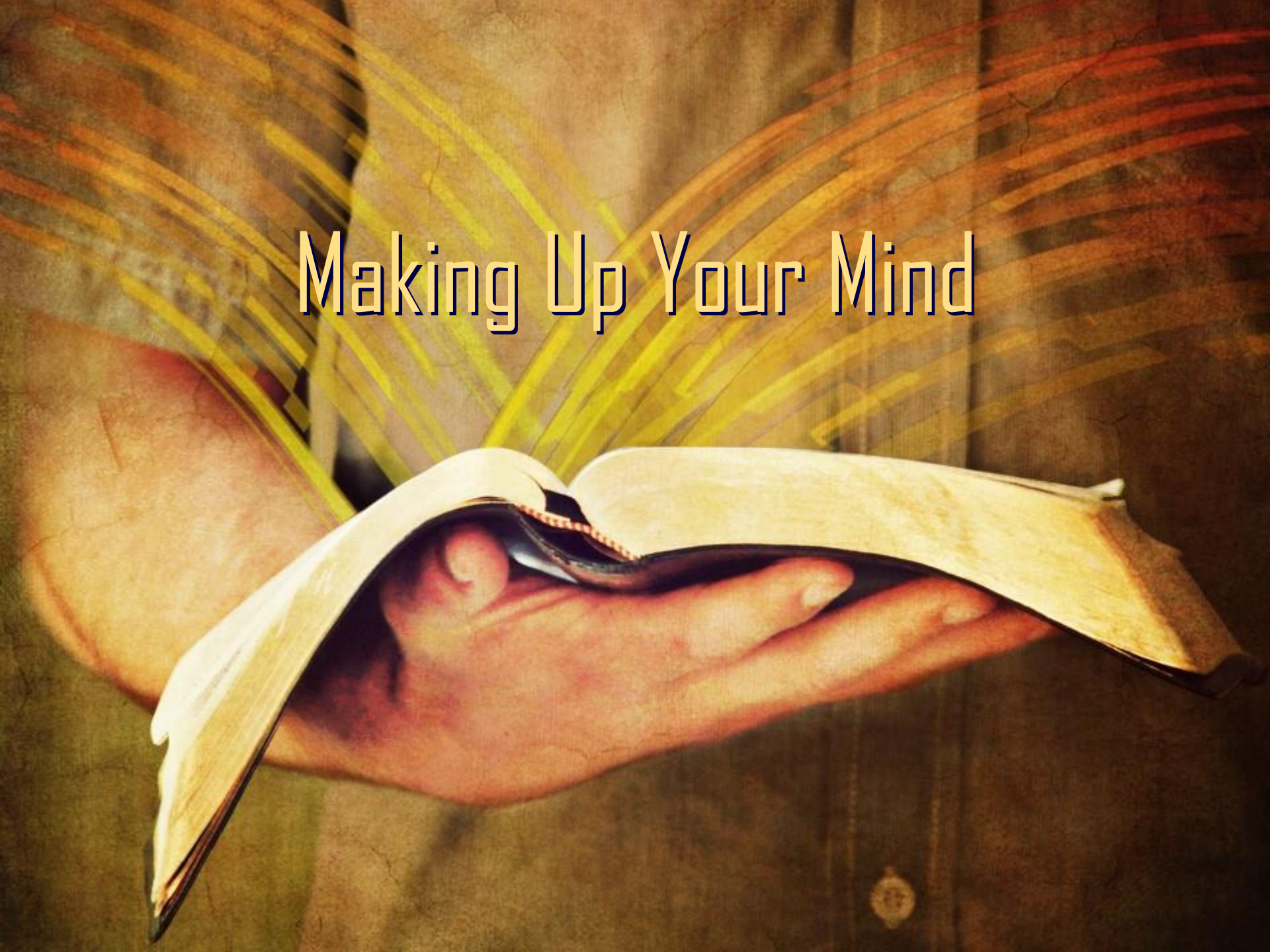


Making Up Your Mind



I. THE PROBLEM: INDECISION

*"A doubleminded man is
unstable in all his ways."*

- James 1:8

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The Zode in the Road – Dr. Seuss

