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**I can withstand
anything except
temptation."**

- Oscar Wilde



"Peirasmos"

- ***Trials*** (from God)
- to help us grow
- ***Temptations*** (from Satan)
- to cause us to sin



James 1:12

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**WORLD, FLESH
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"Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are yet he sinned not." Hebrews 4:15

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"When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone."

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Don't be deceived, my dear brothers."*

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"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"

1 Corinthians 10:12

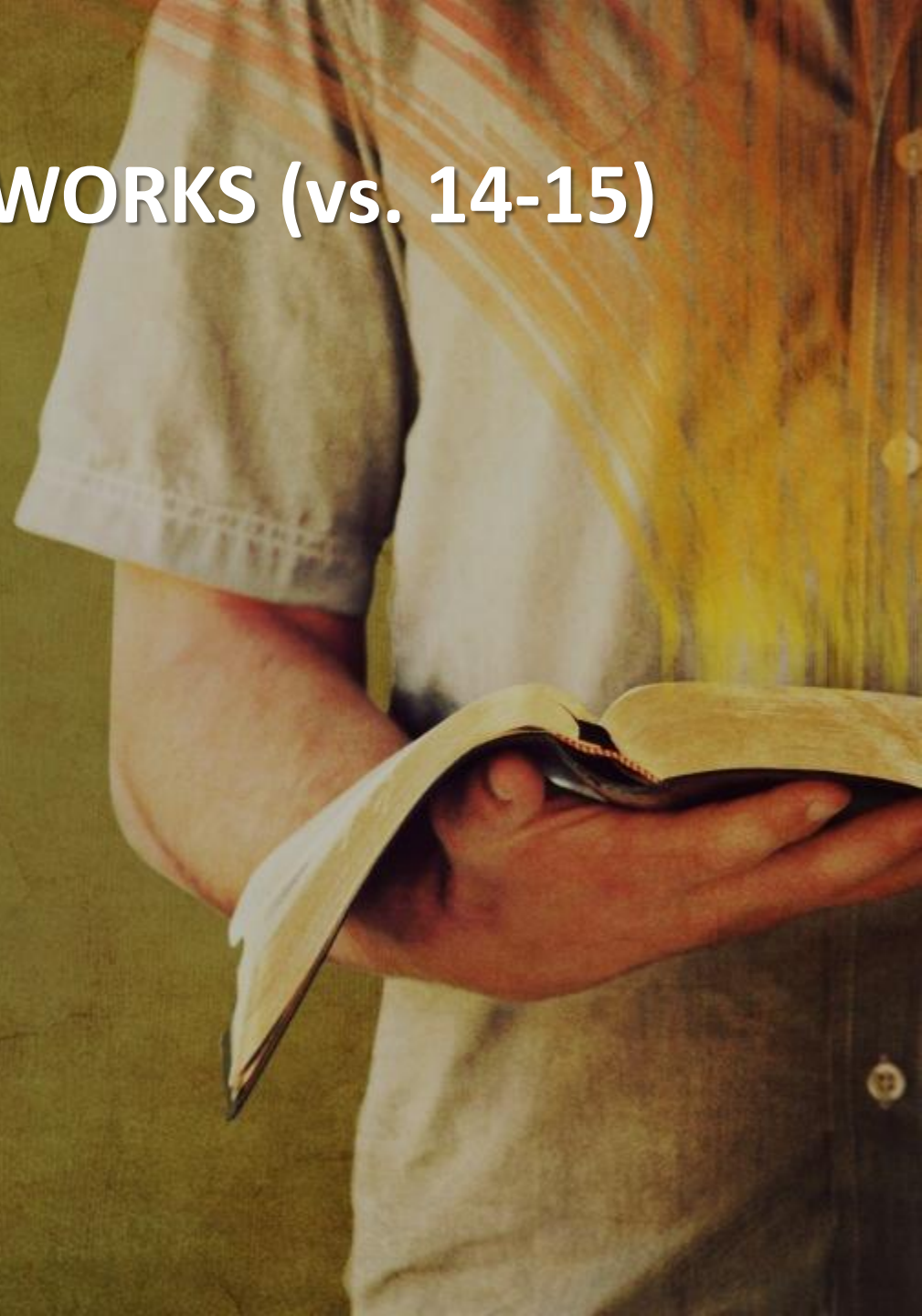
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"In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes."

