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FATHERLY ADVICE FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL

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**PRACTICAL
INSTRUCTION:
HOW TO LIVE
AS A CHRIST-
FOLLOWER IN
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**1. LIVE FOR AN
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**2. CONTROL
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Greek writer Demosthenes:
“We keep prostitutes for pleasure,
mistresses for our daily needs and
wives for bearing children.”

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Historian Eva Keuls:

“...a society dominated by men who sequester their wives and daughters, denigrate the female role in reproduction... sponsor public whorehouses, create a mythology of rape, and engage in rampant saber- rattling.”



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“And that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before.” *(1 Thes. 4:6)*

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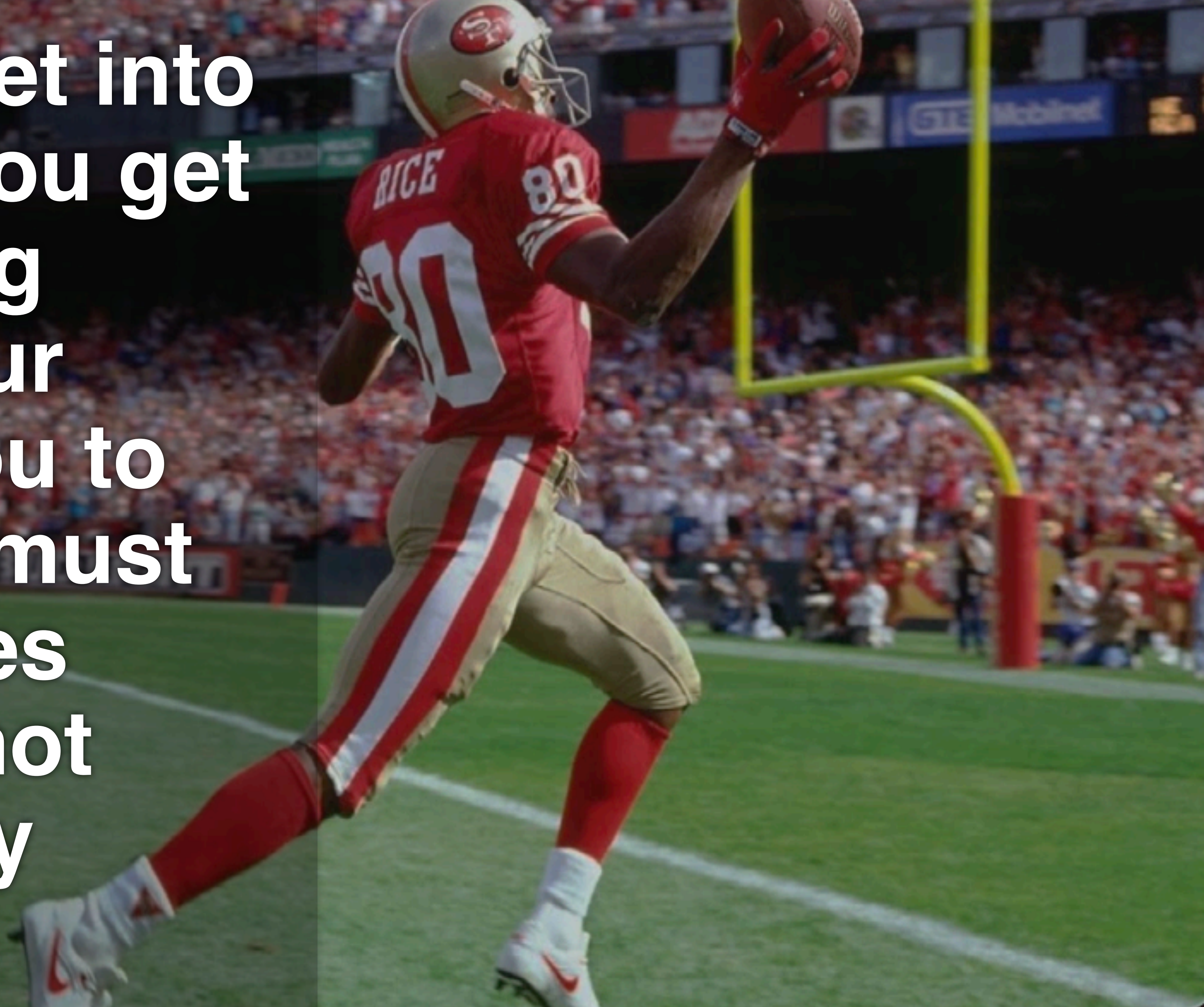
“For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.”

