



Net Worth

Luke 12:13-21

Aaron Burden

What is the **value** of
your life?

Luke 12: Priorities of the Kingdom of God

- Not Man's **Affirmation** (v1-12)
- Not Building **Wealth** (v13-21)
- Not Health/**Security** (v22-34)
- Faithful **Stewardship** (v35-48)
- **Fire** Upon the Earth (v49-59)

13 Someone in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, tell my brother to
divide the inheritance with me.”

14 But he said to him, “Man,
who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.1/5)

15 And he said to them,
“Take care, and be on your guard
against all covetousness,

for one’s life does not consist
in the abundance of his possessions.”

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.2/5)

16 And he told them a parable, saying,
“The land of a rich man produced plentifully,
17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do,
for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.3/5)

18 And he said, ‘I will do this:
I will tear down my barns and build larger ones,
and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

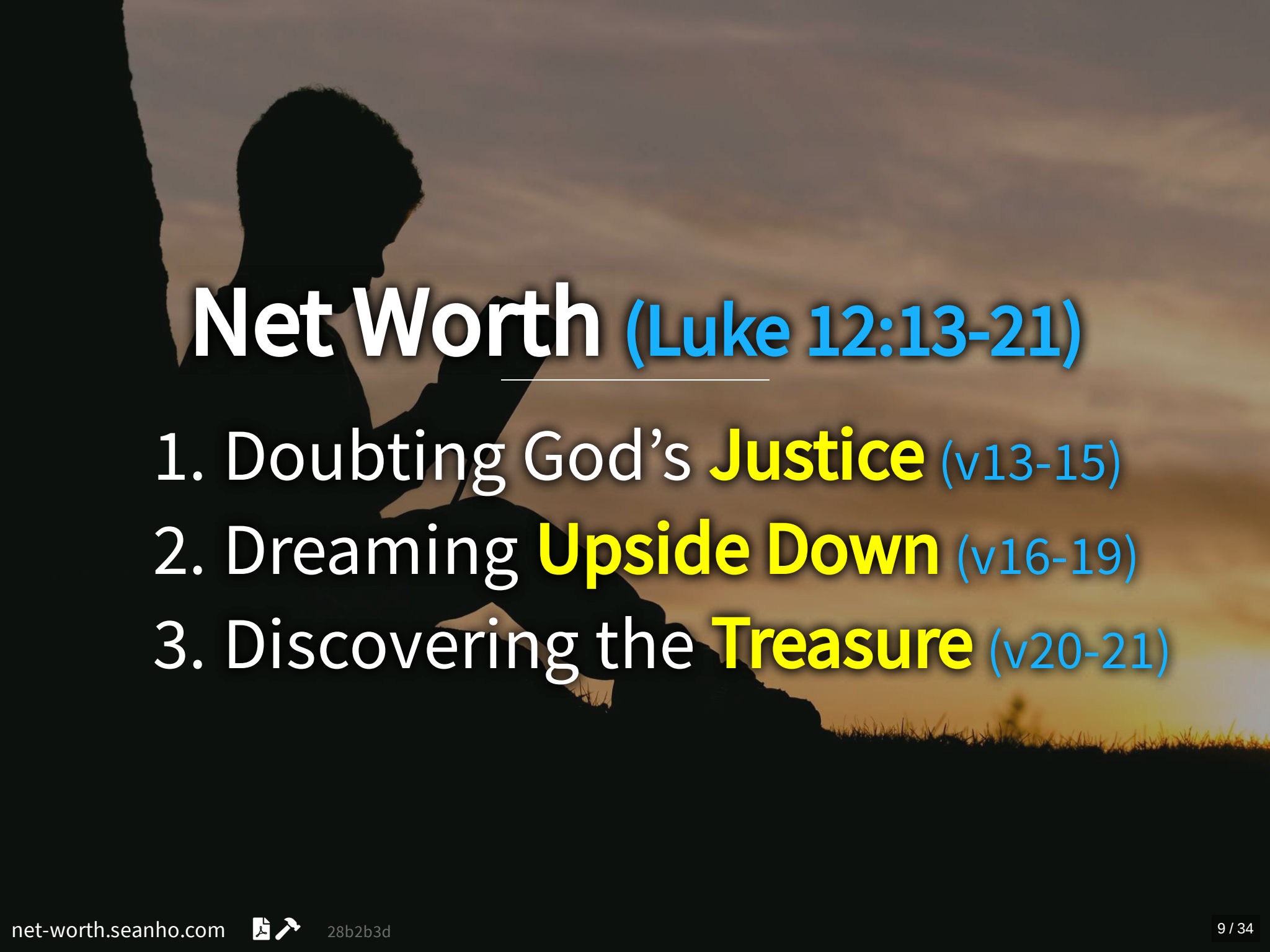
19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul,
you have ample goods laid up for many years;
relax, eat, drink, be merry.””

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.4/5)

20 But God said to him, ‘Fool!
This night your soul is required of you,
and the things you have prepared,
whose will they be?’

21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself
and is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.5/5)



Net Worth (Luke 12:13-21)


1. Doubting God's **Justice** (v13-15)
2. Dreaming **Upside Down** (v16-19)
3. Discovering the **Treasure** (v20-21)



“Teacher, **tell** my brother to
divide the **inheritance** with me.”

