

# Profiting from your Problems





## WHAT MATURITY ISN'T:

- It's not: AGE
- It's not: APPEARANCE
- It's not: ACHIEVEMENT
- It's not: ACADEMICS



**RATHER, MATURITY IS:**

- determined by ATTITUDE  
& CHARACTER









# MARKS OF MATURITY IN JAMES

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# MARKS OF MATURITY IN JAMES

## Chapter 1: POSITIVITY UNDER PRESSURE





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# John 16:33

*"In the world you  
will have trouble."*





# 1 Peter 4:12

*"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you ...."*



# Romans 8:17

*“we share in his sufferings.”*





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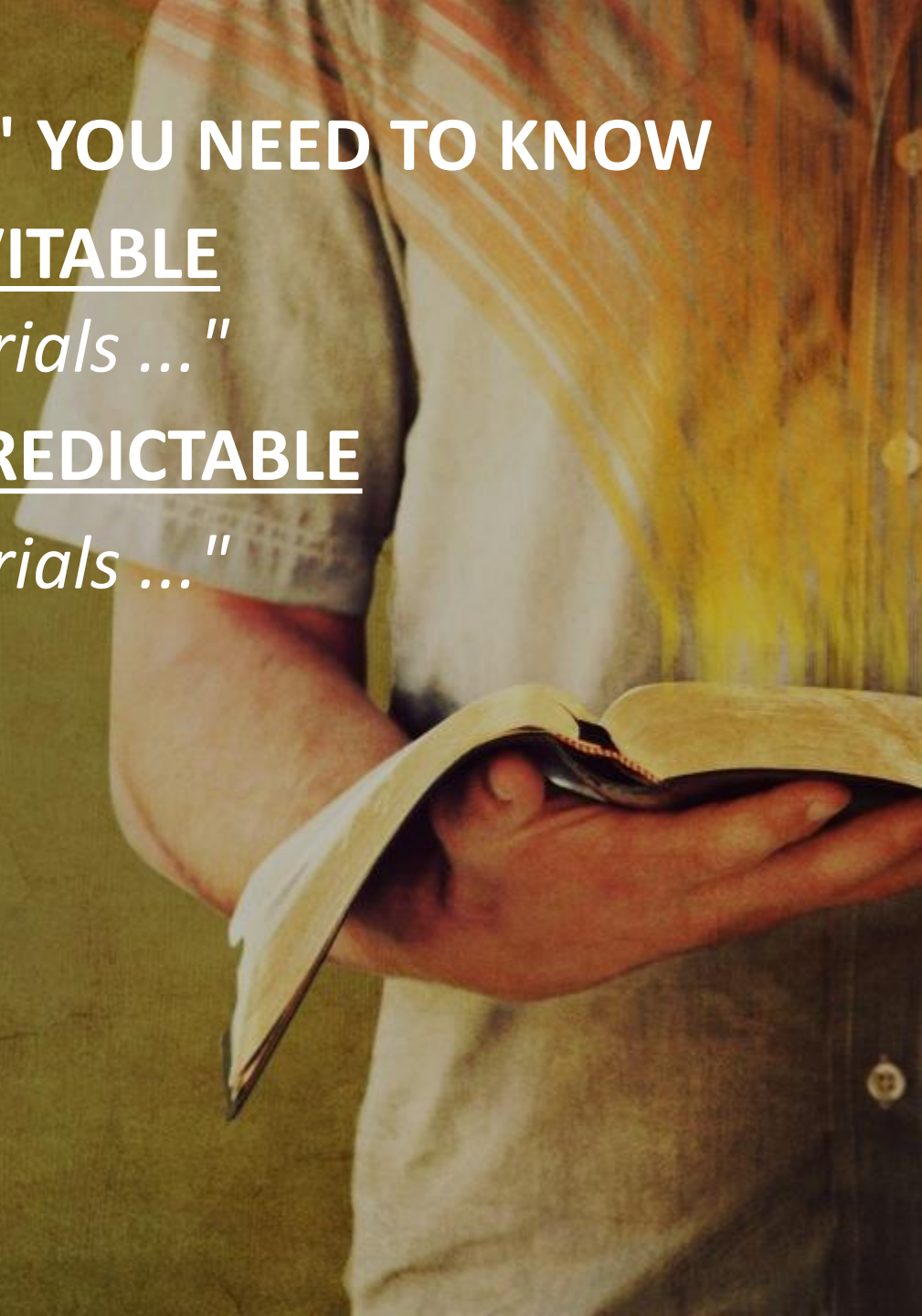
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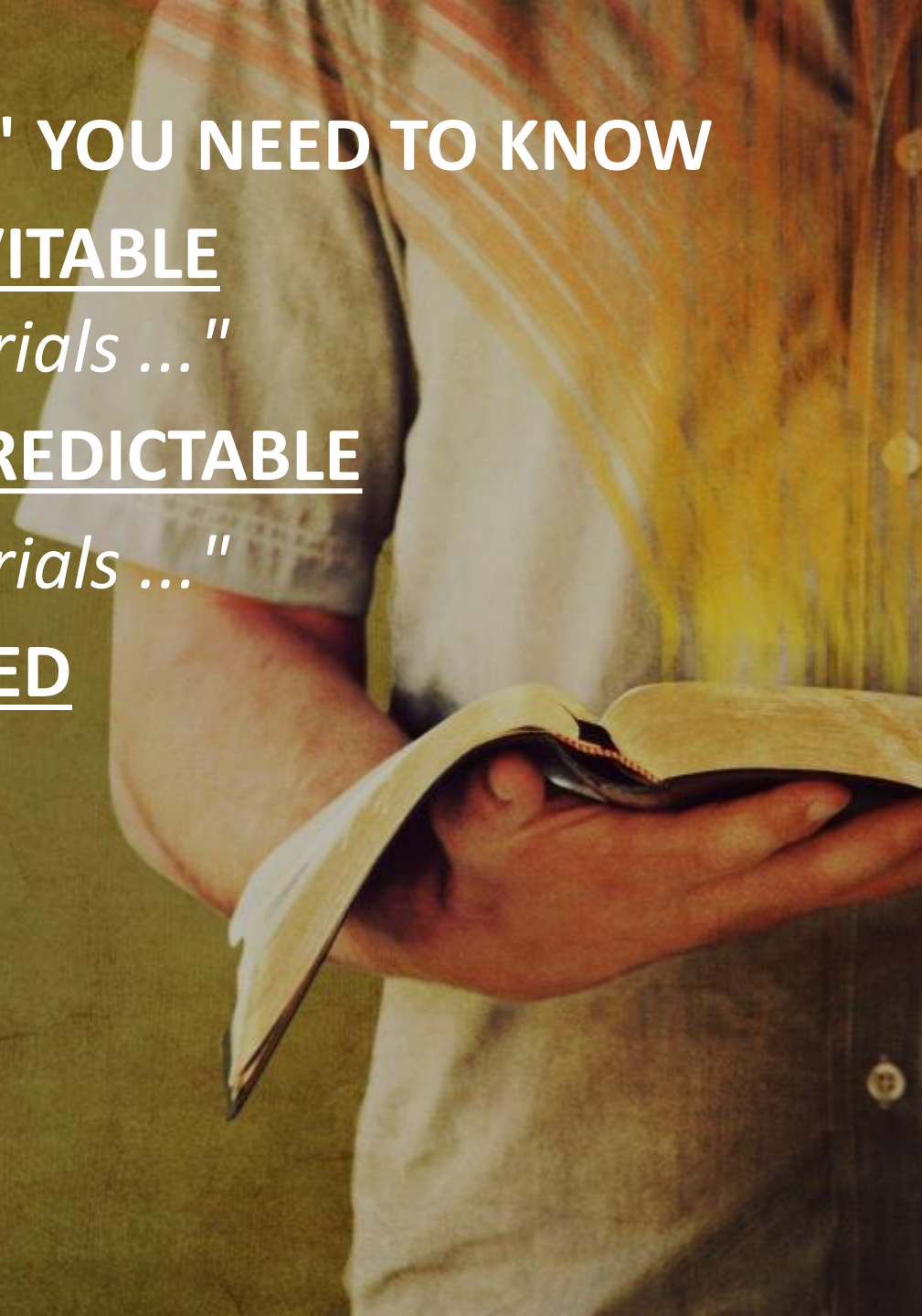
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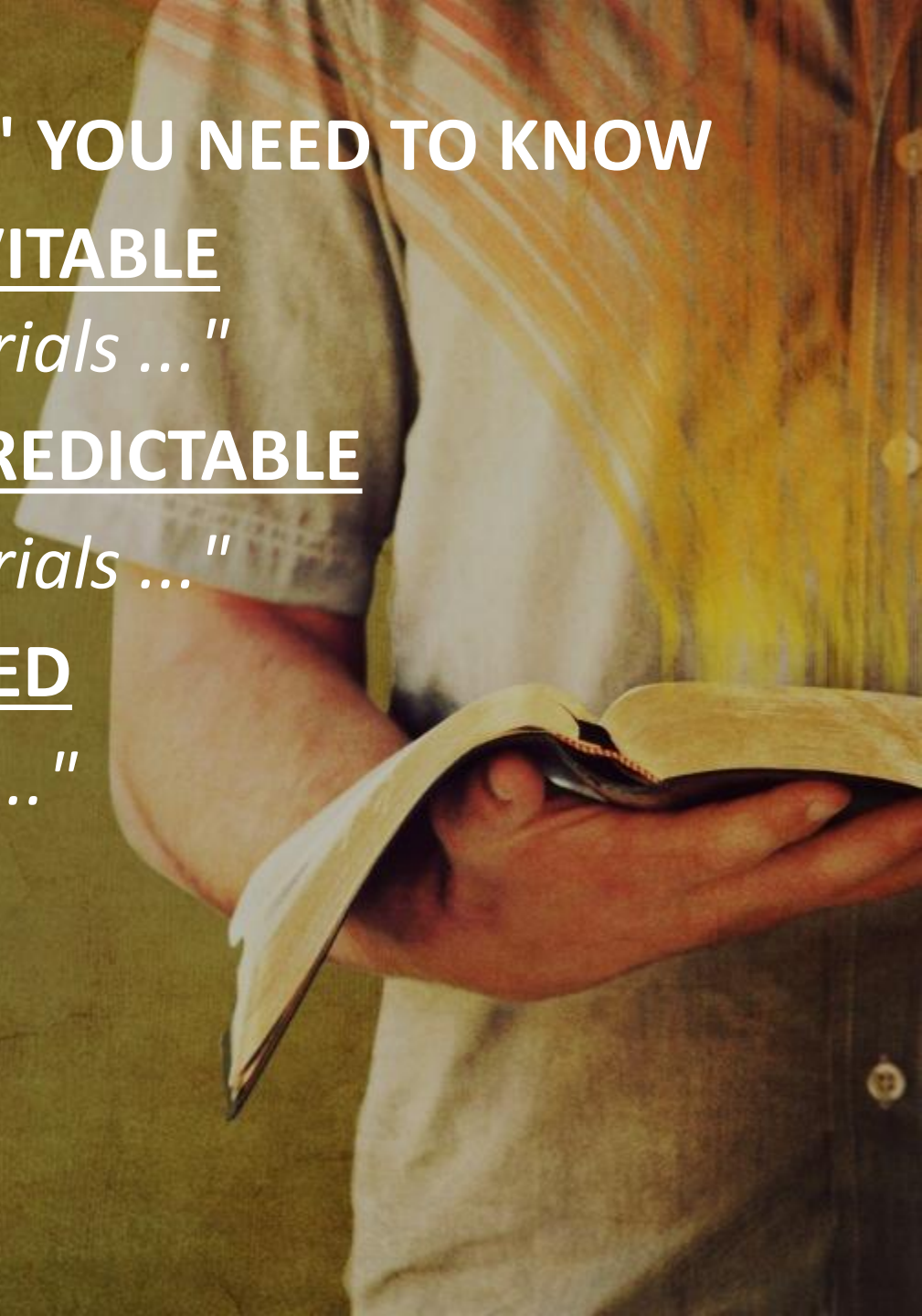
