

# Work for the Glory of God

## 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

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not a professional

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Toil for God's kingdom

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“If innovation is purely **market driven**,  
we could have amazing advances in **inventions**  
that leave the world even **more divided**....

“If we have **optimism**  
but we don’t have **empathy**,  
it doesn’t matter how much  
we master the **secrets of science** –  
we’re not really **solving problems**,  
we’re just working on **puzzles.**”

Bill Gates, Stanford commencement 2014

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# 1. The Snare of Professionalism

1. Chasing the **Guild**
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On 4 July, good news arrived in the inbox of Ocorrafoo Cobange, a biologist at the Wasee Institute of Medicine in Asmara. It was the official letter of acceptance for a paper he had submitted 2 months earlier to the *Journal of Natural Pharmaceuticals*, describing the anticancer properties of a chemical that Cobange had extracted from a lichen.

In fact, it should have been promptly rejected. Any reviewer with more than a high-school knowledge of chemistry and the ability to understand a basic data plot should have spotted the paper's short-comings immediately. Its experiments are so hopelessly flawed that the results are meaningless.

I know because I wrote the paper. Ocorrafoo Cobange does not exist, nor does the Wasee Institute of Medicine. Over the past 10 months, I have submitted 304 versions of the wonder drug paper to open-access journals. More than half of the journals accepted the paper, failing to notice its fatal flaws. Beyond that headline result, the data from this sting operation reveal the contours of an emerging Wild West in academic publishing.