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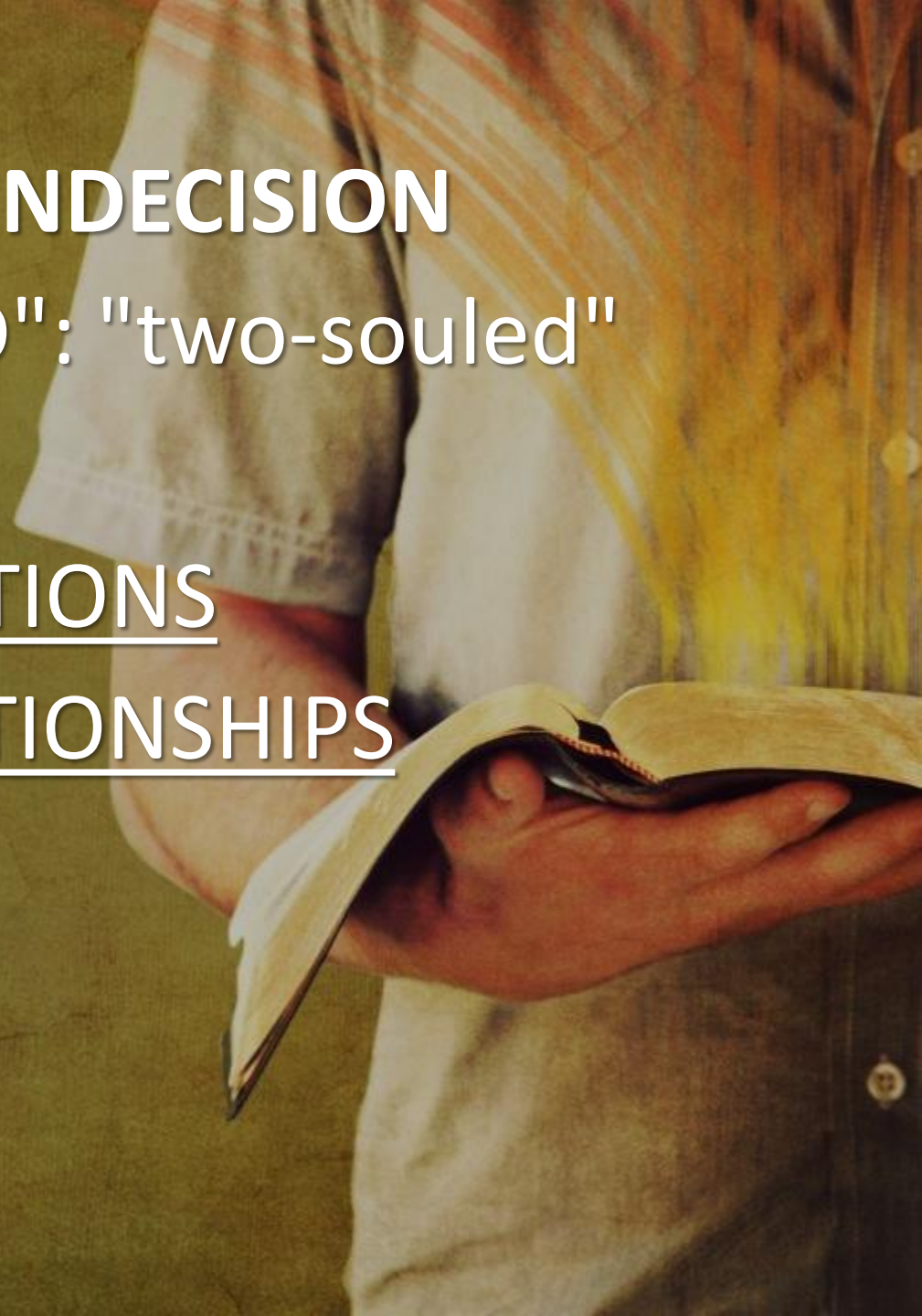