Luke 12:13 (ESV)

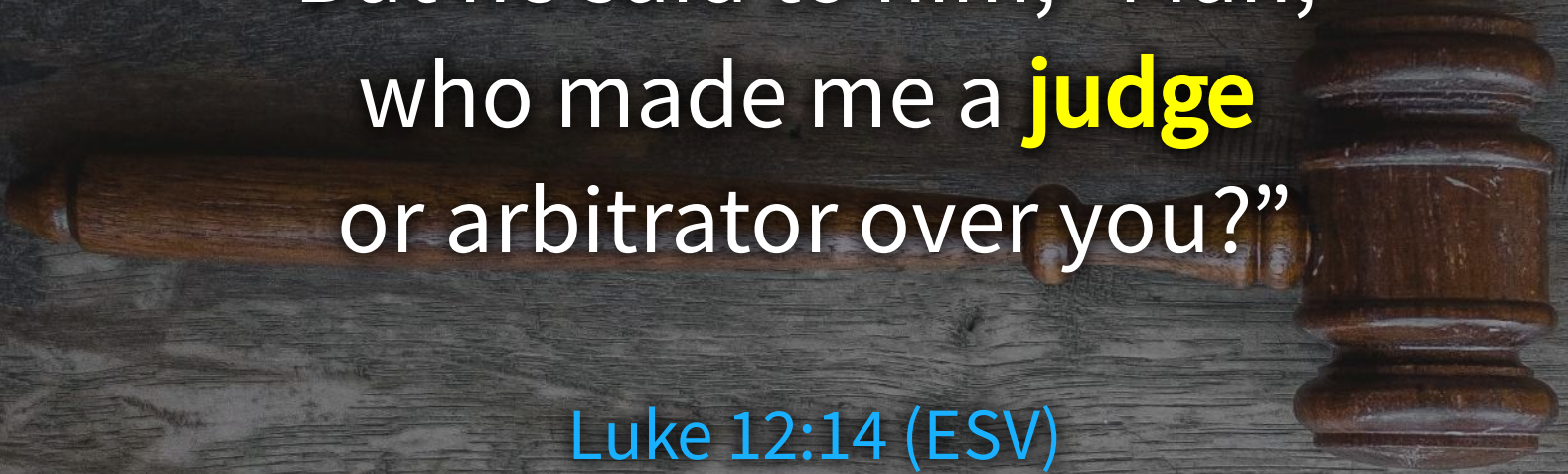
Boys Town, US. Andrew Seaman



Lord, do you **not care** that my sister
has left me to serve alone?
Tell her then to help me.

Luke 10:40 (ESV)

“Christ at the House of Martha and Mary”,
Alessandro Allori, 1605



But he said to him, “Man,
who made me a **judge**
or arbitrator over you?”

Luke 12:14 (ESV)

Wesley Tingey

As the Father raises the **dead**
and gives them **life**,
so also the Son gives life **to whom he will.**


22 For the Father judges no one,
but has **given all judgment** to the Son.

John 5:21-22 (ESV)

A wooden gavel with a long handle and a rounded head, resting on a dark, textured wooden surface. The gavel is positioned horizontally, with the head on the right side of the frame.

Who made me a judge
or **arbitrator** over you?


Luke 12:14 (ESV)



For there is **one God**,
and there is **one mediator**
between God and men,
the man **Christ Jesus**,
6 who gave himself as a **ransom** for all

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (ESV)