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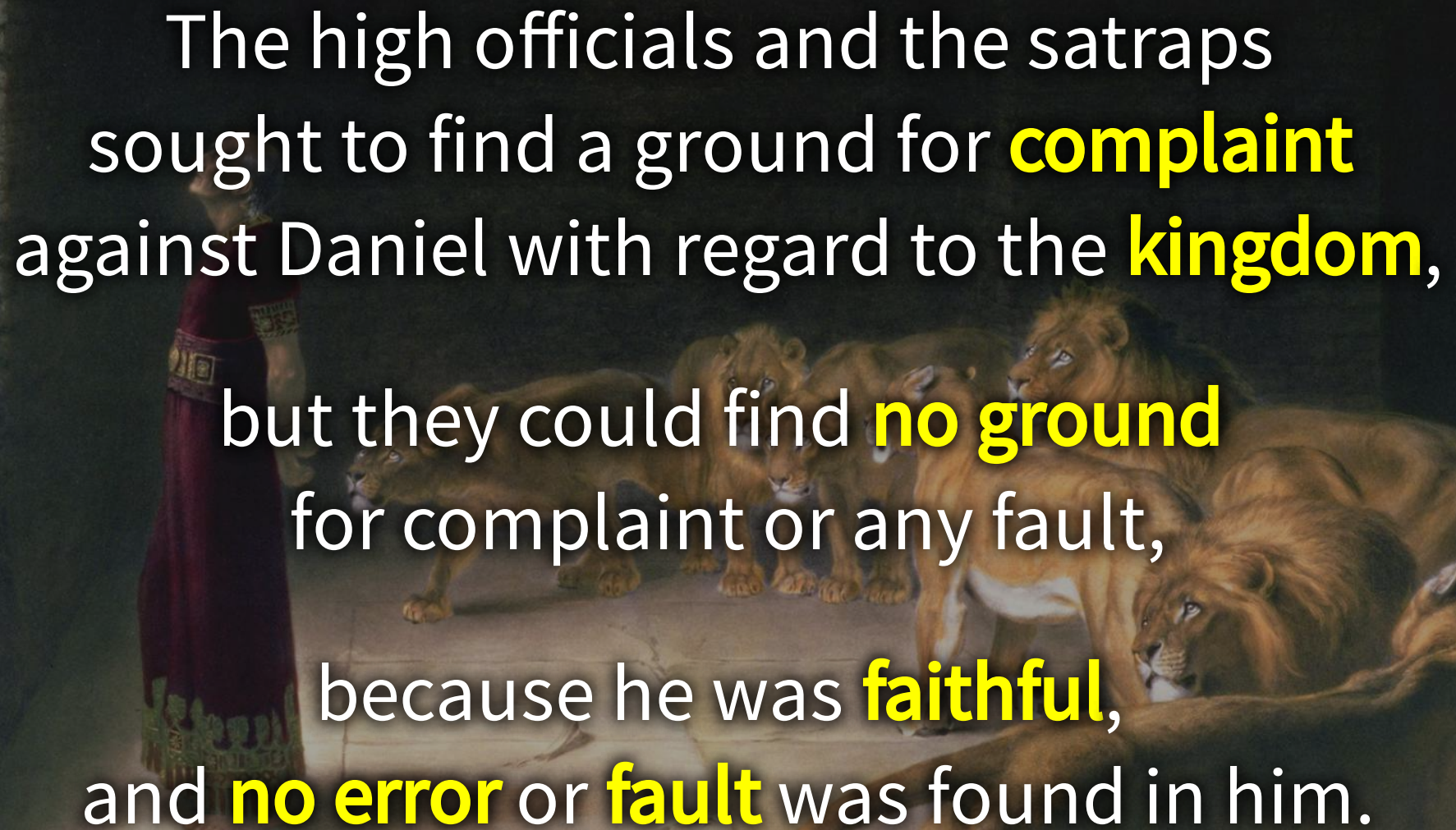
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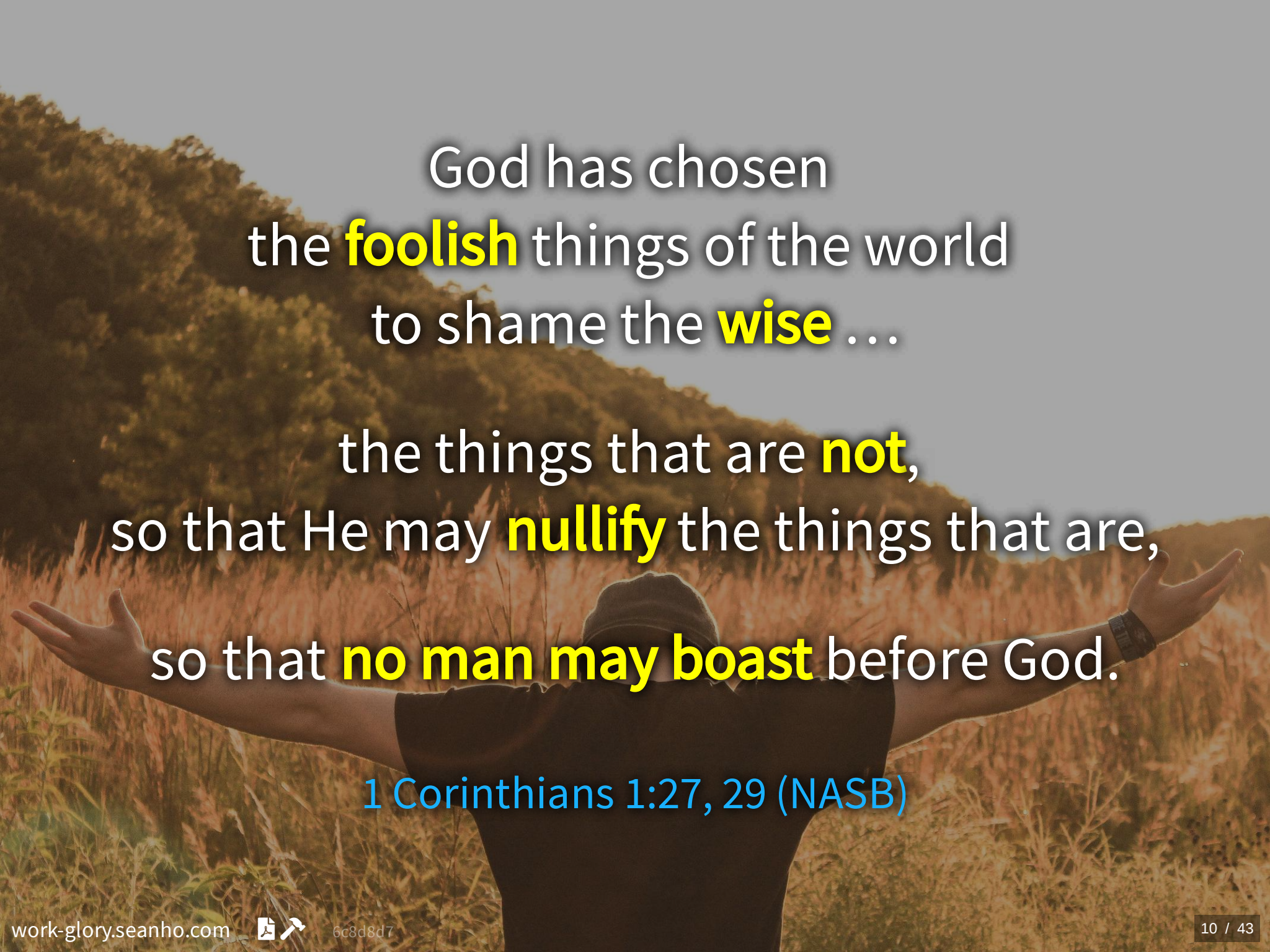
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The high officials and the satraps  
sought to find a ground for **complaint**  
against Daniel with regard to the **kingdom**,  
but they could find **no ground**  
for complaint or any fault,  
because he was **faithful**,  
and **no error** or **fault** was found in him.

