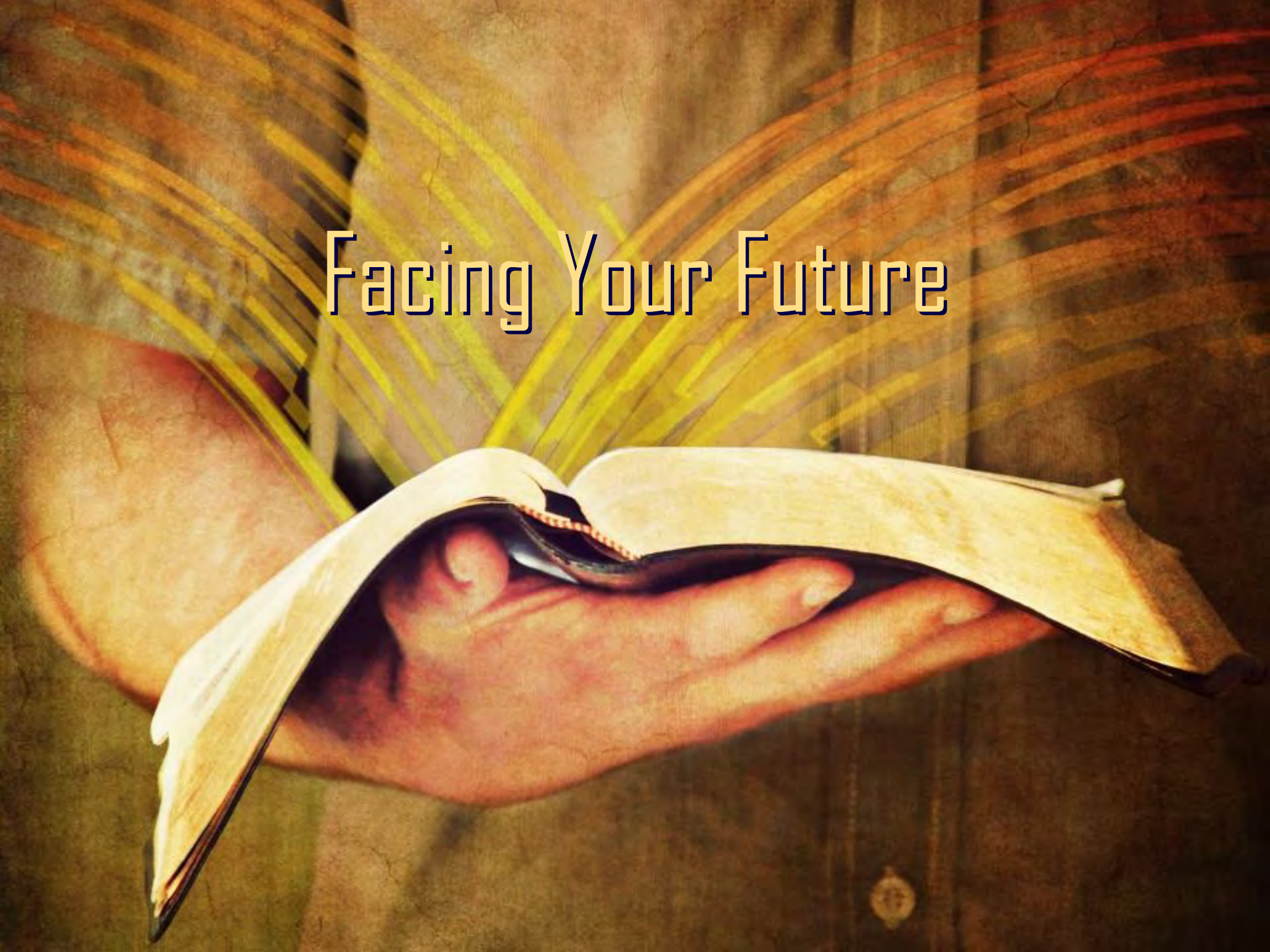


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- James 4:13

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I. MISTAKE #1: PLANNING WITHOUT GOD

THE SOLUTION:

Include God In Your Goal Setting

"Instead, you ought to say, IF it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