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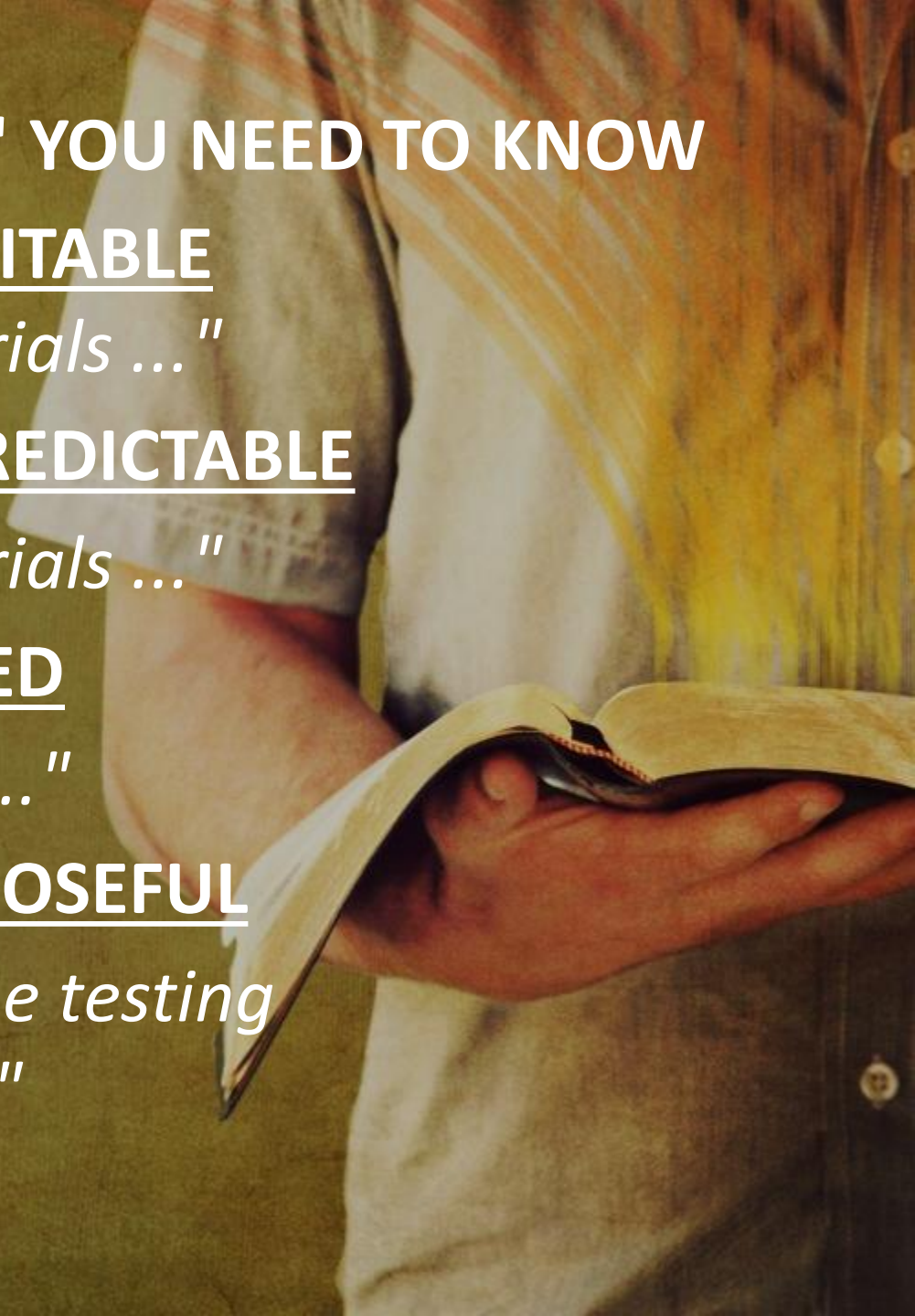
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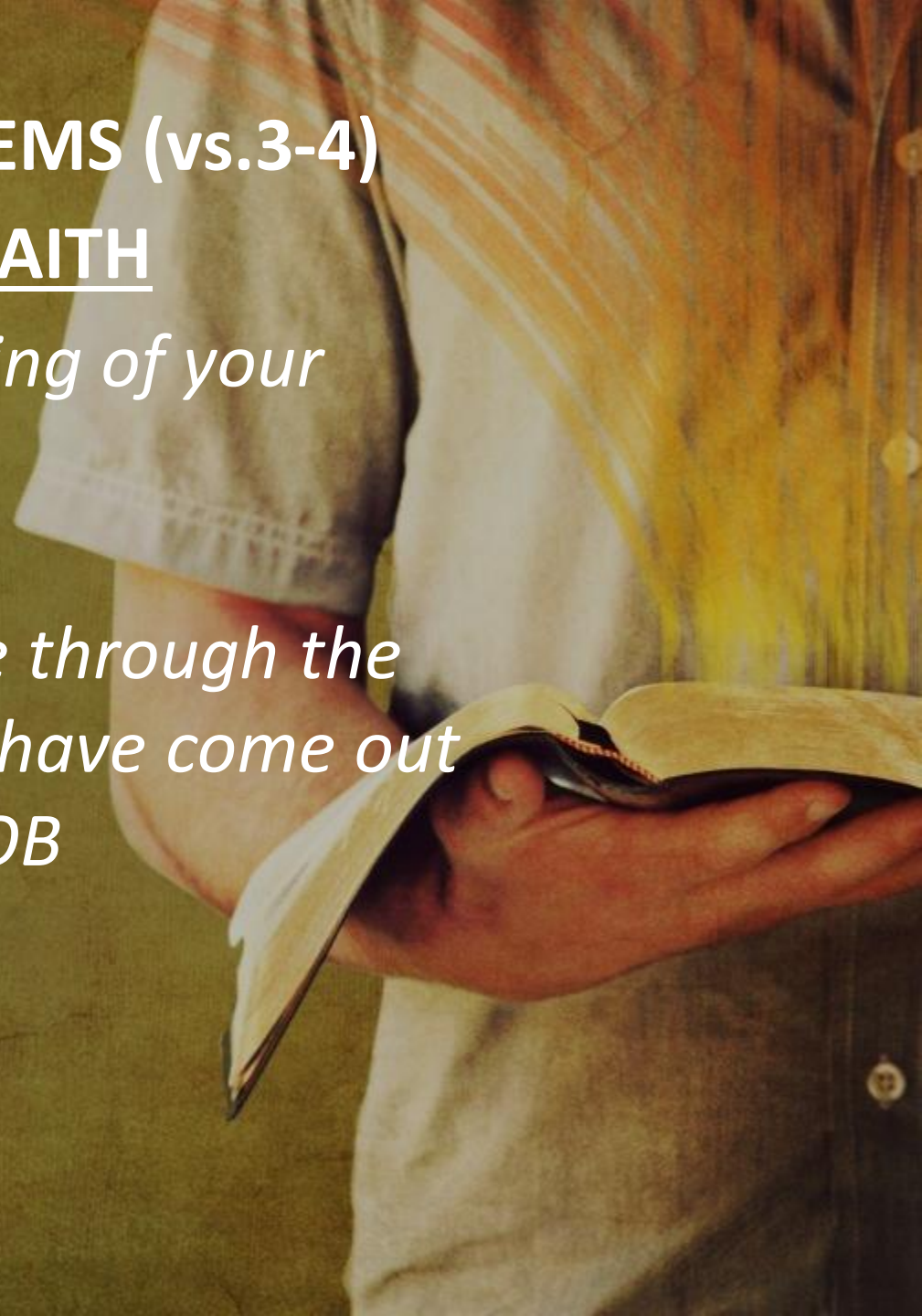