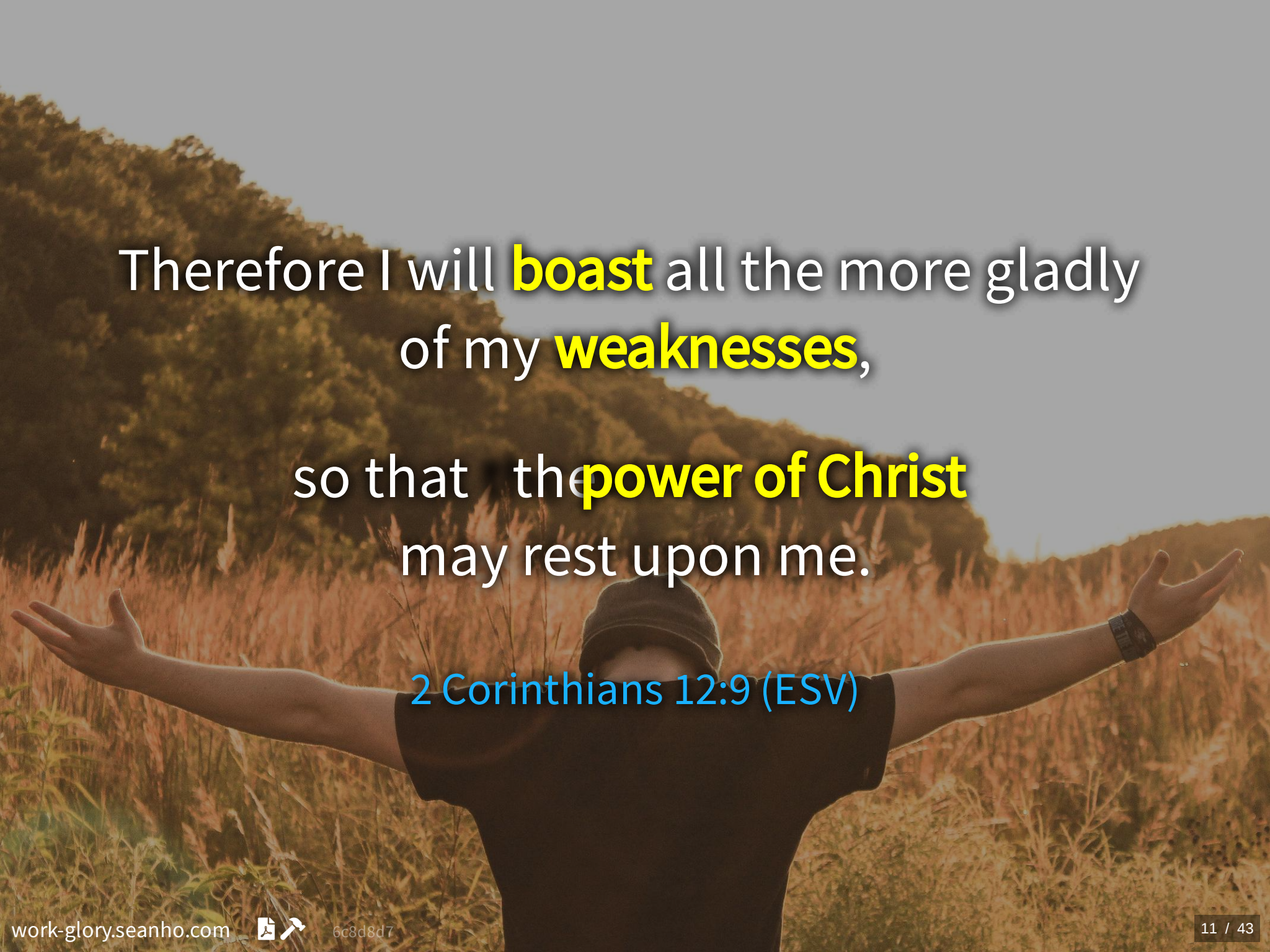
Daniel 6:4 (ESV)



God has chosen  
the **foolish** things of the world  
to shame the **wise** ...

the things that are **not**,  
so that He may **nullify** the things that are,  
so that **no man may boast** before God.

1 Corinthians 1:27, 29 (NASB)

A person wearing a dark t-shirt and a grey beanie stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. The background shows a line of trees under a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and open.

Therefore I will **boast** all the more gladly  
of my **weaknesses**,  
so that the **power of Christ**  
may rest upon me.