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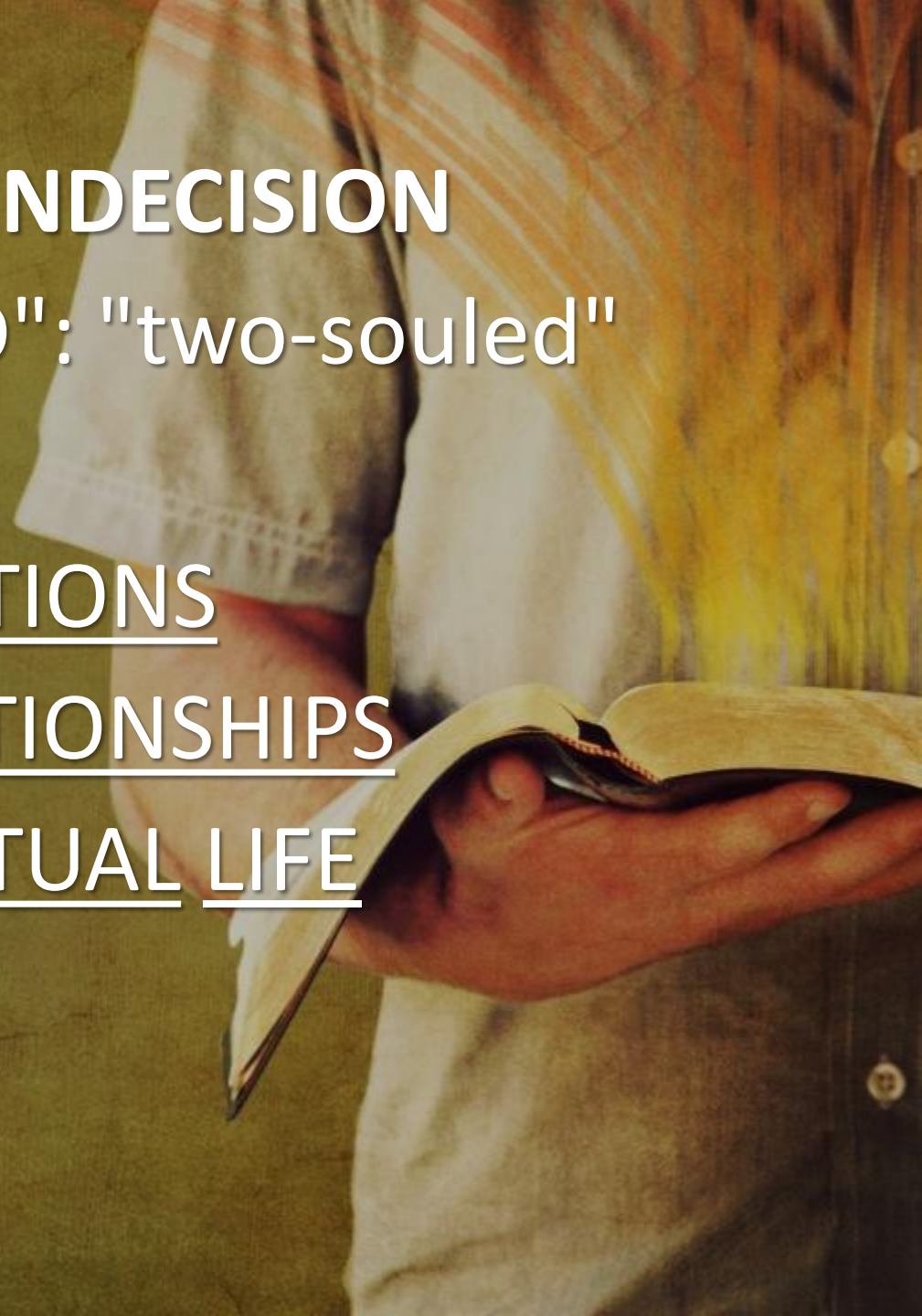