(1 Thes. 4:7-8)





“Once you get into that mode, you get used to doing whatever your body tells you to do. And we must tell our bodies what to do, not the other way around.”



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“Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to **love each other.**”
(1 Thes. 4:9)

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“And in fact, you do love all of God’s family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to **do so more and more.**”

(1 Thes. 4:10)

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“Let love be your highest goal.”
(1 Corinthians 14:1)

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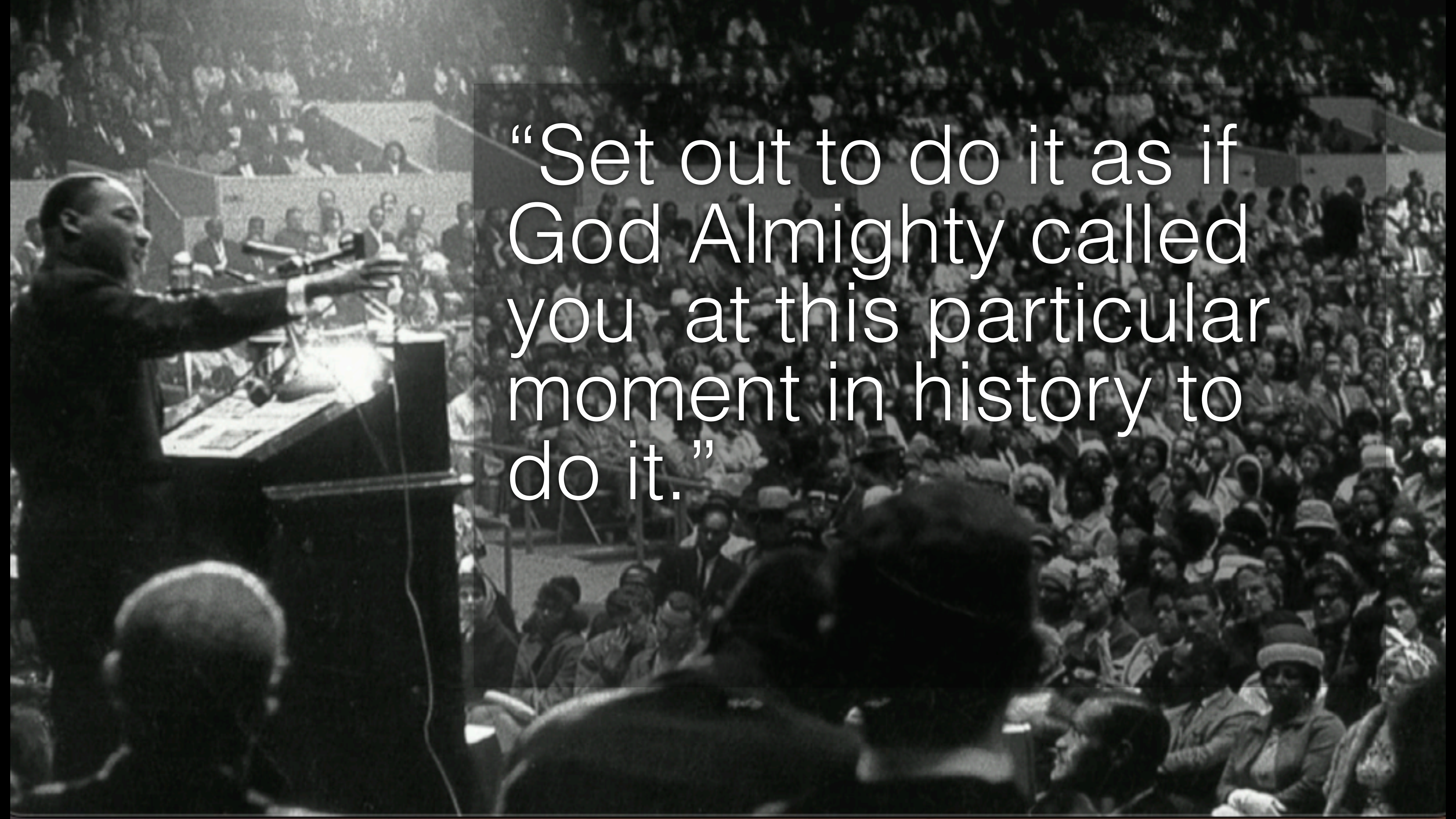
“...and make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should **mind your own business** and work with your hands, just as we told you...”