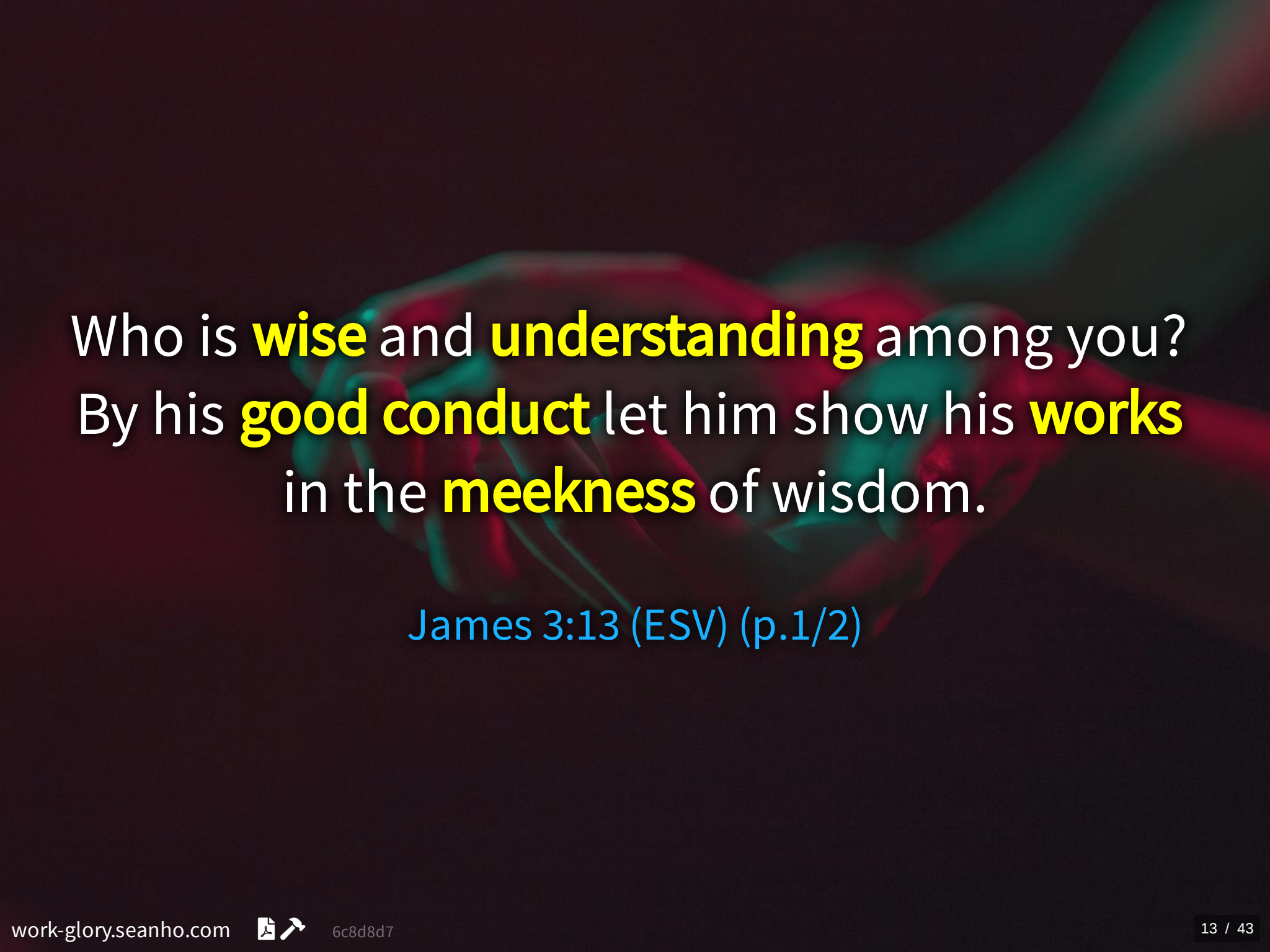
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# 1. The Snare of Professionalism