2 Corinthians 2:11

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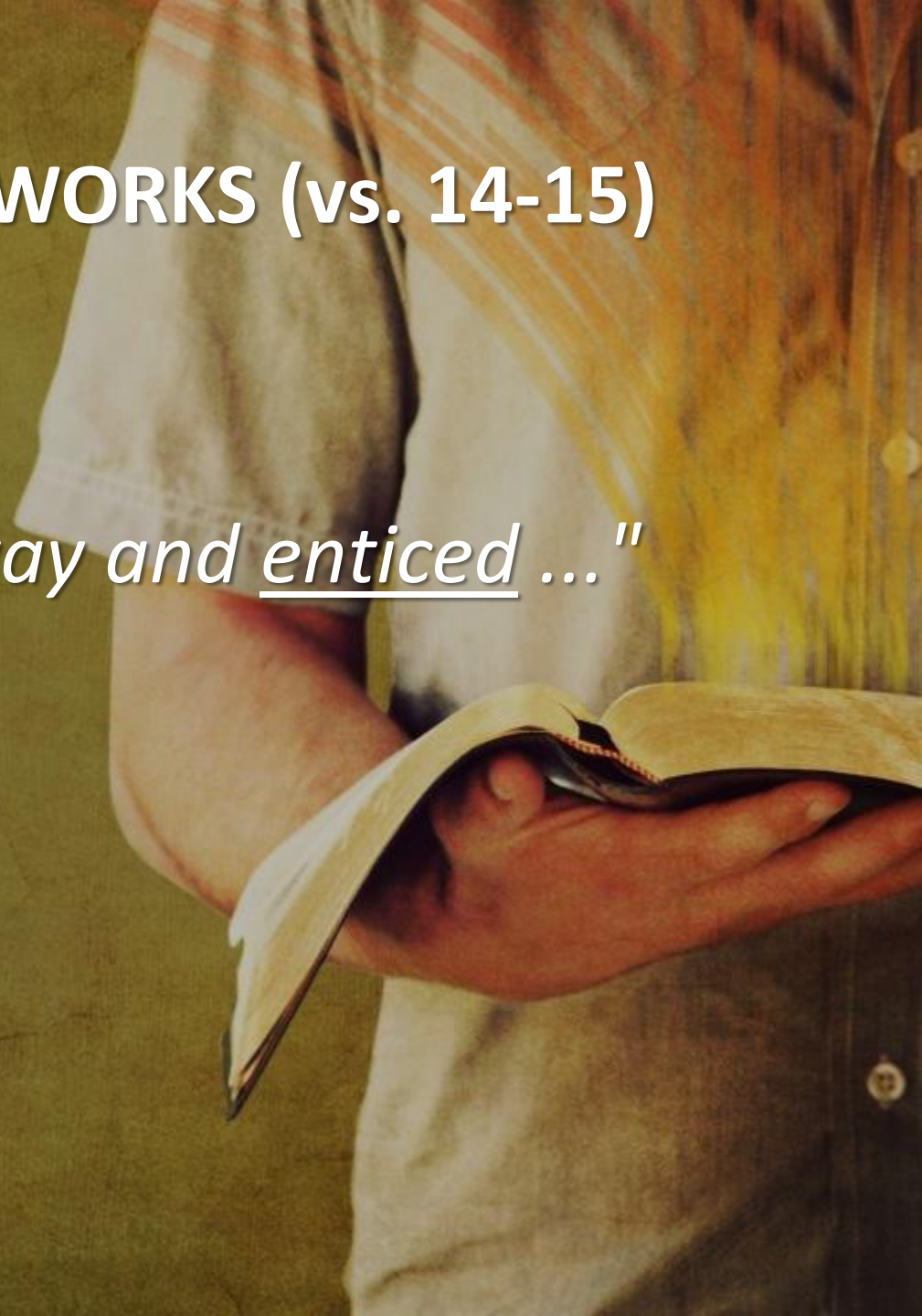