(1 Thes. 4:11)

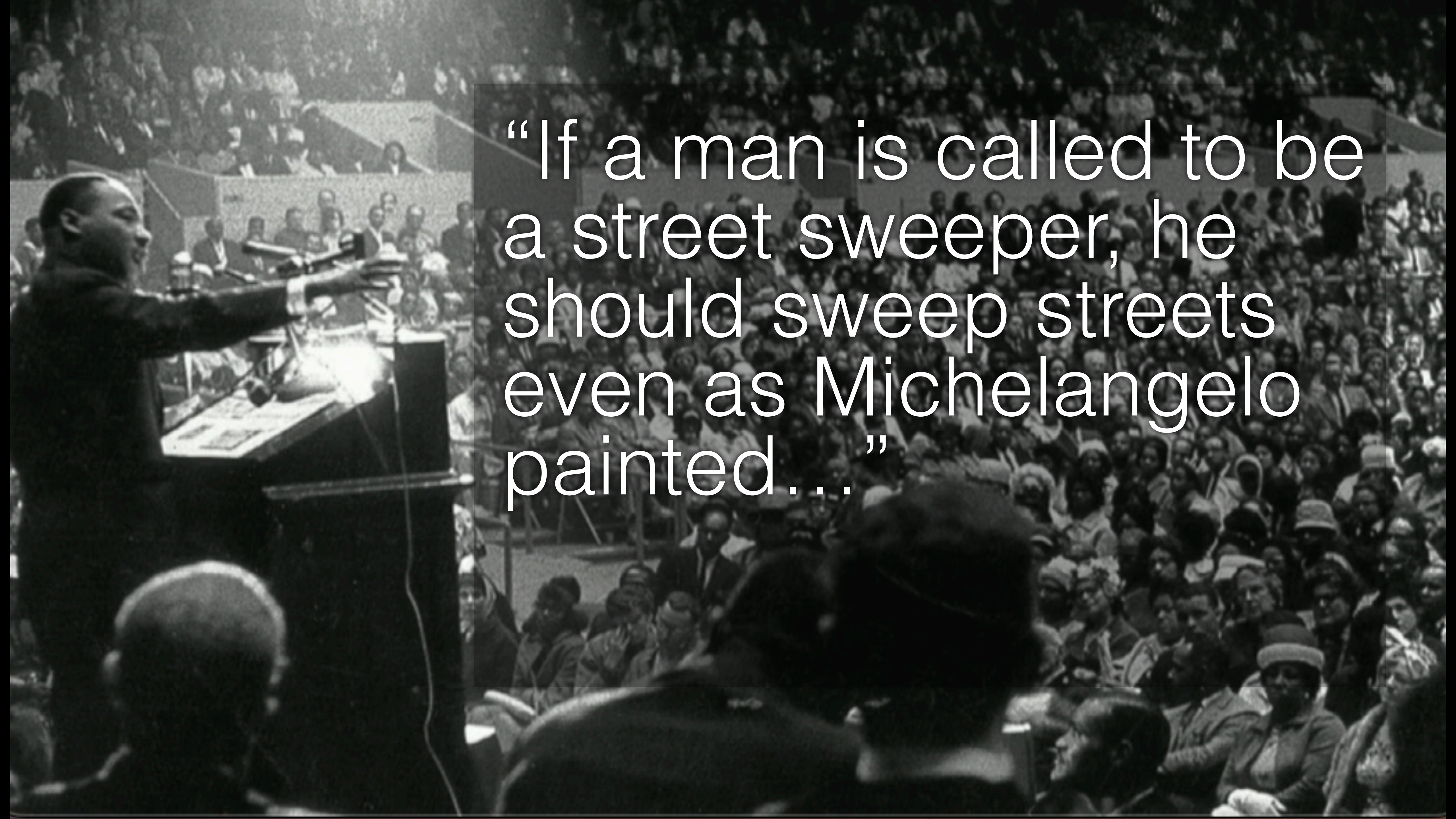


A black and white photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. speaking at a podium to a large crowd. He is on the left, gesturing with his right arm. The crowd fills the right and background. A semi-transparent box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