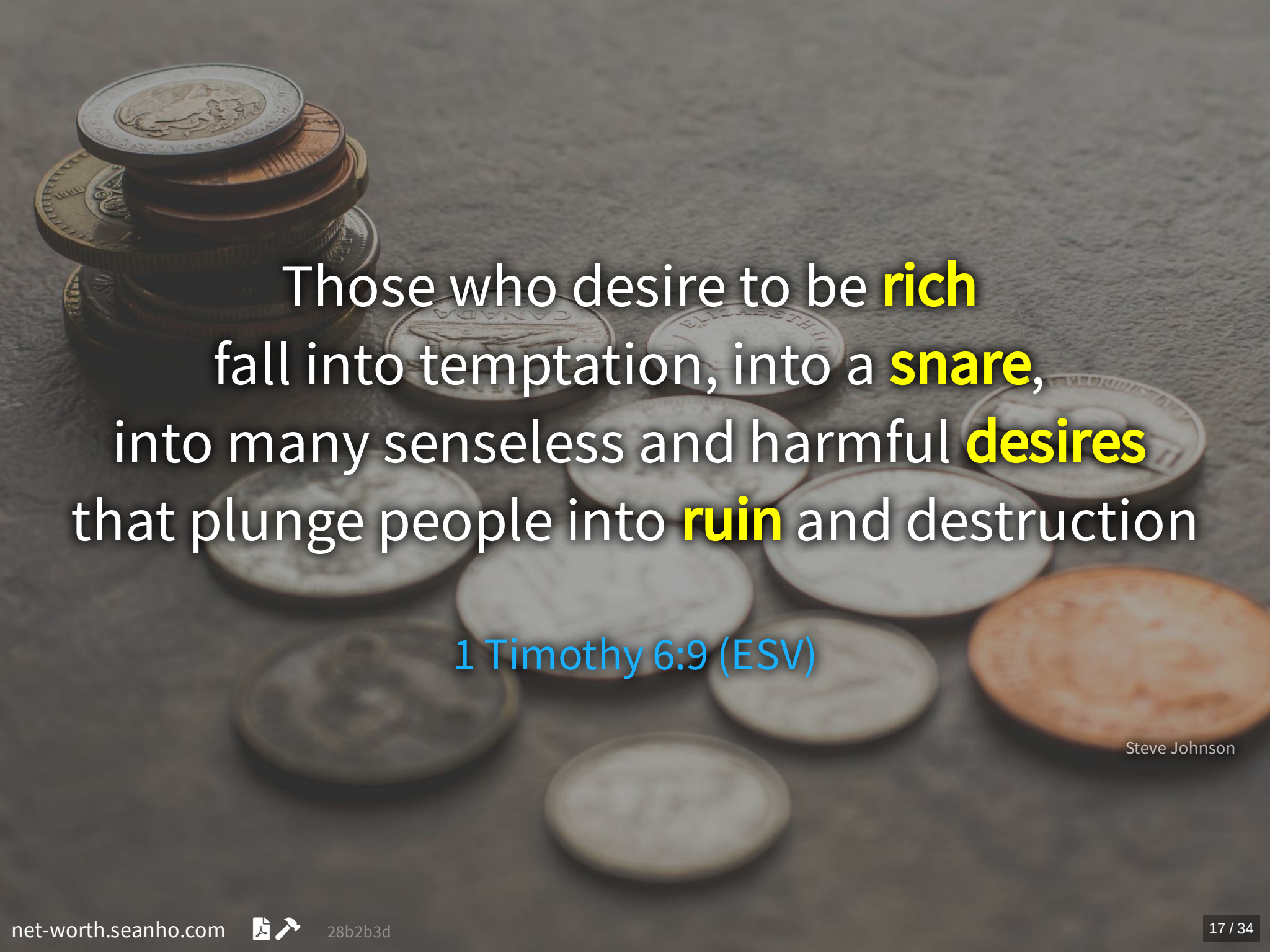
Aaron Burden

A photograph of four Israeli soldiers in olive green uniforms standing on a hillside, looking out over a city. The soldiers are seen from behind, with their rifles slung over their shoulders. The city below is densely packed with buildings, and the background shows rolling hills under a clear sky.

And he said to them,
“**Take care**, and be on your **guard**
against all **covetousness**”

Luke 12:15a (ESV)

Israeli soldiers. Timon Studler

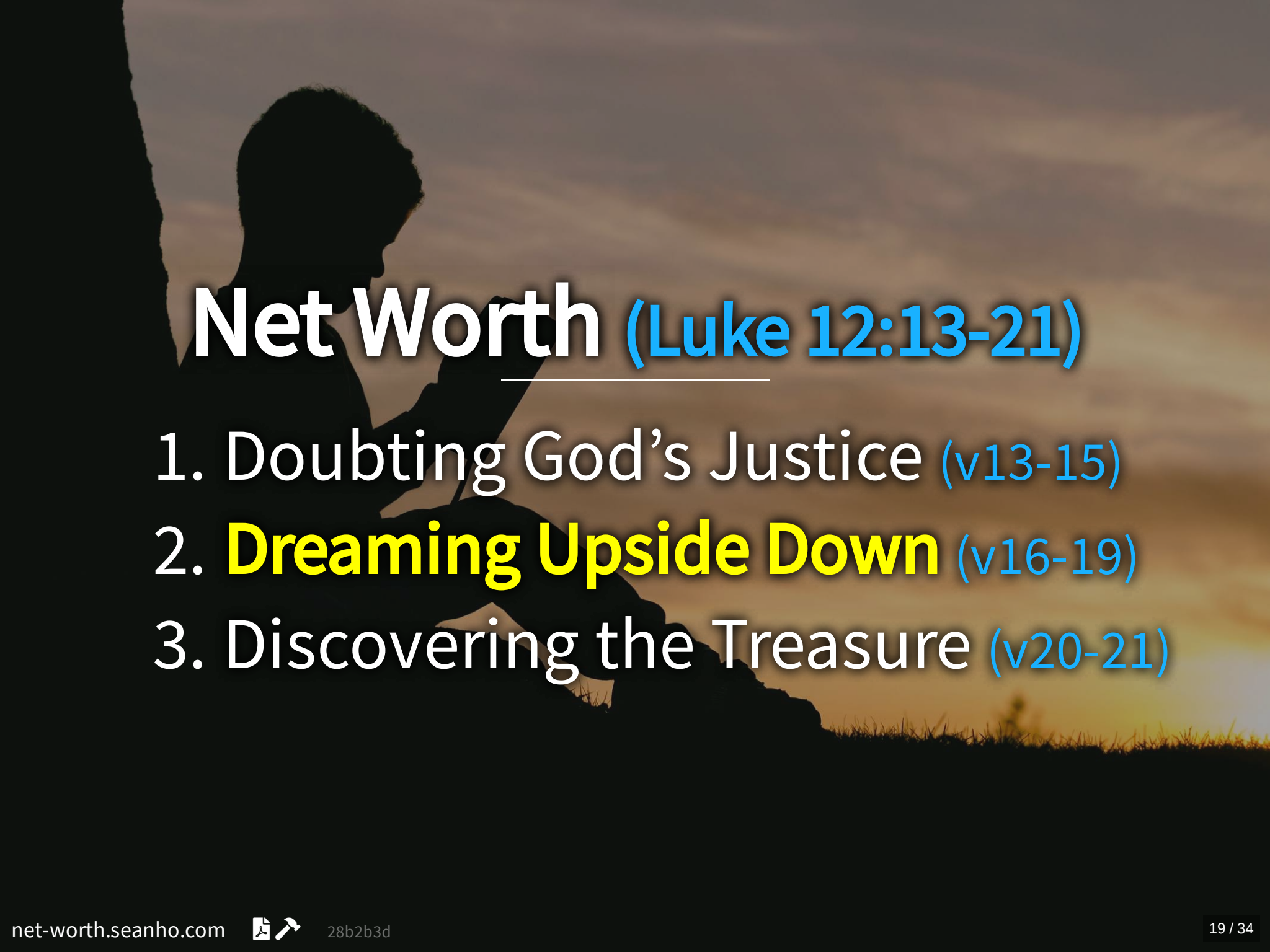


Those who desire to be **rich**
fall into temptation, into a **snare**,
into many senseless and harmful **desires**
that plunge people into **ruin** and destruction

1 Timothy 6:9 (ESV)

Steve Johnson

In what have I felt
God to be **unfair**?



Net Worth (Luke 12:13-21)

1. Doubting God's Justice (v13-15)
2. **Dreaming Upside Down** (v16-19)
3. Discovering the Treasure (v20-21)

“The land of a rich man **produced** plentifully,
17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do,
for I have nowhere to **store** my crops?’

18 And he said, ‘I will do this:
I will tear down my **barns** and build larger ones,
and there I will store all my grain and my **goods**.