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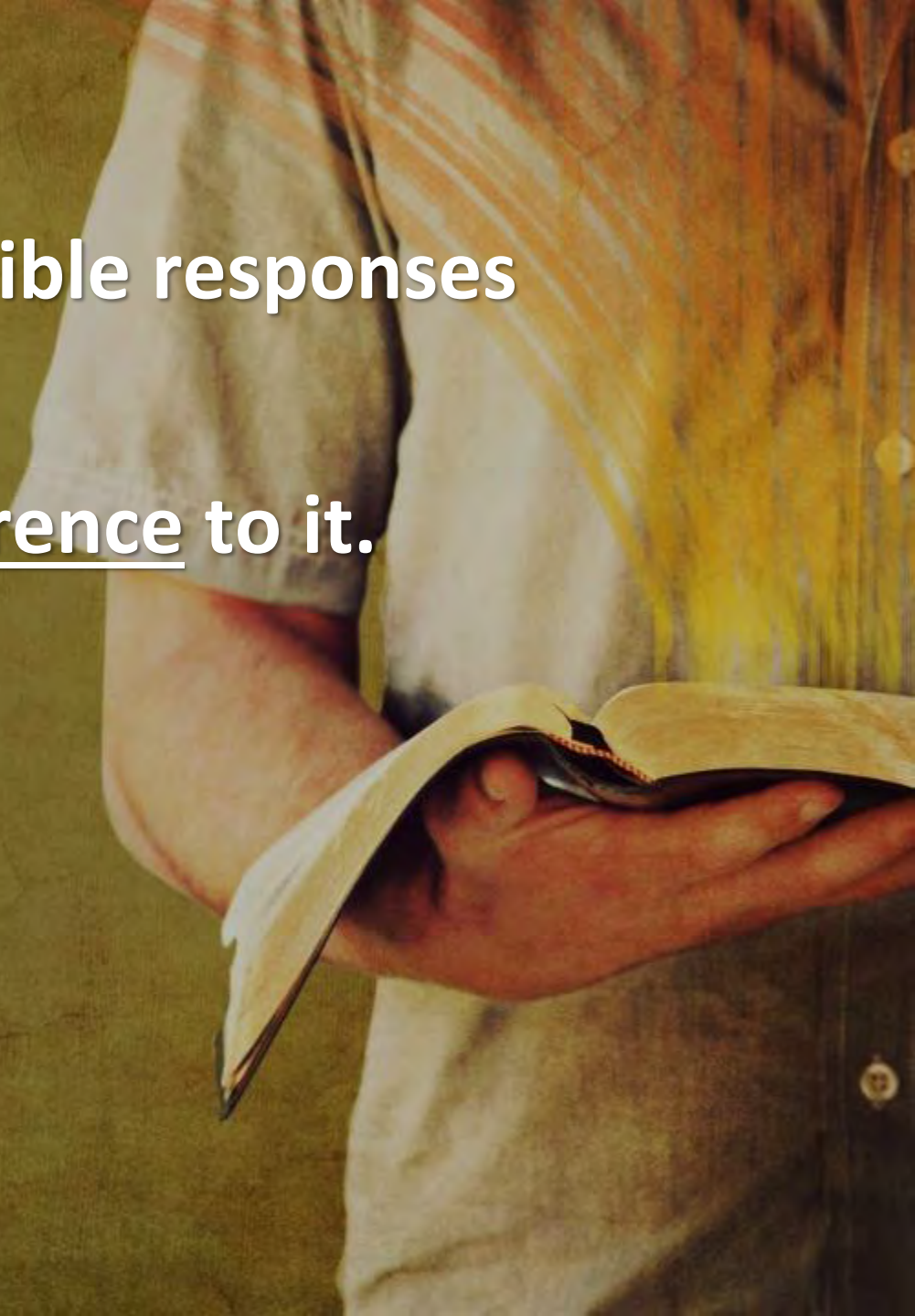
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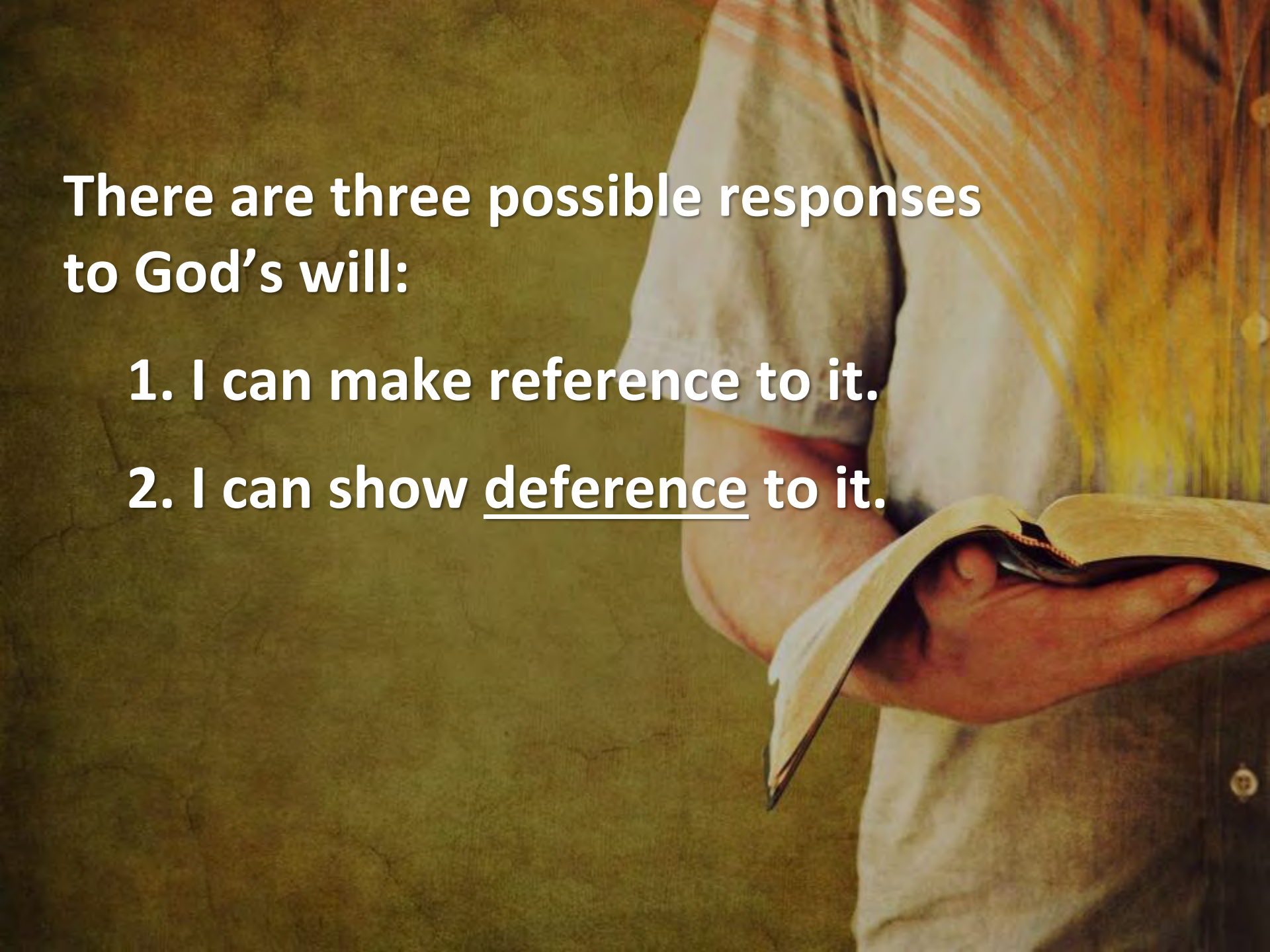
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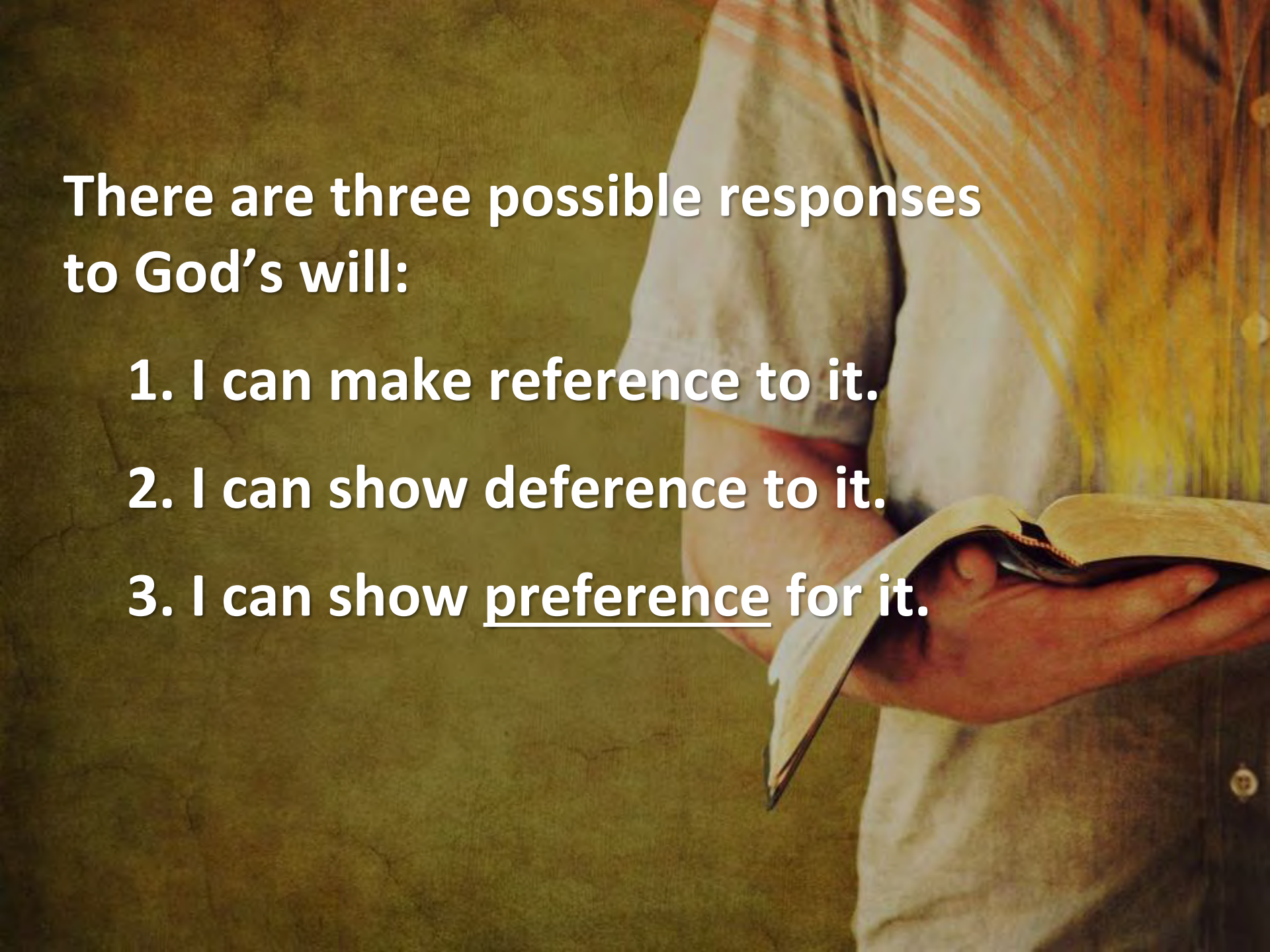


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- Proverbs 16:9

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- Isaiah 56:12

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II. MISTAKE #2: PRESUMING ABOUT TOMORROW

THE SOLUTION:

Live One Day At A Time

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

- Matthew 6:34

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"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow' -- when you now have it with you."

- Proverbs 3:27-28

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Three ways to use life ...

- 1. Spend it*
- 2. Waste it*
- 3. Invest it*



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"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"

- Luke 12: 20

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"... I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

- 2 Corinthians 6:2b



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