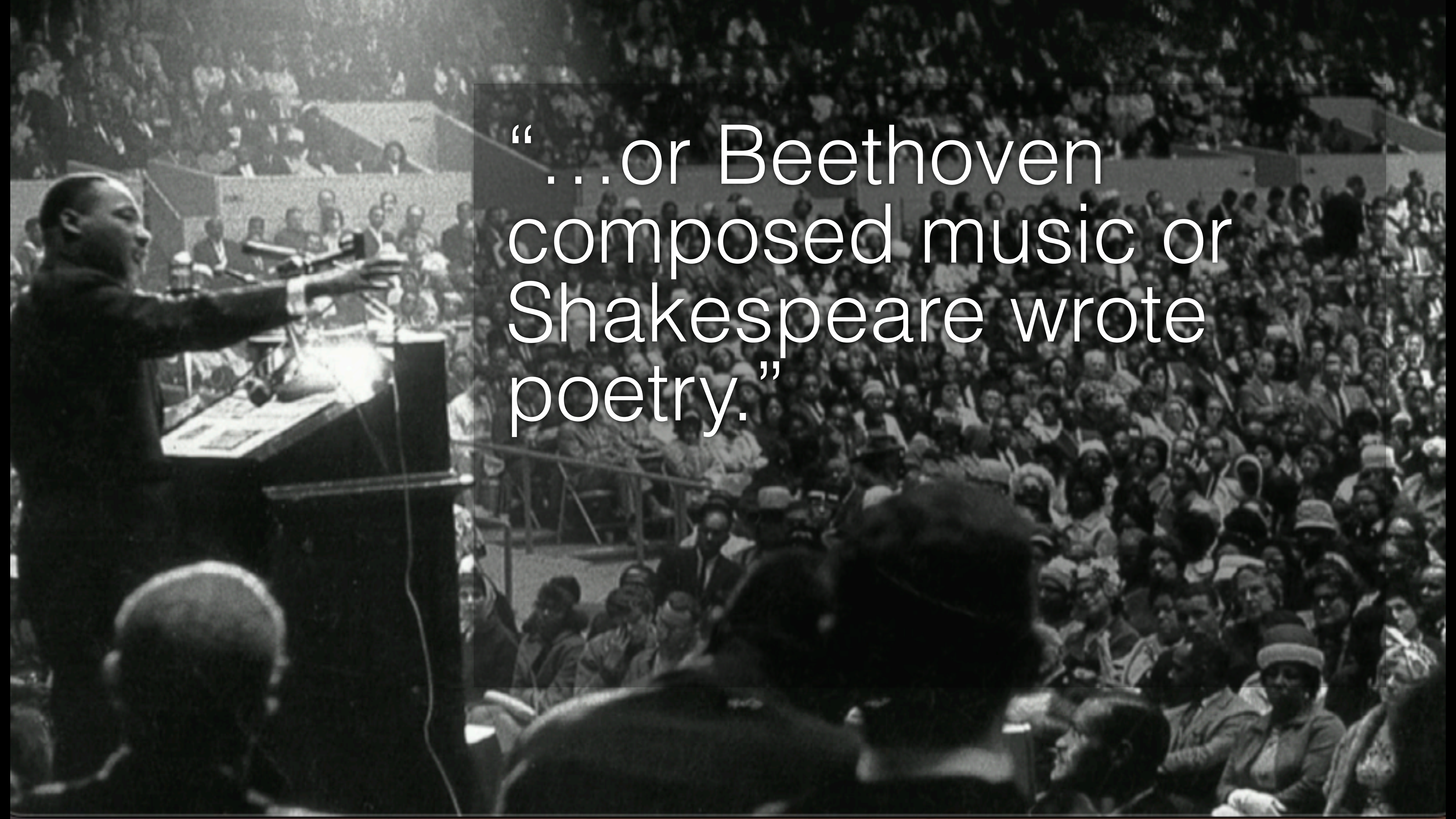
“Whatever your life’s
work, do it well.”