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*"You know that the testing of your faith..."*

*"He has tested me through the refining fire and I have come out as pure gold." - jOB*



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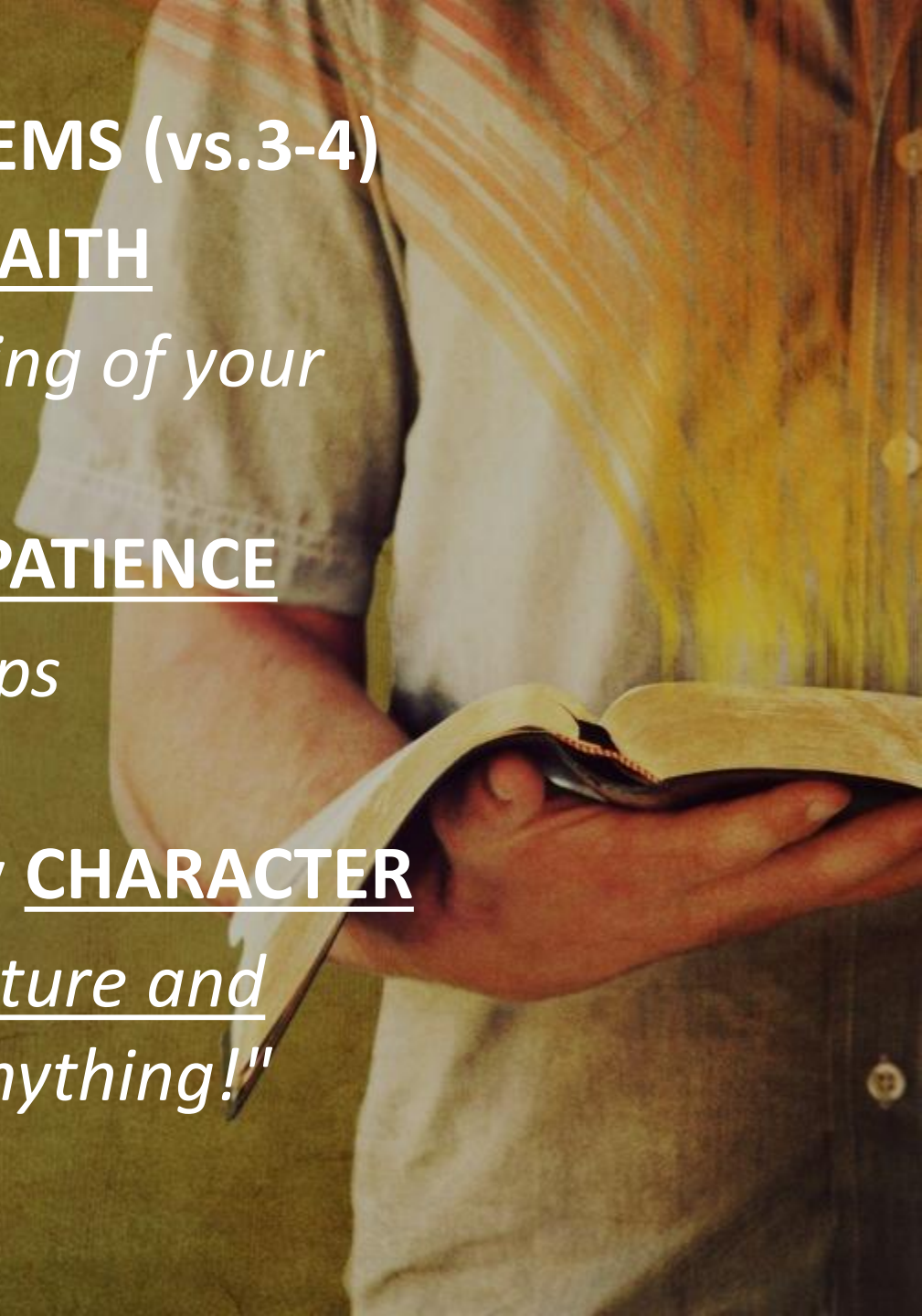
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*"so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything!"*







Truth: I can be bitter ...  
or better ...