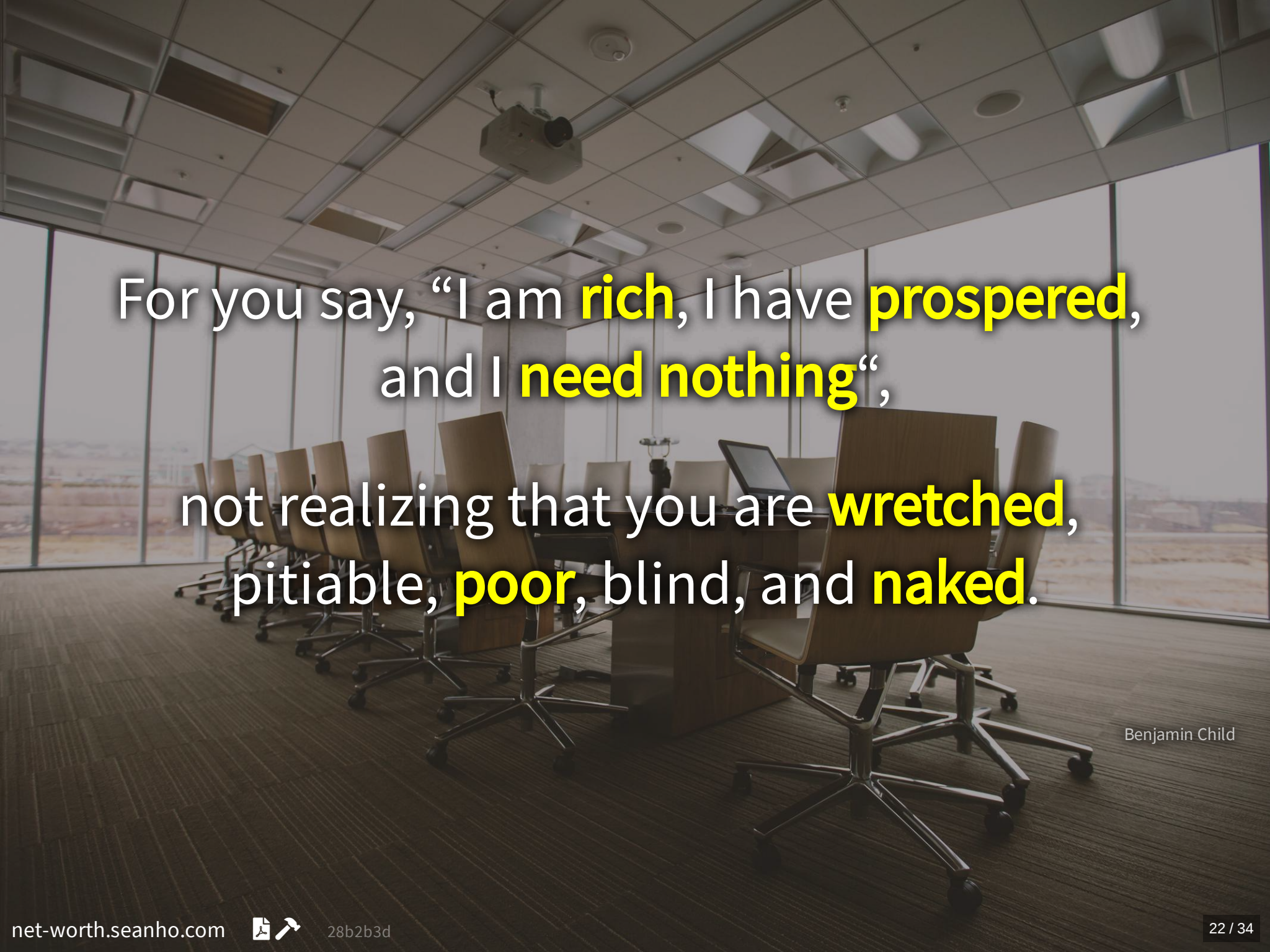
Luke 12:16-18 (ESV)



And I will say to my soul, “**Soul**,
you have ample **goods** laid up for many **years**;
relax, eat, drink, be **merry**.””

Luke 12:19 (ESV)