A black and white photograph showing a man in a dark suit standing at a podium on the left, gesturing with his right arm towards a large, dense crowd of people seated in bleachers that fill the background. The man is looking towards the audience. The crowd is diverse in age and appearance, with many people looking towards the speaker. The scene appears to be an outdoor event, possibly a political rally or a large-scale religious gathering. A semi-transparent dark rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

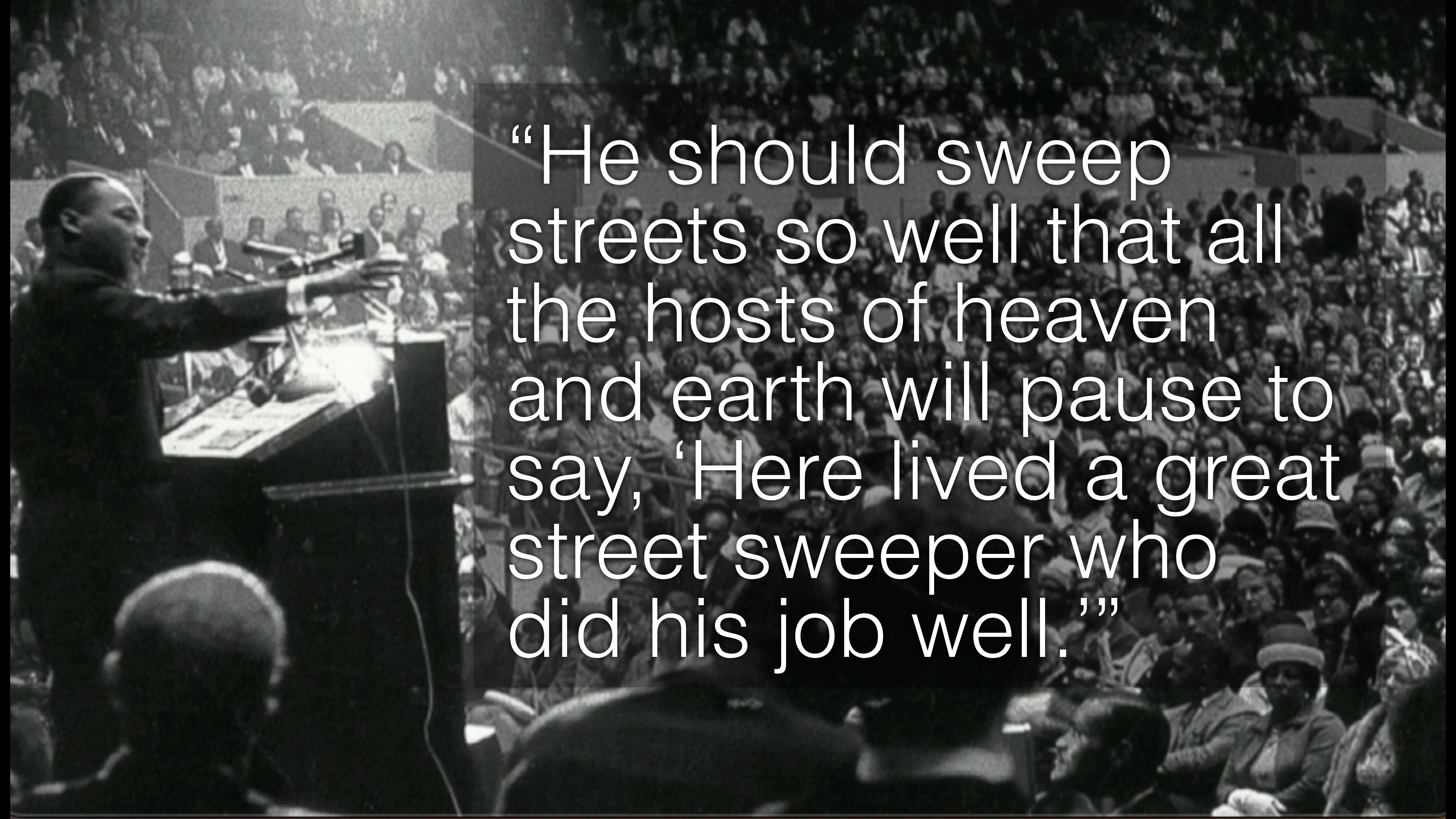
“Set out to do it as if
God Almighty called
you at this particular
moment in history to
do it.”

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“If a man is called to be
a street sweeper, he
should sweep streets
even as Michelangelo
painted...”

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“...or Beethoven
composed music or
Shakespeare wrote
poetry.”

A black and white photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. speaking at a podium to a large crowd. He is on the left, gesturing with his right arm. The podium has a microphone and some papers. The background is filled with a dense crowd of people, mostly African American, looking towards him. The image has a grainy, historical quality.

“He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, ‘Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.’”

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**5. WIN THE
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“...so that your daily life may **win the respect of outsiders** and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.”

(1 Thes. 4:12)

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But “win the respect of outsiders...”

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THE BOTTOM LINE

Be **different** enough to be **attractive** — so others are drawn to Christ through you

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