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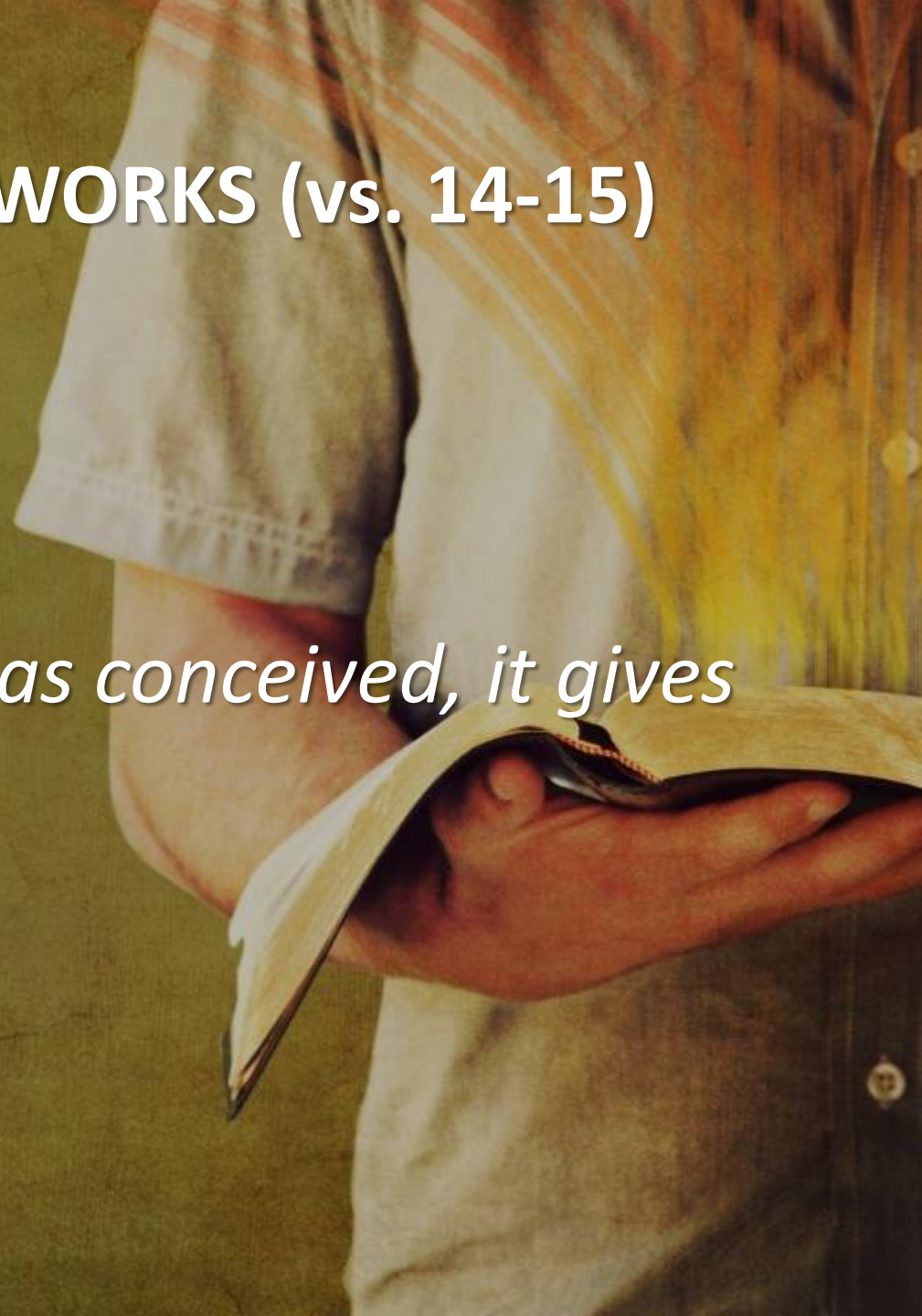