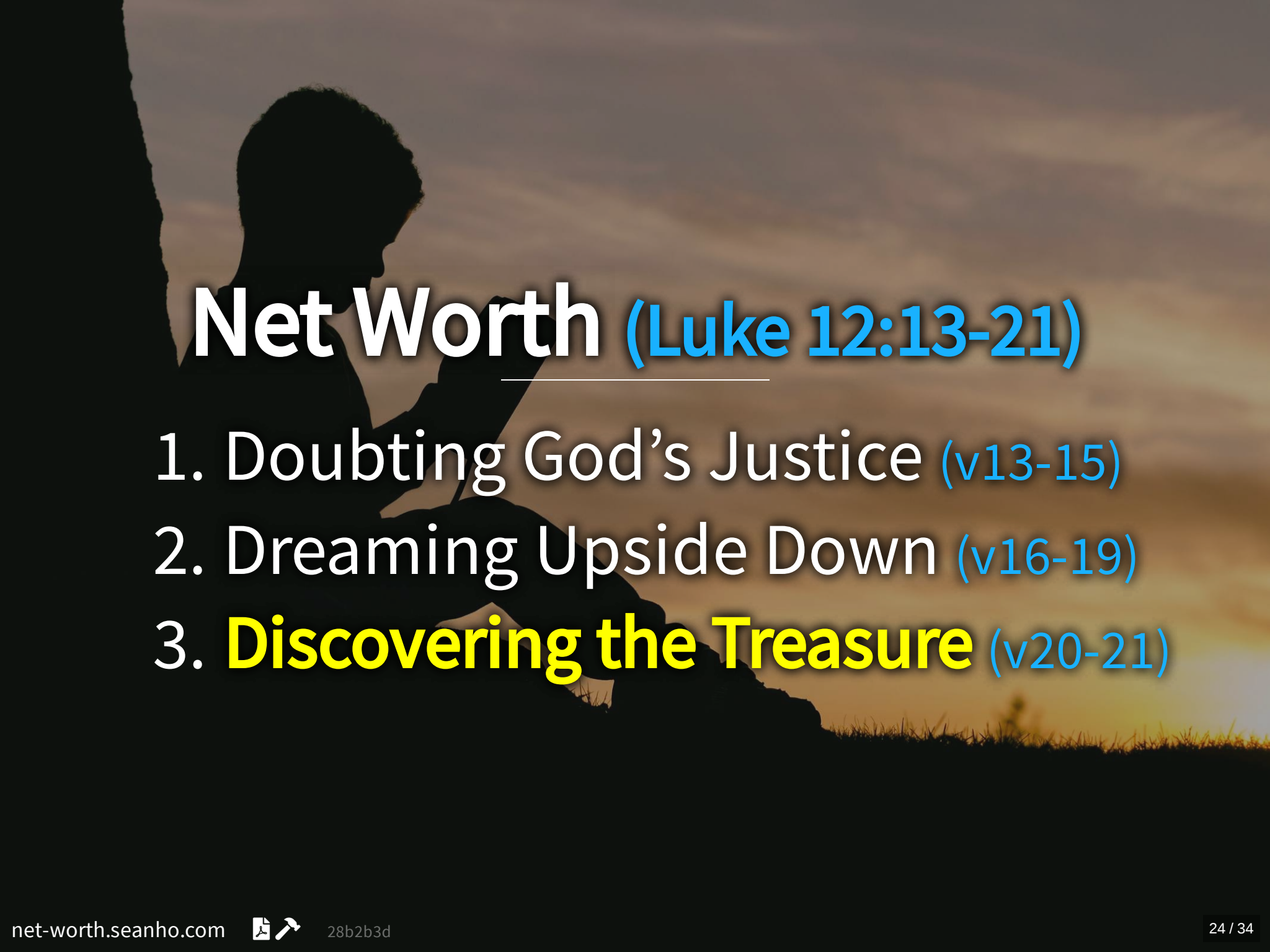
Vita Vilcina, Spain



For you say, “I am **rich**, I have **prospered**,
and I **need nothing**”,
not realizing that you are **wretched**,
pitiable, **poor**, blind, and **naked**.

Benjamin Child

**What if I got
everything I ever
wanted?**



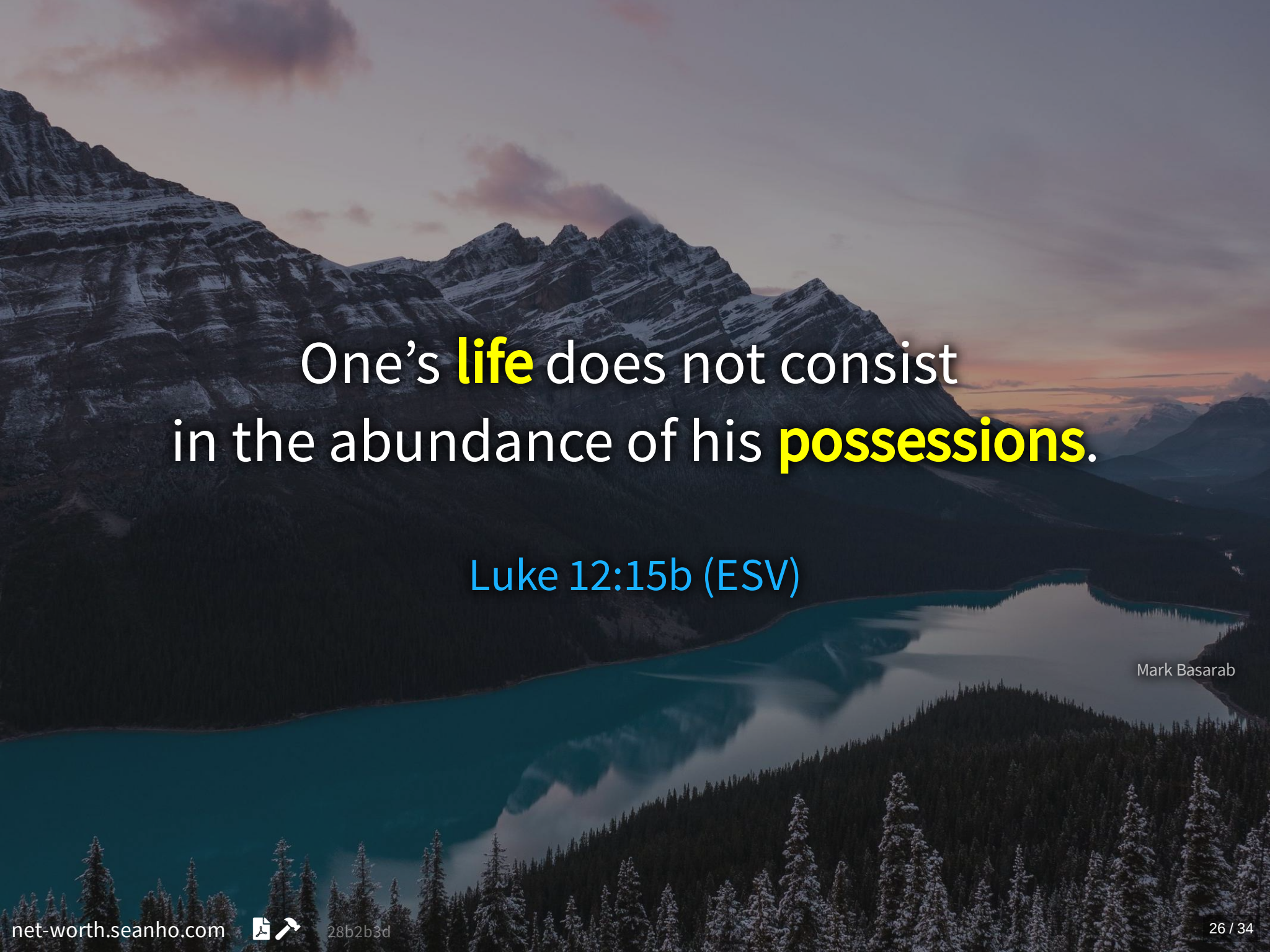
Net Worth (Luke 12:13-21)

1. Doubting God's Justice (v13-15)
2. Dreaming Upside Down (v16-19)
3. **Discovering the Treasure** (v20-21)

But God said to him, '**Fool!**
This night your **soul** is **required** of you,
and the things you have **prepared**,
whose will they be?'

