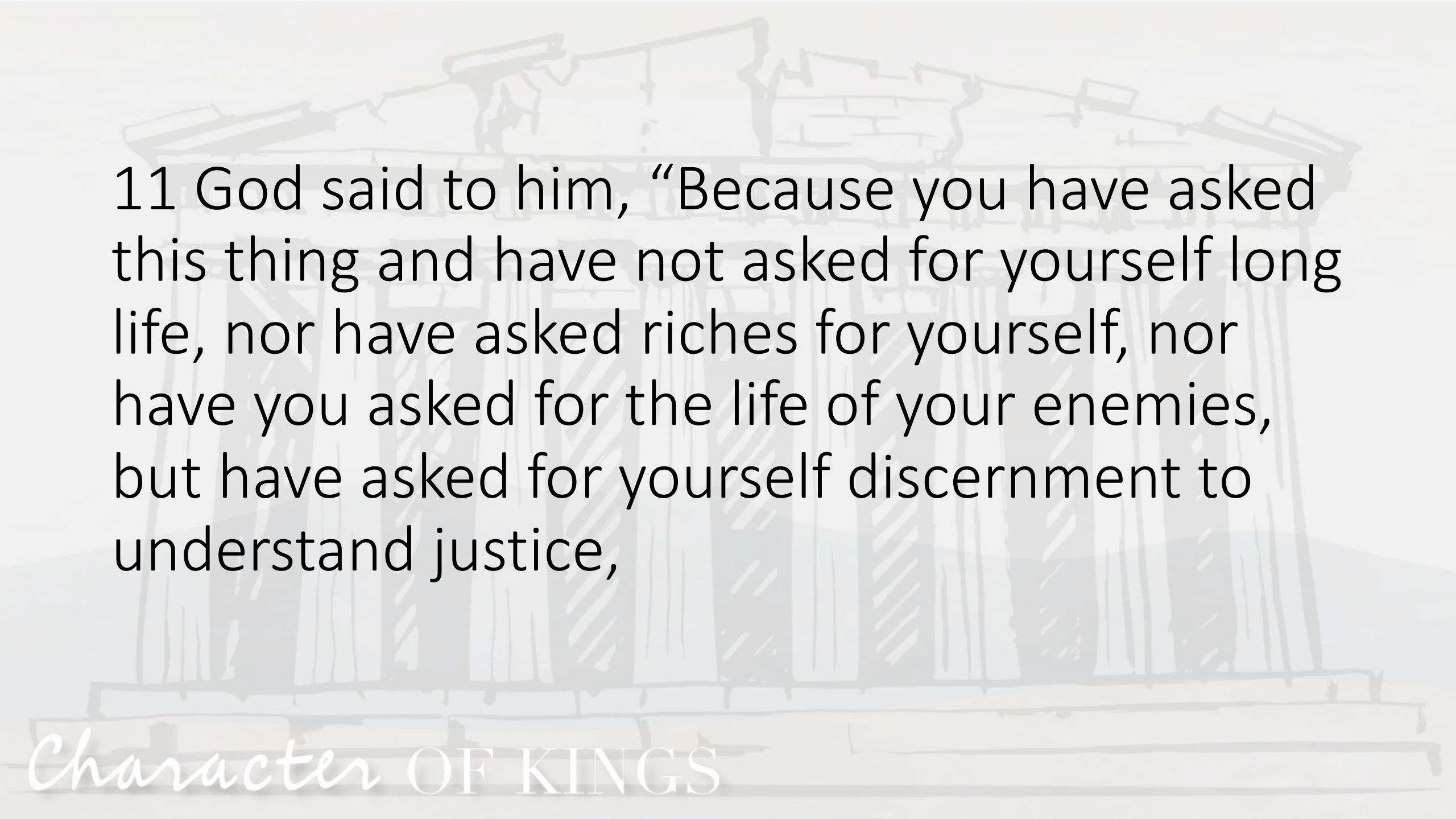
*“Wisdom is the power to see
and the inclination to choose the best
and highest goal, together with the surest
means of attaining it.”*