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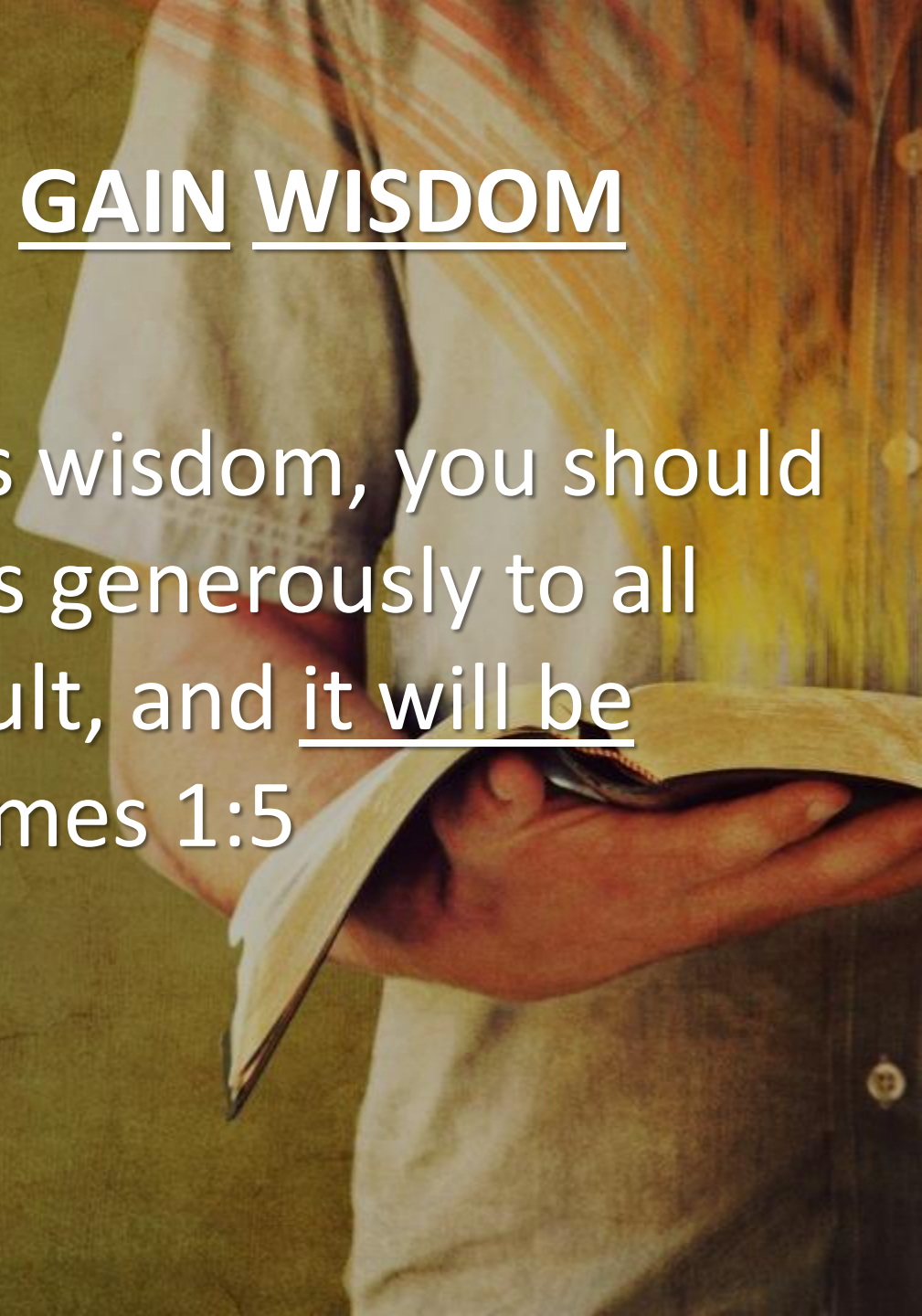


James 1:6-7

"But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord."

II. THE SOLUTION: GAIN WISDOM

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” – James 1:5



STEP ONE: ADMIT your Need.

"If any of you lack wisdom ..."



A person wearing a light-colored shirt with a yellow and orange patterned design is holding an open book. The background is a textured, olive-green wall.