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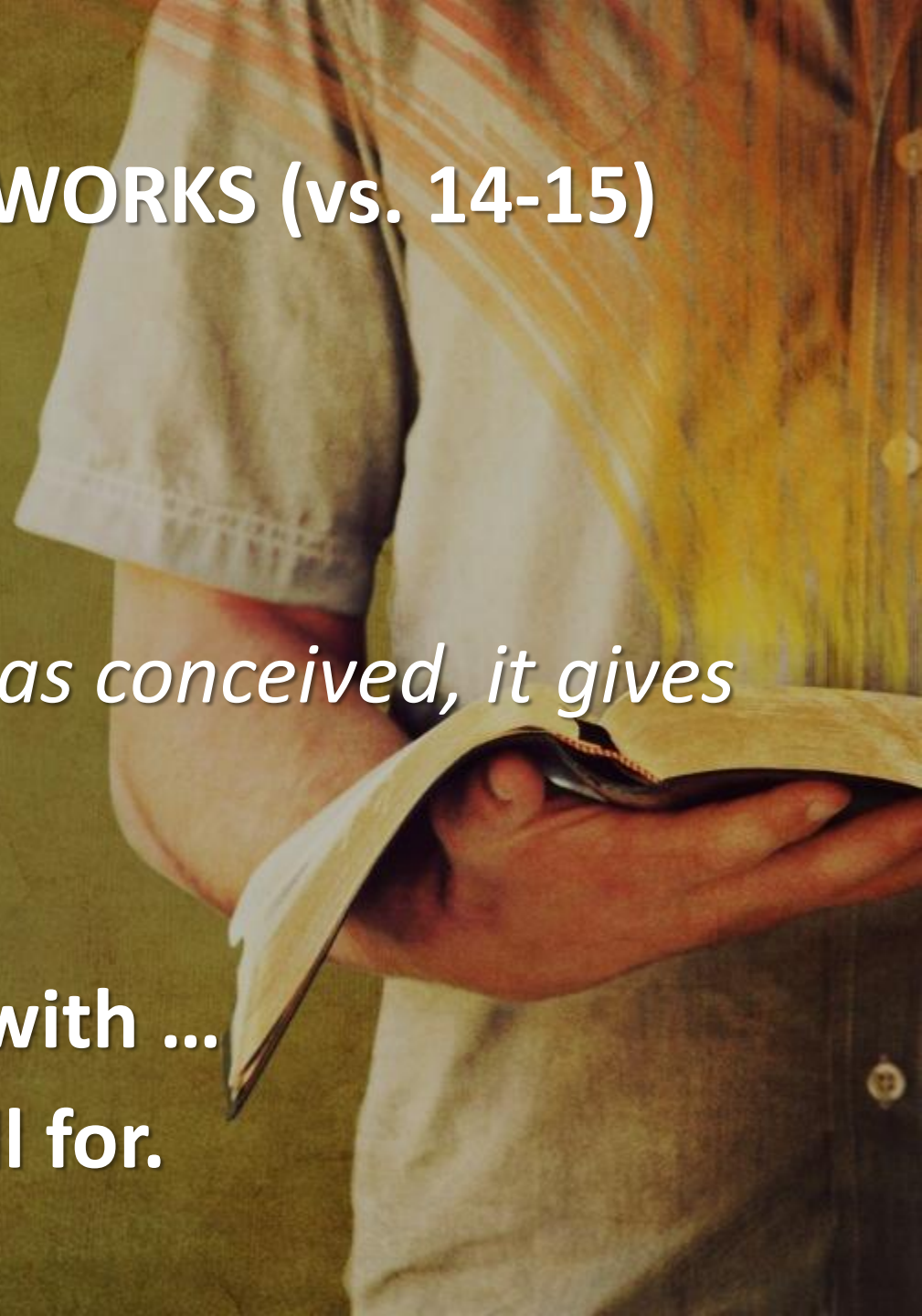