J.I. Packer

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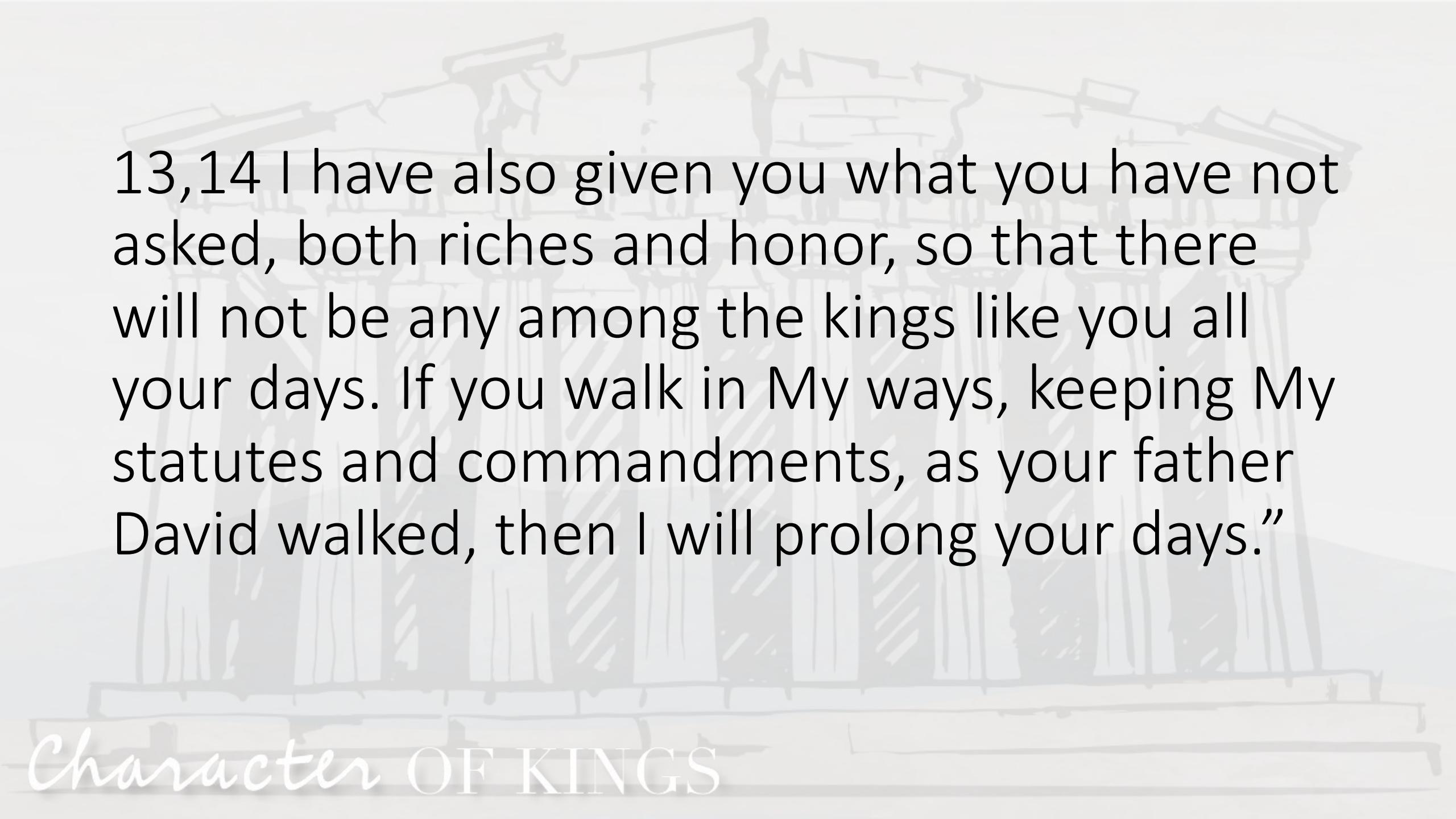