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Definition of Wisdom ("sophia"):

**The practical application of
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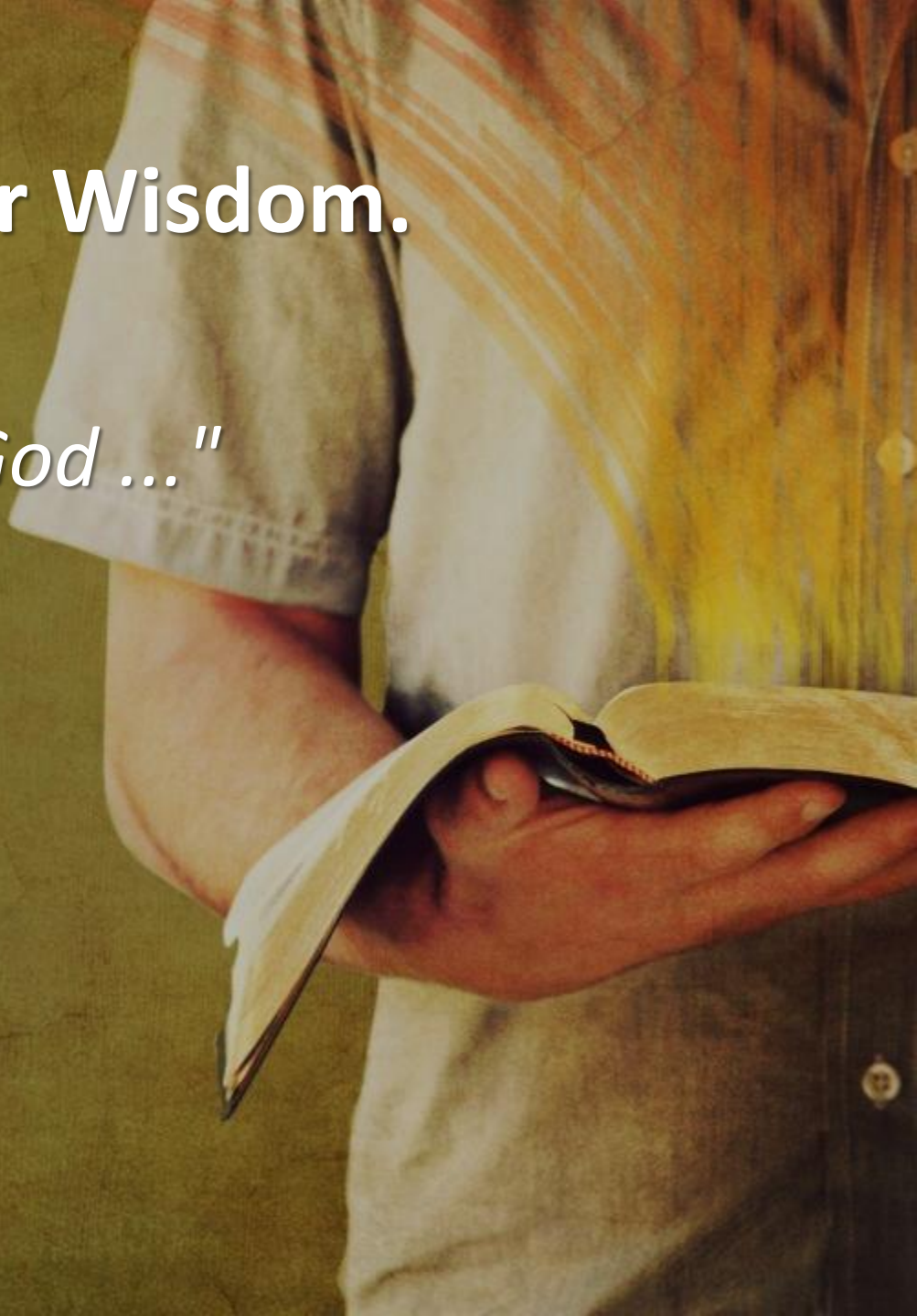
Proverbs 11:2