Luke 12:20 (ESV)

Ju On



One's **life** does not consist
in the abundance of his **possessions**.

Luke 12:15b (ESV)

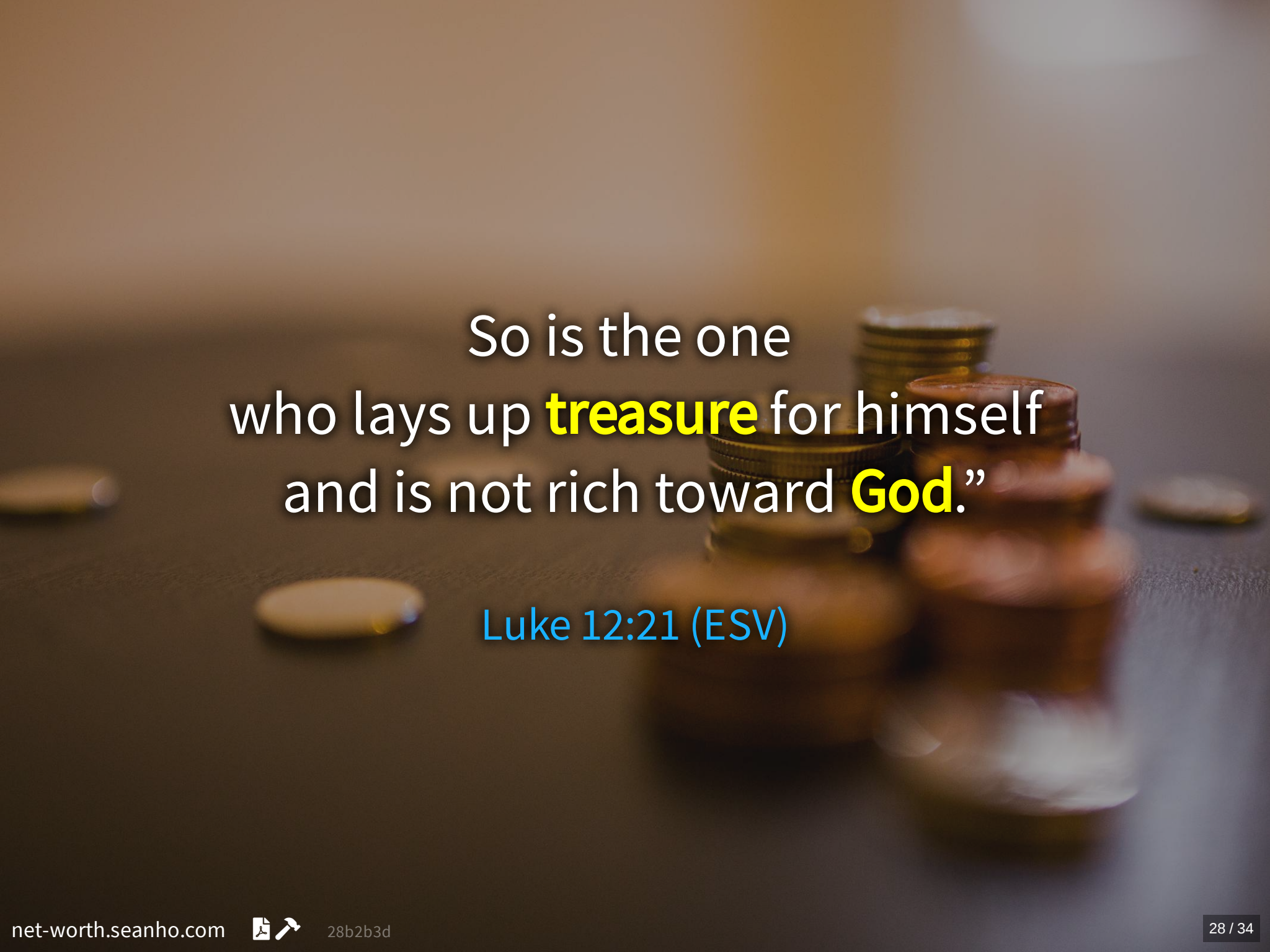
Mark Basarab



For **life** is more than **food**,
and the **body** more than **clothing**

Luke 12:23 (ESV)

Laguna de Icalma, Chile. Jorge Barahona

The background of the slide features several stacks of coins, likely US pennies, on a dark, reflective surface. The lighting is soft and focused, creating a bokeh effect with the coins in the foreground and background. The text is overlaid on this background.

So is the one
who lays up **treasure** for himself
and is not rich toward **God.**”