10 It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.



11 God said to him, “Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice,

12 behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

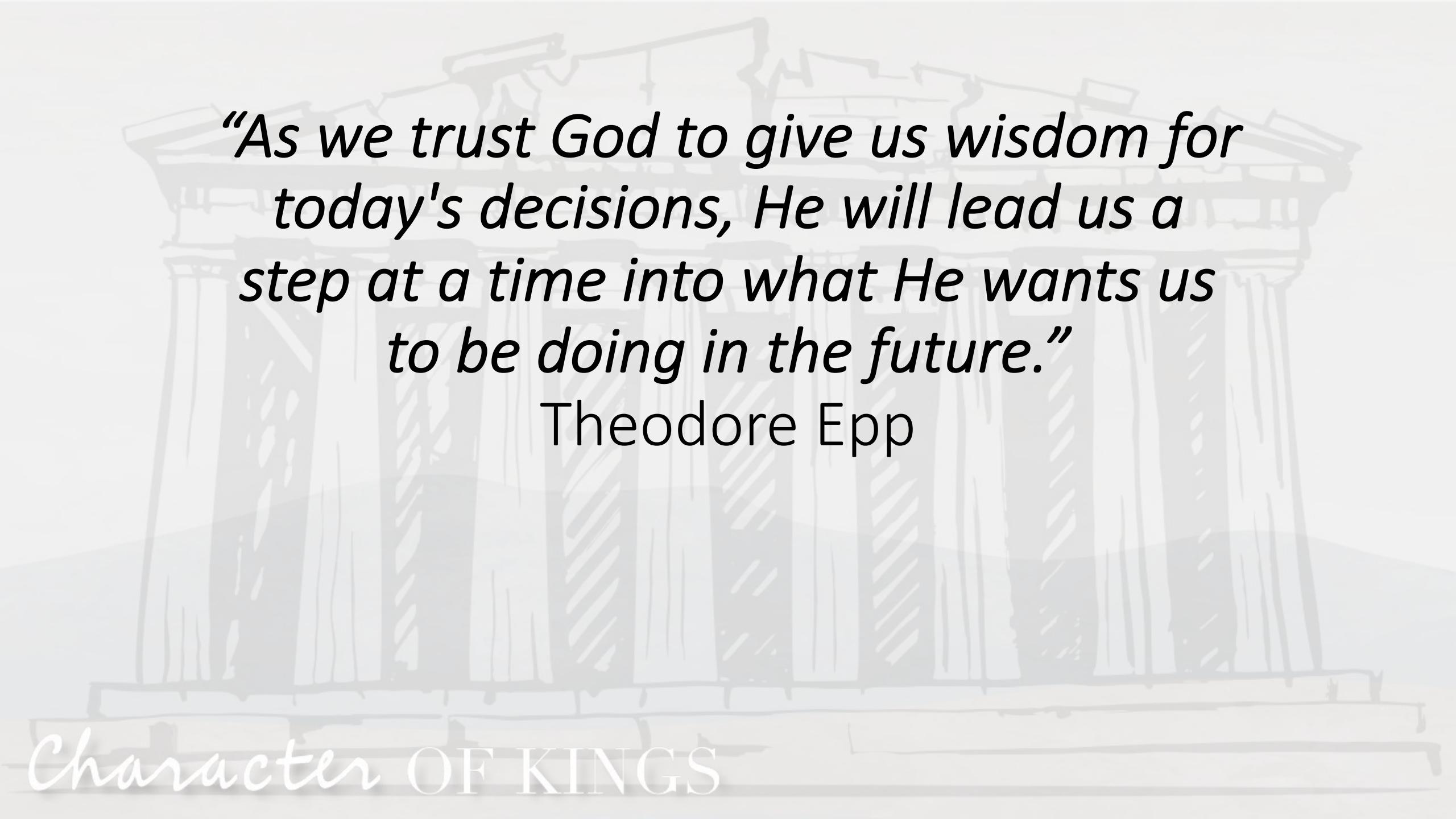


13,14 I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days. If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.”