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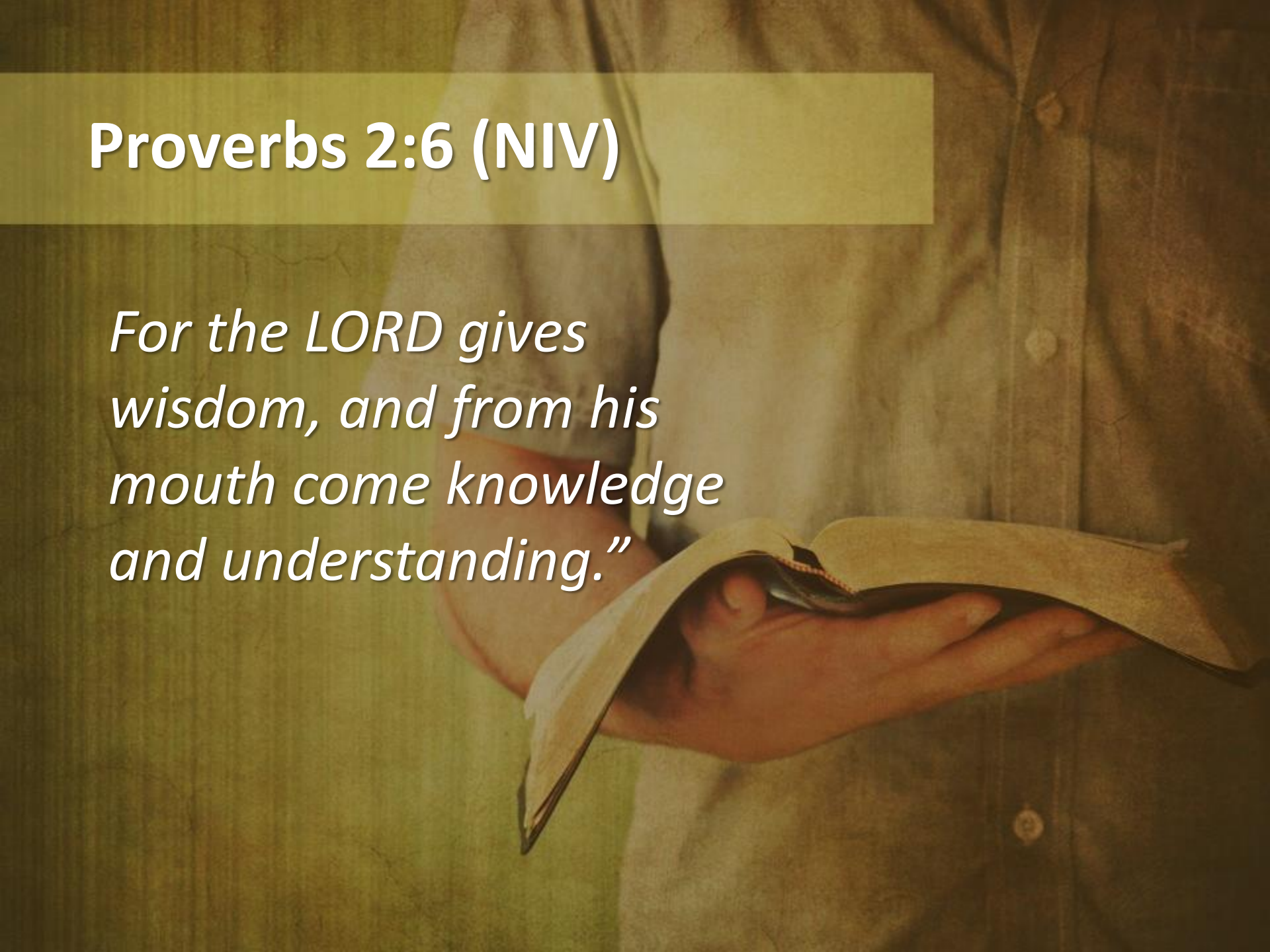
STEP TWO: ASK for Wisdom.