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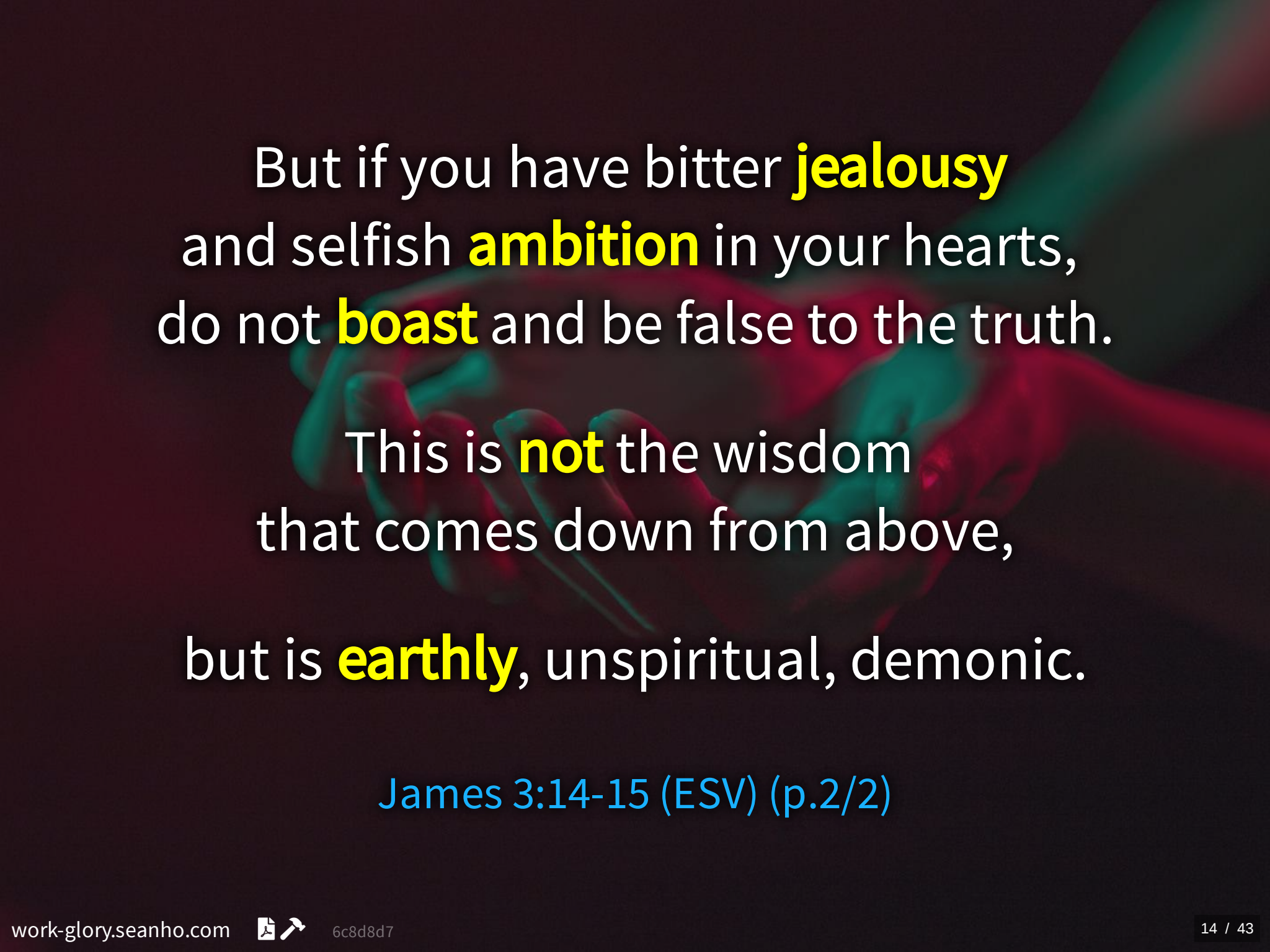
2. **Building Ambition**

3. Earning Wages



Who is **wise** and **understanding** among you?  
By his **good conduct** let him show his **works**  
in the **mEEKNESS** of wisdom.

James 3:13 (ESV) (p.1/2)



But if you have bitter **jealousy**  
and selfish **ambition** in your hearts,  
do not **boast** and be false to the truth.

This is **not** the wisdom  
that comes down from above,  
but is **earthly**, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:14-15 (ESV) (p.2/2)

A person is sitting at a desk, working on a laptop and a notebook. The person's hands are visible, holding a pen and writing on the notebook. The desk is cluttered with various items, including a mouse, pens, and papers. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wall and some other objects. The overall scene is a typical office or study environment.