Now of Wisdom 10-14

- Wisdom is not for later
- Wisdom is our prayers
- Wisdom is our desires
- Wisdom is our blessings

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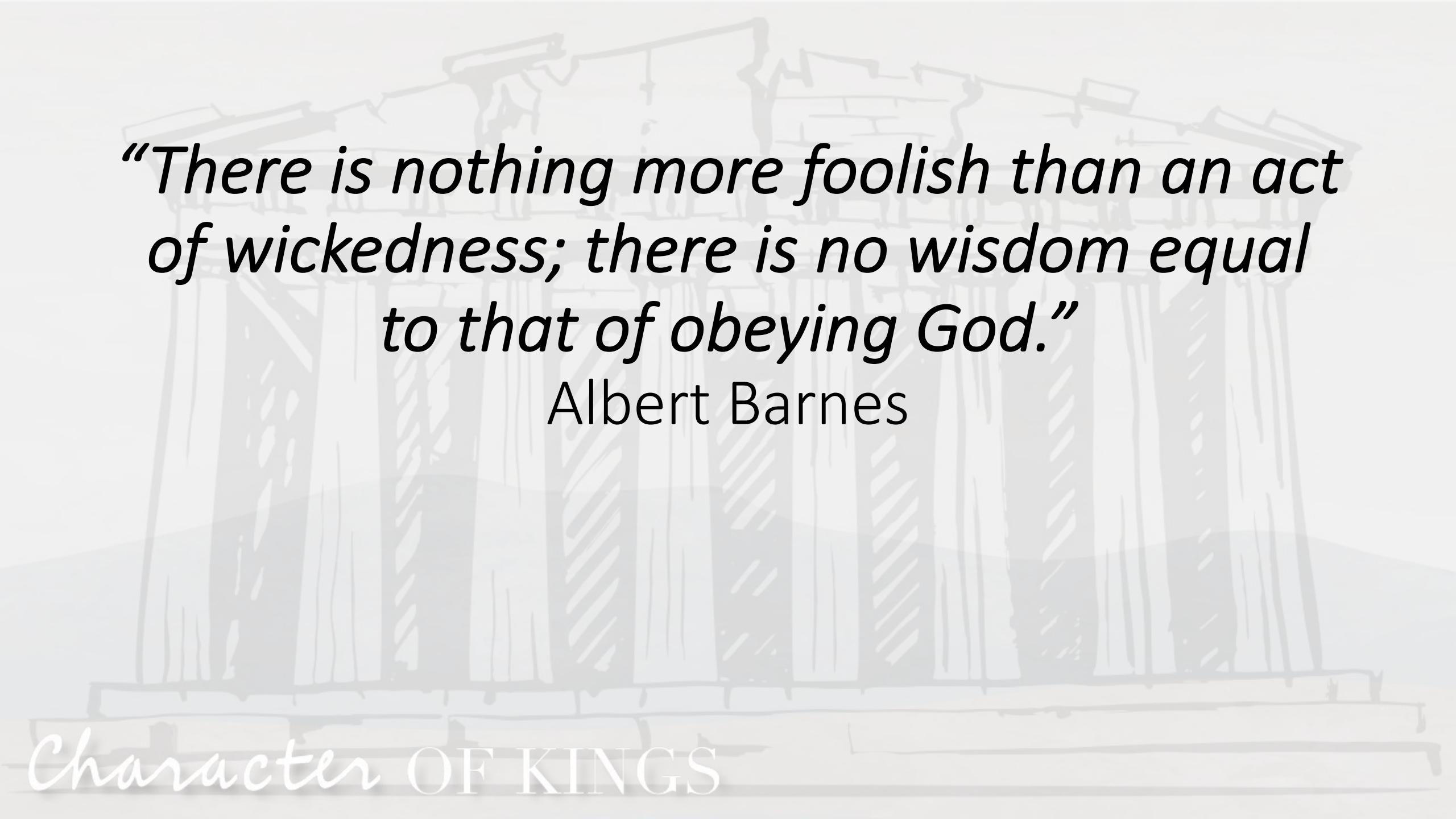
*“As we trust God to give us wisdom for
today's decisions, He will lead us a
step at a time into what He wants us
to be doing in the future.”*

Theodore Epp

We need wisdom!