" ... he should ask God ... "



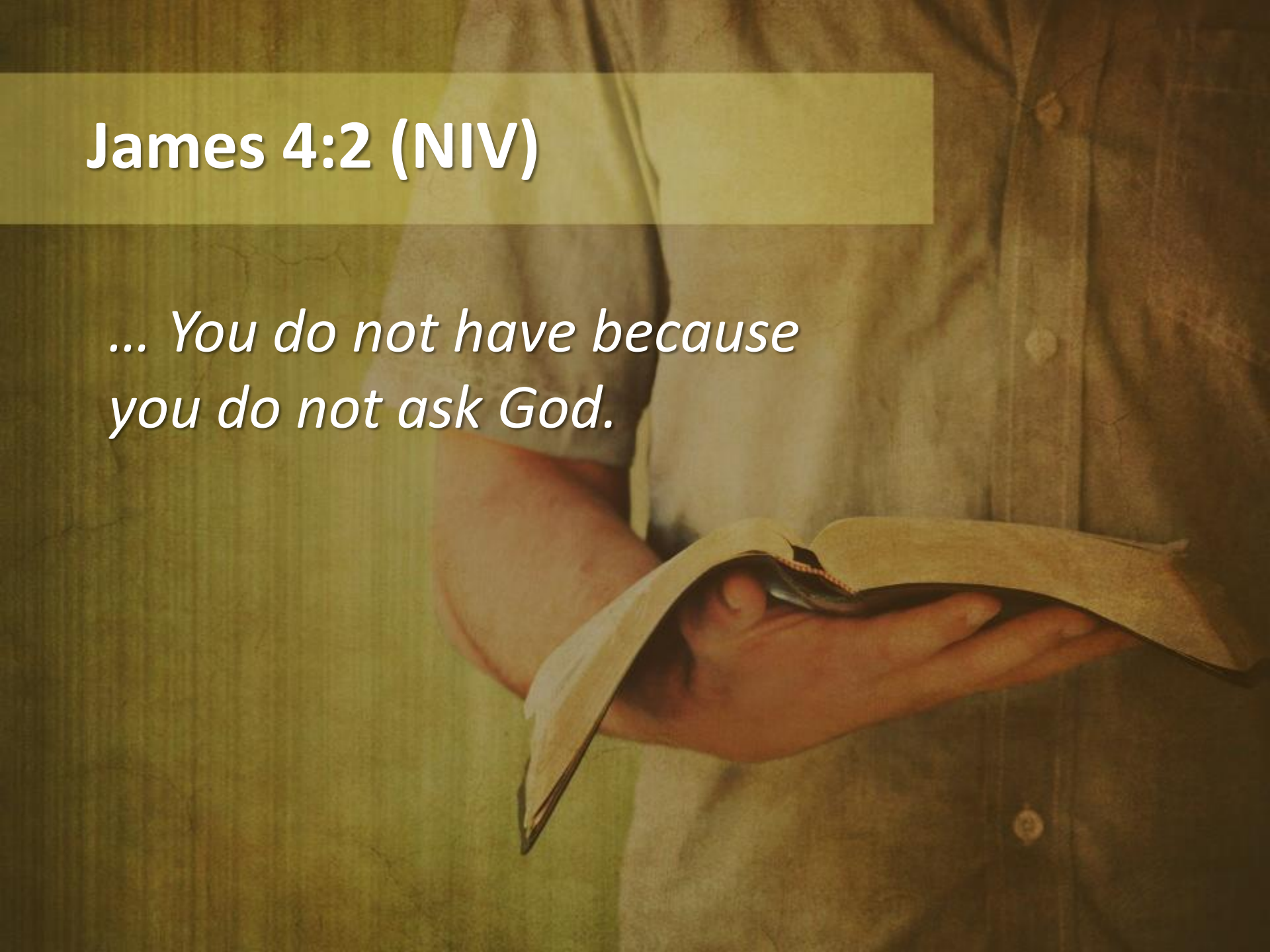
Proverbs 2:6 (NIV)

For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”



James 4:2 (NIV)

*... You do not have because
you do not ask God.*



STEP THREE: ANTICIPATE it.