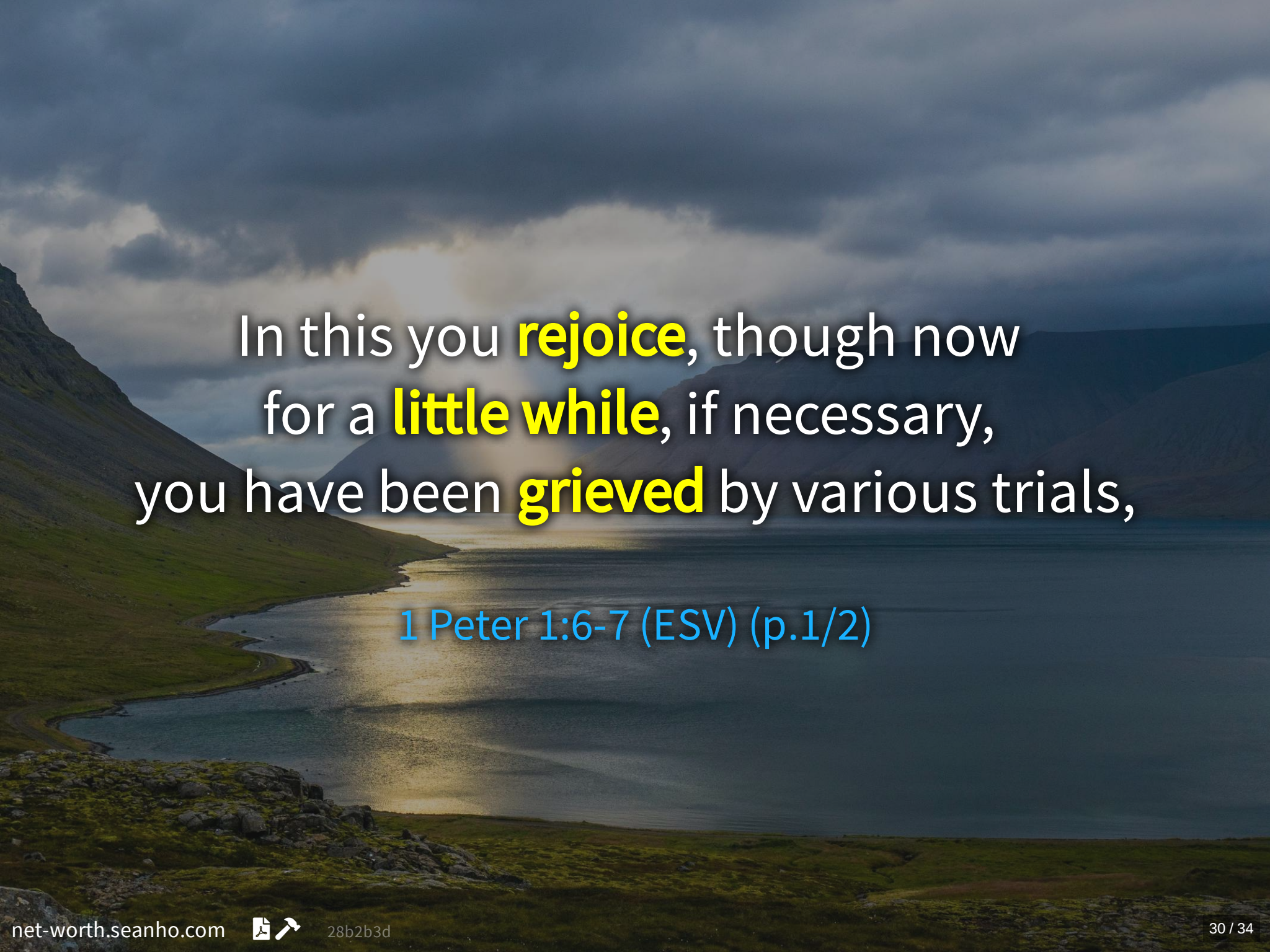
Luke 12:21 (ESV)

They are to **do good**, to be rich in **good works**,
to be **generous** and ready to **share**,

19 thus storing up **treasure** for themselves
as a good **foundation** for the future,

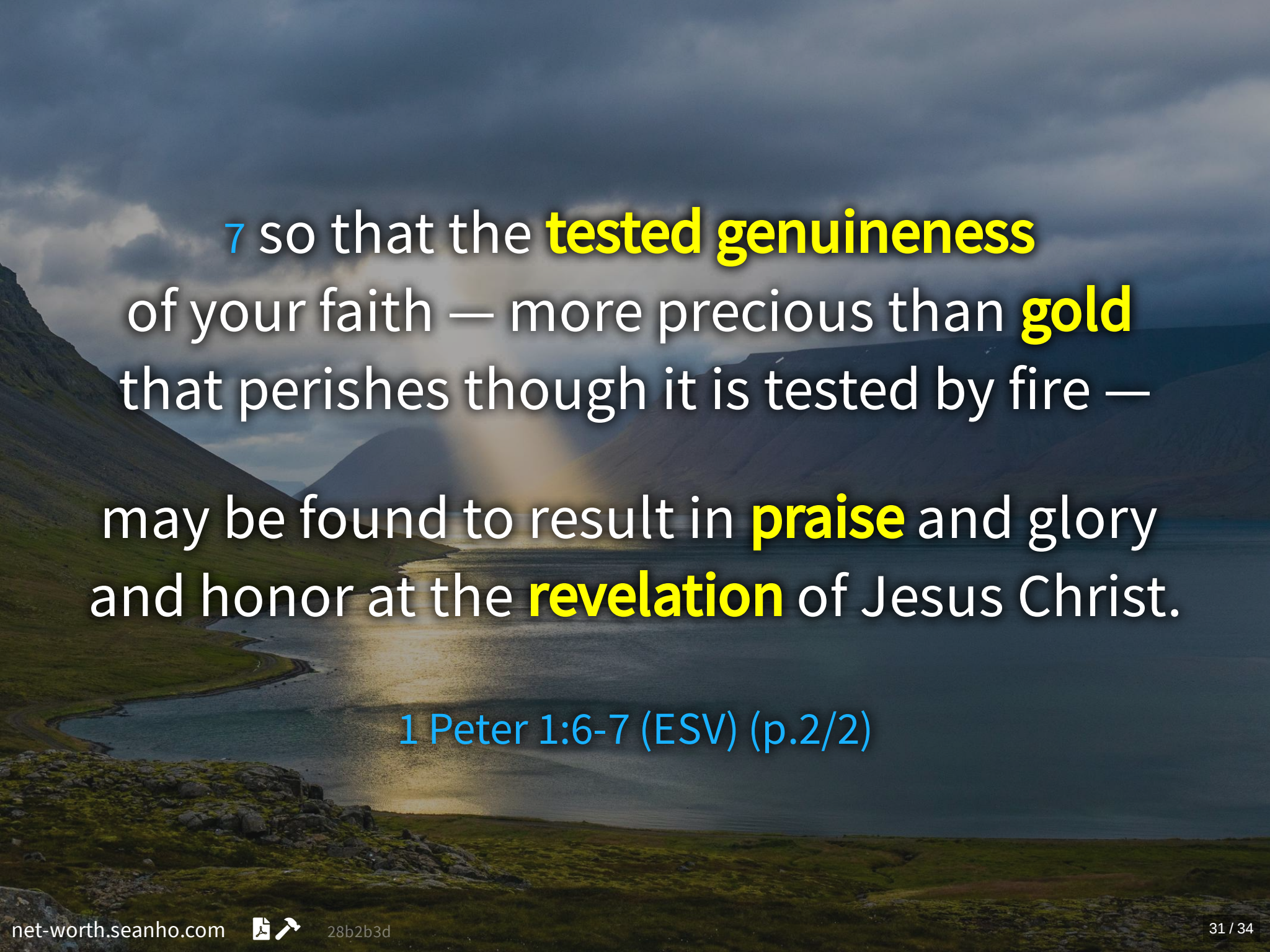
so that they may take hold
of that which is **truly life**.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (ESV)