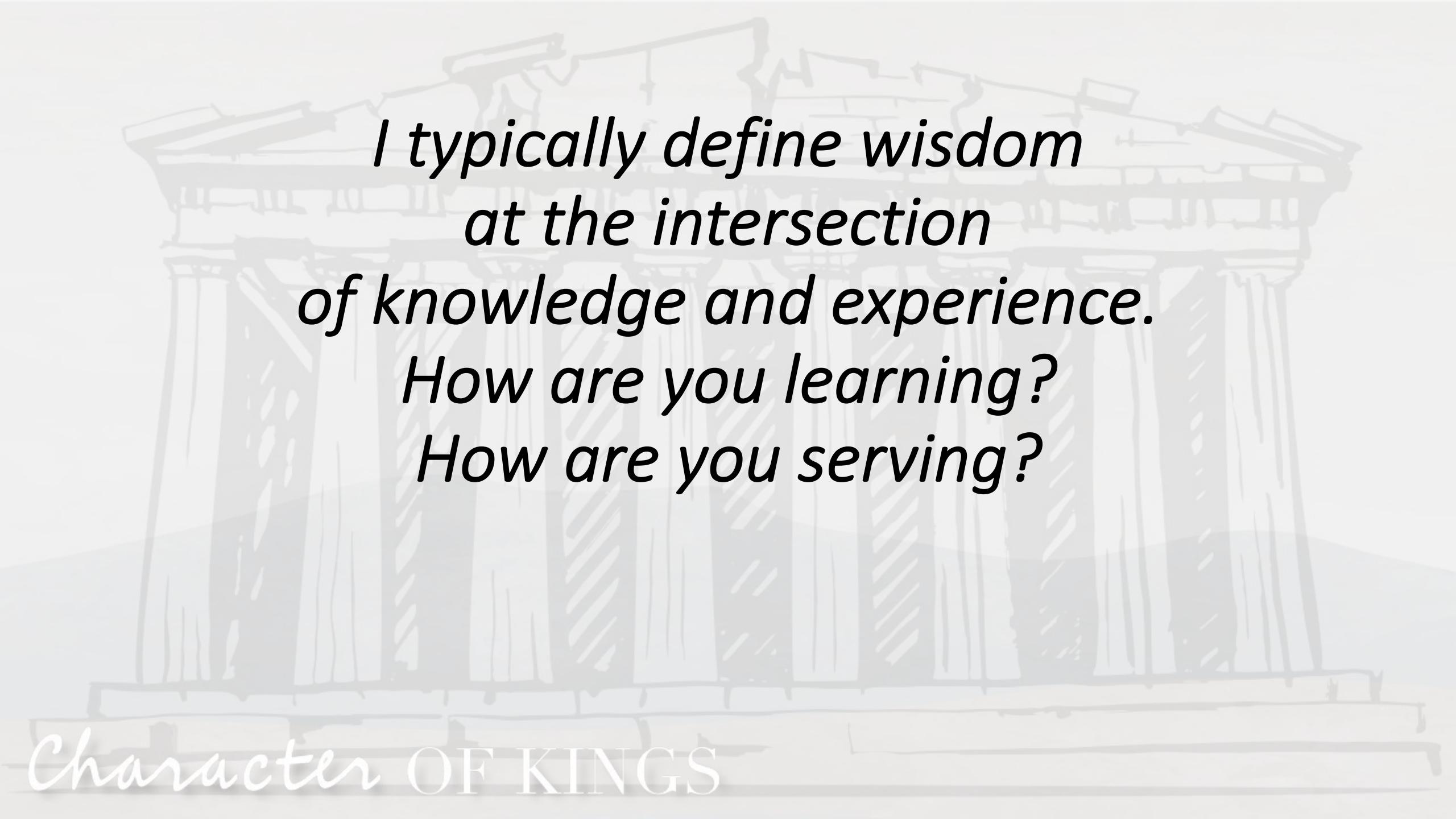
- Proverbs 3:5,6
 - *Trust in the LORD*
 - *No leaning!*
- *Acknowledge Him*
- *He will direct!*

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*“There is nothing more foolish than an act
of wickedness; there is no wisdom equal
to that of obeying God.”*

Albert Barnes



*I typically define wisdom
at the intersection
of knowledge and experience.*

How are you learning?

How are you serving?