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**What you flirt with ...
... You will fall for.**



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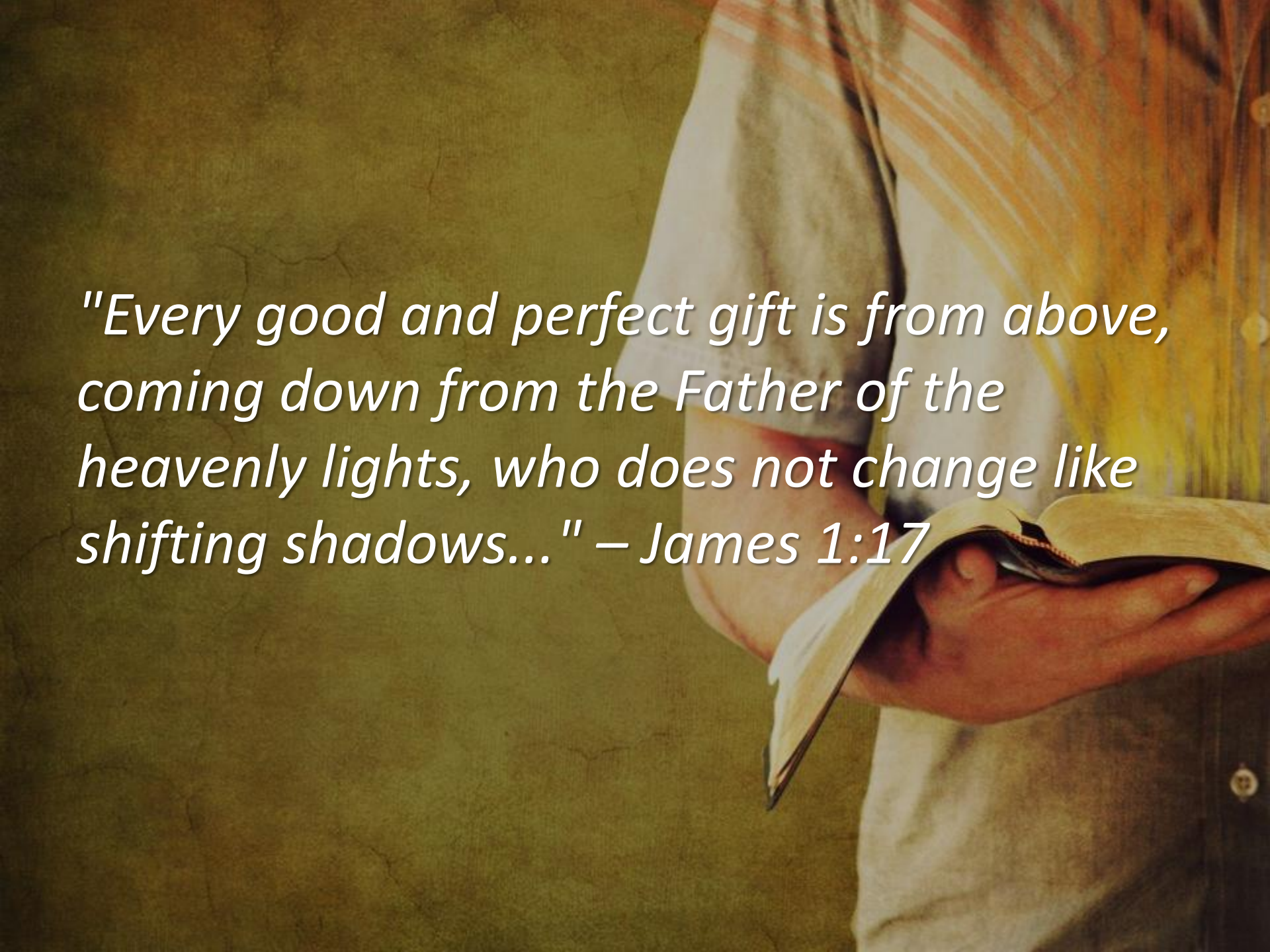
"and sin, when full grown gives birth to death." (v. 15)



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A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open book. The person is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved shirt with a subtle pattern. The background is a textured, olive-green wall. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image, in a white, italicized font with a slight drop shadow.