## Romans 8:28-29

*"We know that all things work together for good if we love God and are called according to His purpose. For whom he did foreknow He did predestine to become conformed to the image of the Son of God."*

## II. HOW TO PROFIT FROM YOUR PROBLEMS

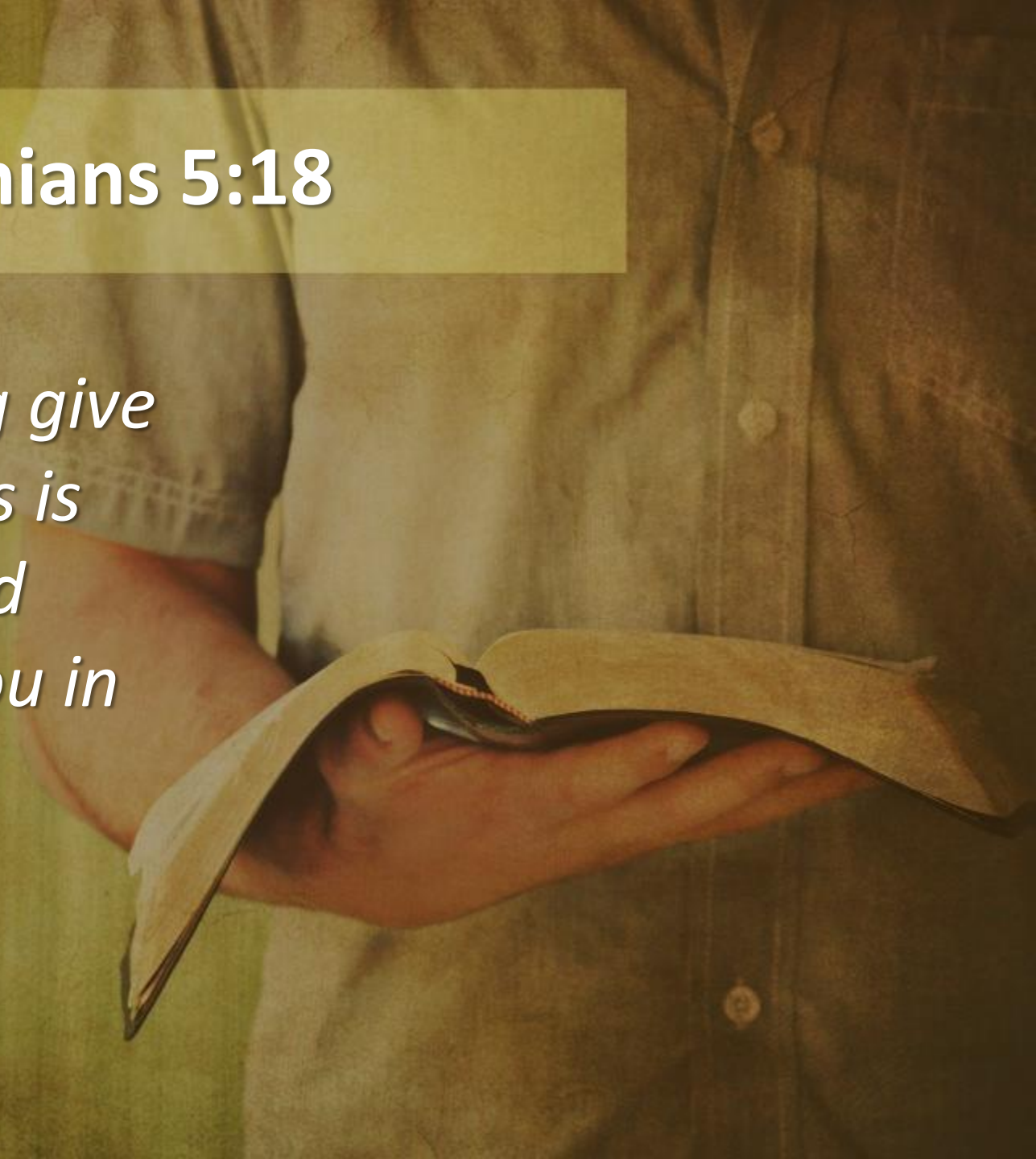
... REJOICE!

"Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance ..." - James 1:2



# 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God concerning you in Christ Jesus."*



# Psalm 34:1

*"I will bless the  
Lord at all times.  
His praise shall  
continually be in  
my mouth."*