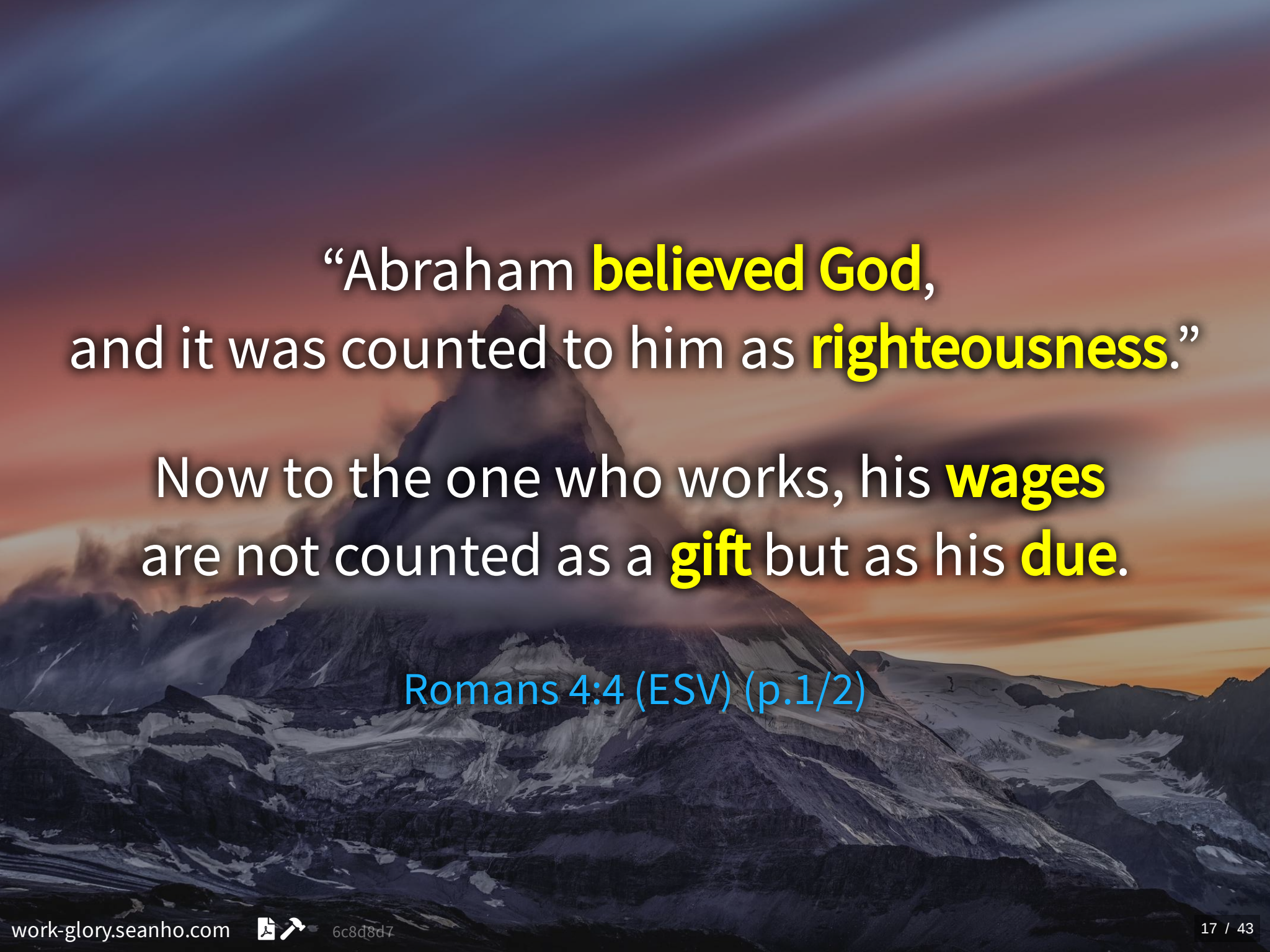
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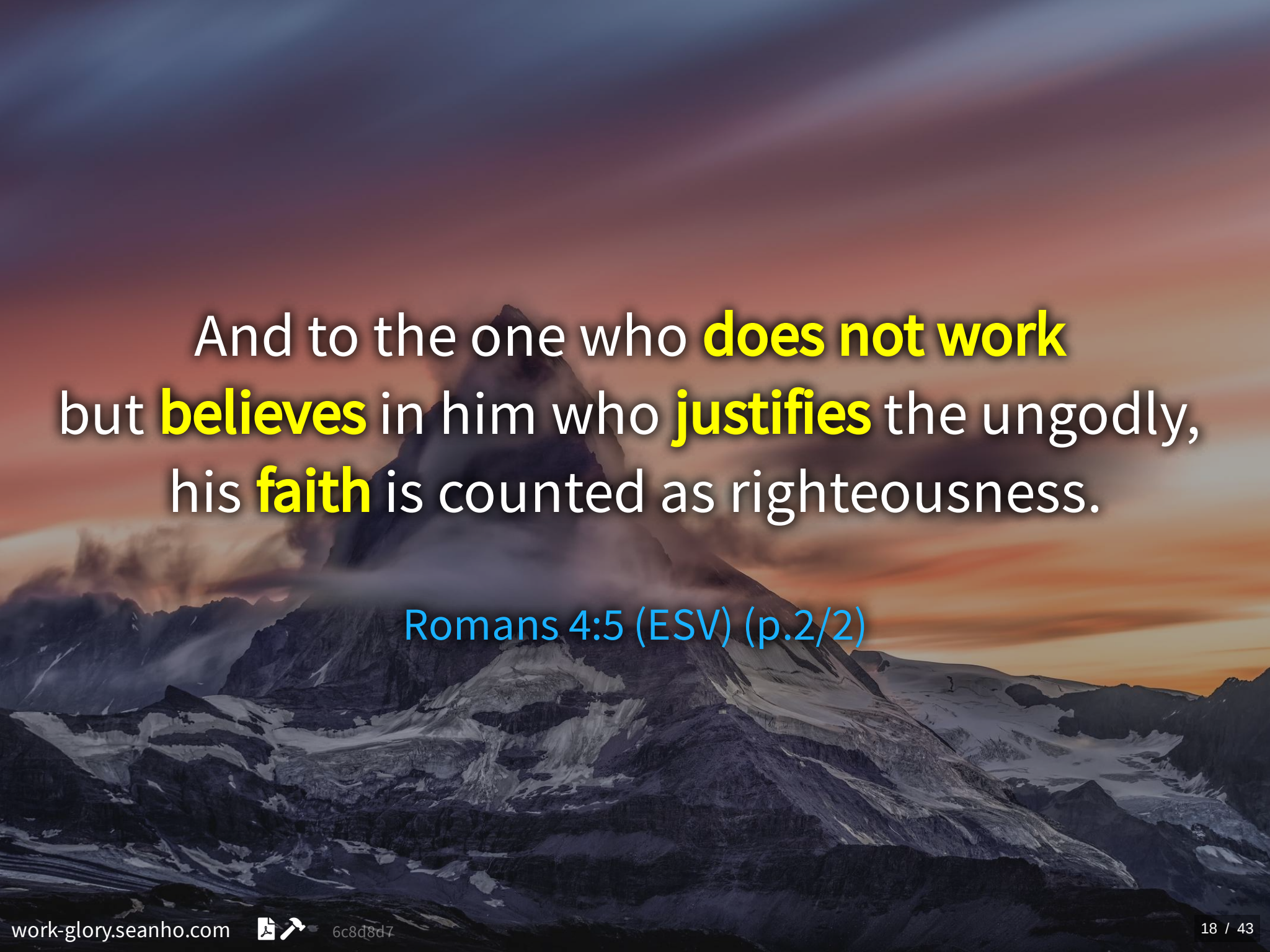