James 1:5-6

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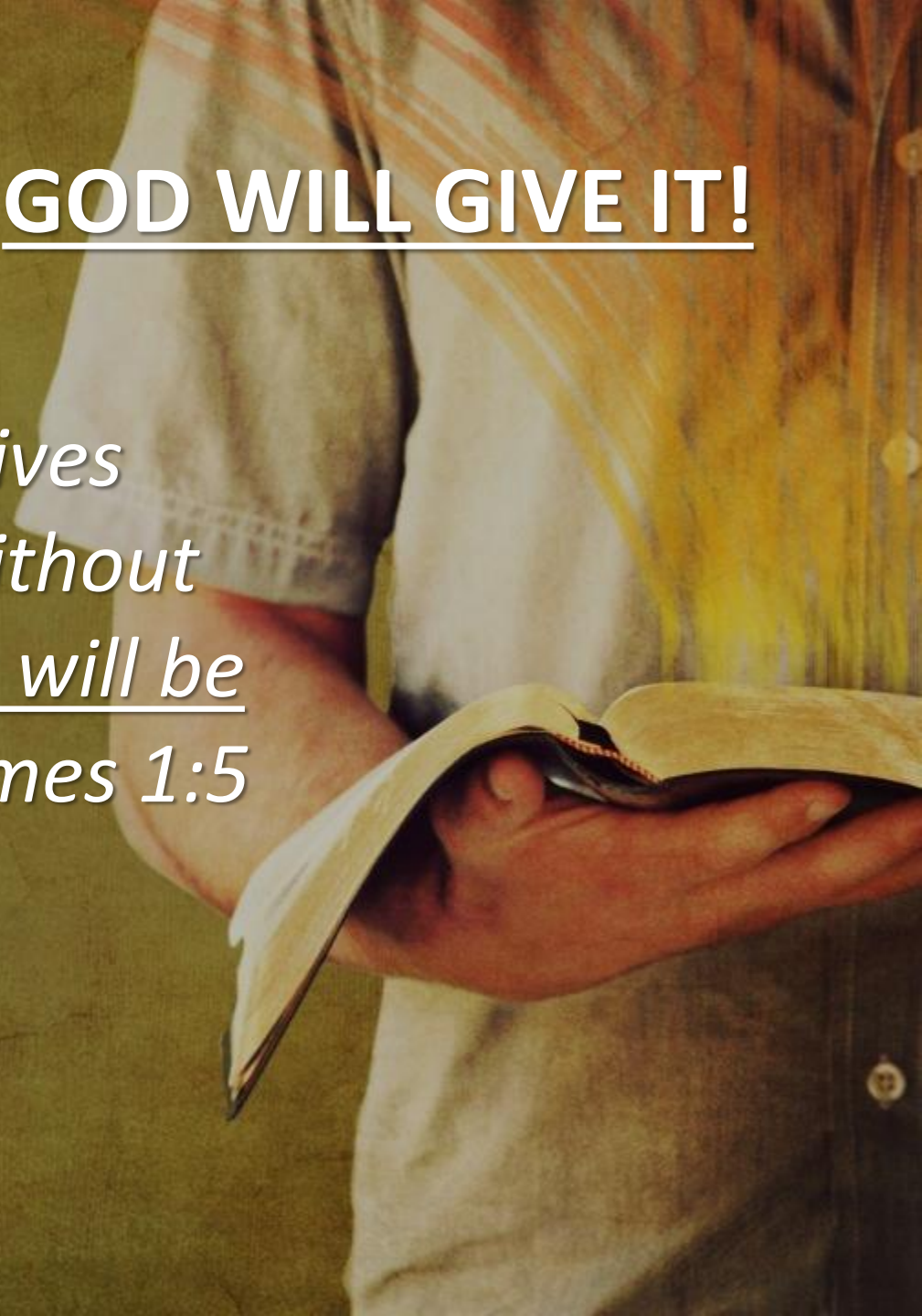
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Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

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James 1:9-10

"Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position.

But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower.

James 1:5-6

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Psalm 119:105

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