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*"whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if
anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think
about such things."* Philippians 4:8

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You can't fight it ...
... but you can **TURN
YOUR BACK** on it!



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"Bad company corrupts good character."

1 Corinthians 15:33



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"... God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it!" 1 Corinthians 10:13

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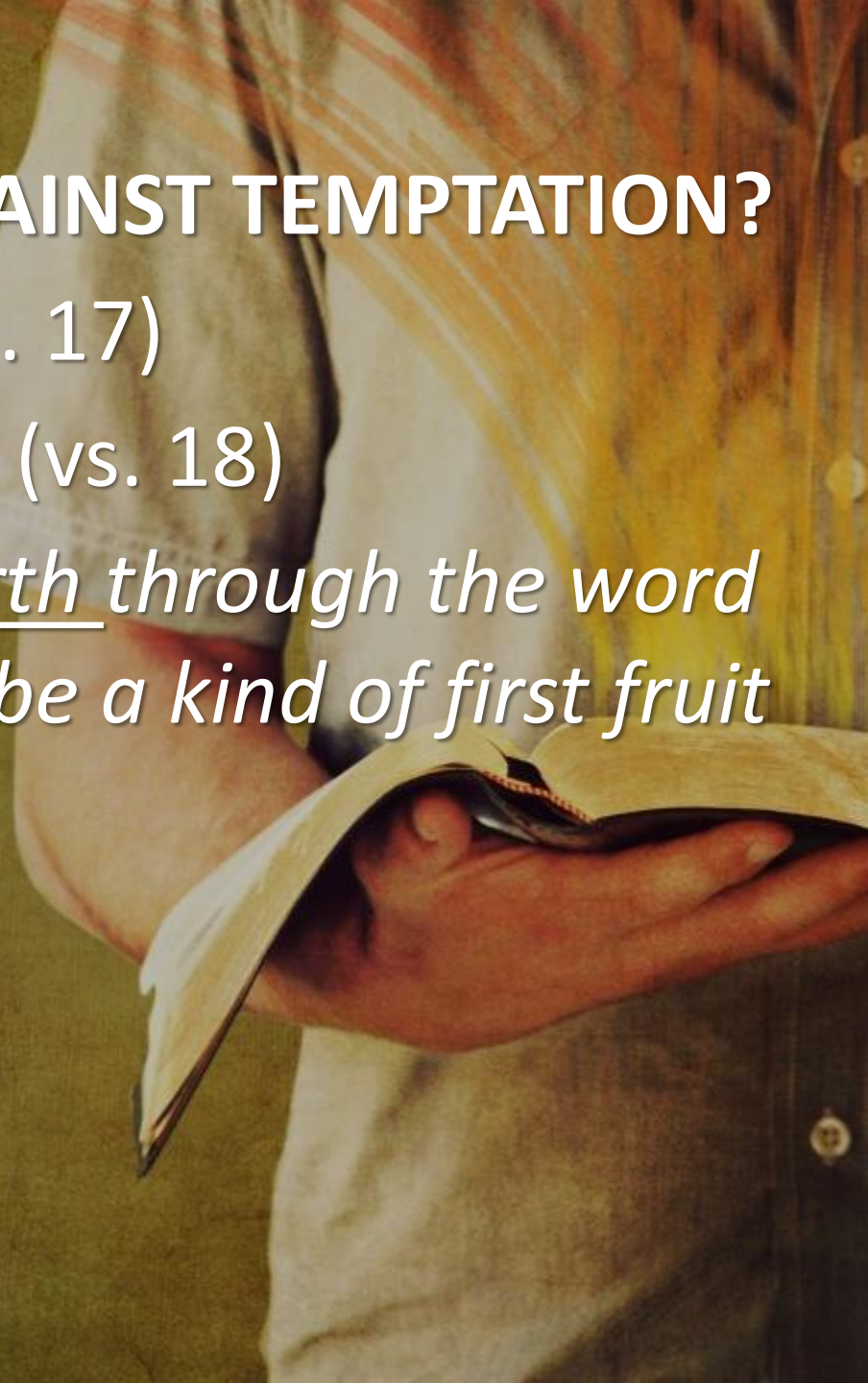