“Abraham **believed God**,  
and it was counted to him as **righteousness.**”

Now to the one who works, his **wages**  
are not counted as a **gift** but as his **due.**

Romans 4:4 (ESV) (p.1/2)



And to the one who **does not work**  
but **believes** in him who **justifies** the ungodly,  
his **faith** is counted as righteousness.

Romans 4:5 (ESV) (p.2/2)

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1. The Snare of Professionalism
2. **The Blessing of Employment**
3. The Grace of God's Work

**Work to train  
your heart**



## 2. The Blessing of Employment

1. Rejecting **Idleness**
2. **Sharing** Generously
3. Training our **Heart** Attitude

For you yourselves know  
how you ought to **imitate** us,

because we were **not idle**  
when we were with you, ...

but with **toil** and **labor**  
we worked night and day,  
that we might not be a **burden** to any of you.

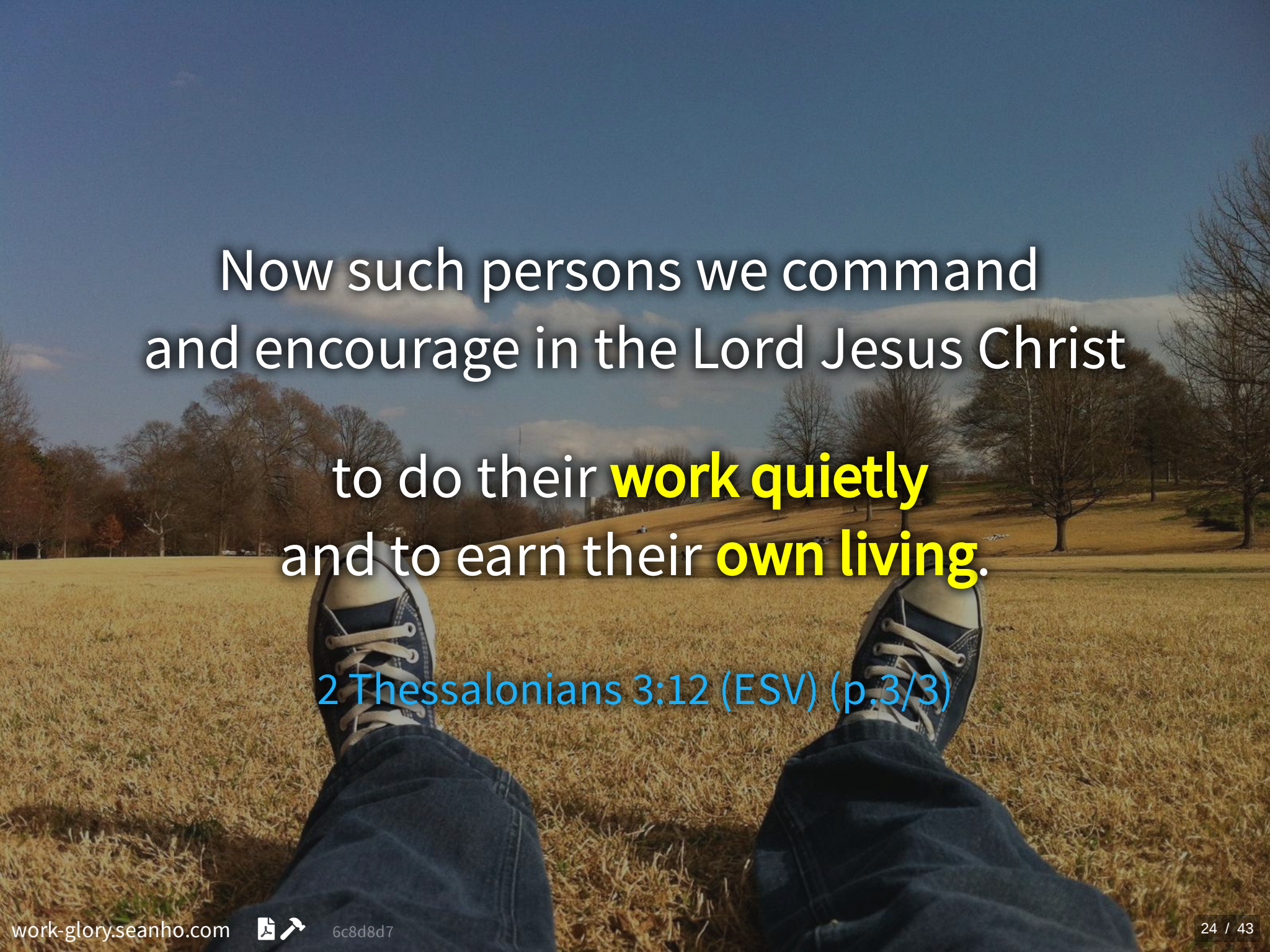
2 Thessalonians 3:7-8 (ESV) (p.1/3)



If anyone is not willing to **work**, let him not **eat**.