In this you **rejoice**, though now
for a **little while**, if necessary,
you have been **grieved** by various trials,

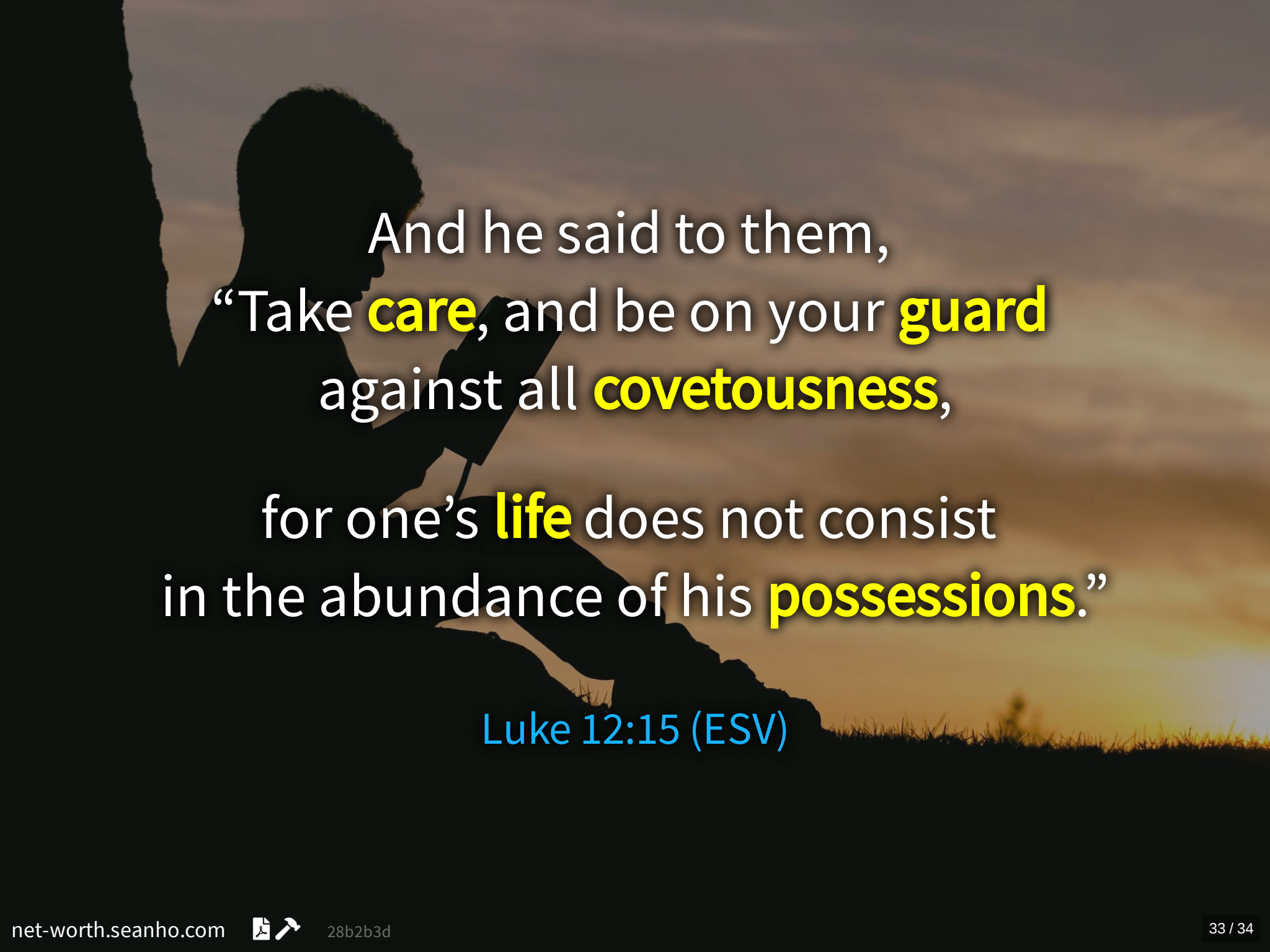
1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV) (p.1/2)



7 so that the **tested genuineness**
of your faith — more precious than **gold**
that perishes though it is tested by fire —
may be found to result in **praise** and glory
and honor at the **revelation** of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV) (p.2/2)

Have I been **rich** for
myself but not
toward **God**?

A silhouette of a person sitting on a rock, reading a book. The background is a sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and yellow tones. The text is overlaid on the image.

And he said to them,
“Take **care**, and be on your **guard**
against all **covetousness**,
for one’s **life** does not consist
in the abundance of his **possessions**.”

Luke 12:15 (ESV)