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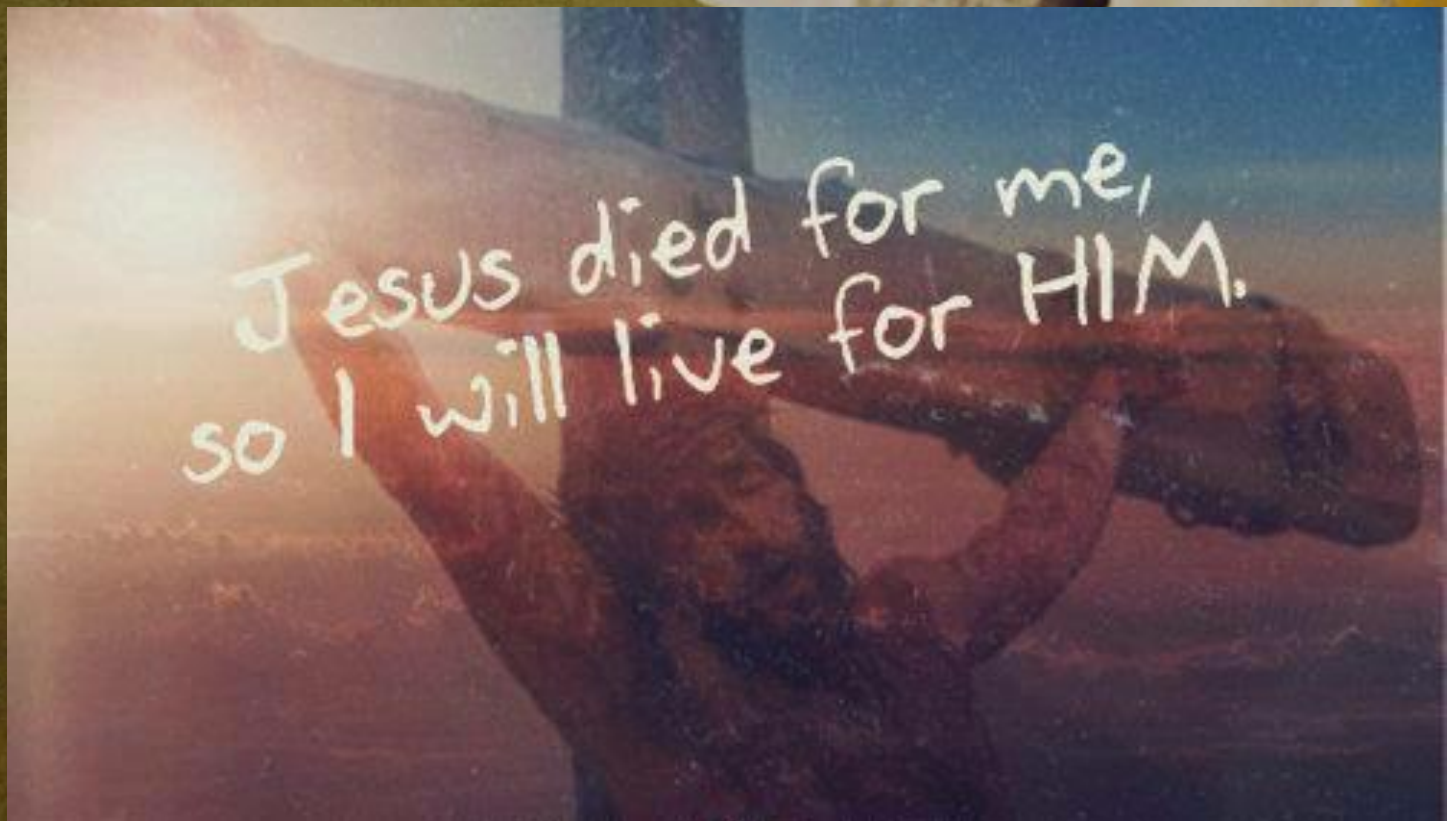
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**"We cannot keep
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– Martin Luther



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- Get into God's Word



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