For we hear that some among you  
walk in **idleness**,  
not busy at work, but **busybodies**.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 (ESV) (p.2/3)



Now such persons we command  
and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ

to do their **work quietly**  
and to earn their **own living.**

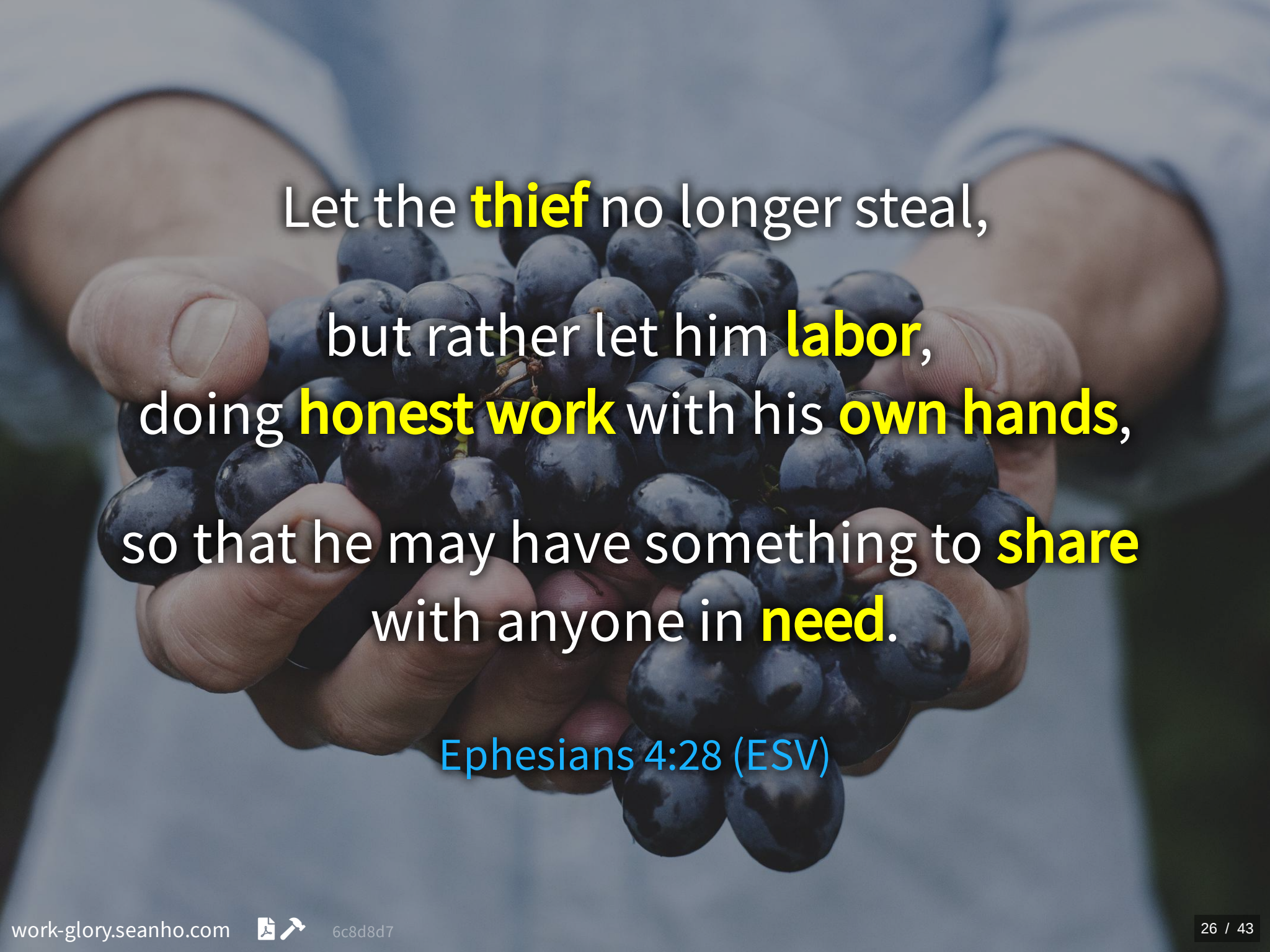
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## 2. The Blessing of Employment

1. Rejecting Idleness
2. **Sharing Generously**
3. Training our Heart Attitude

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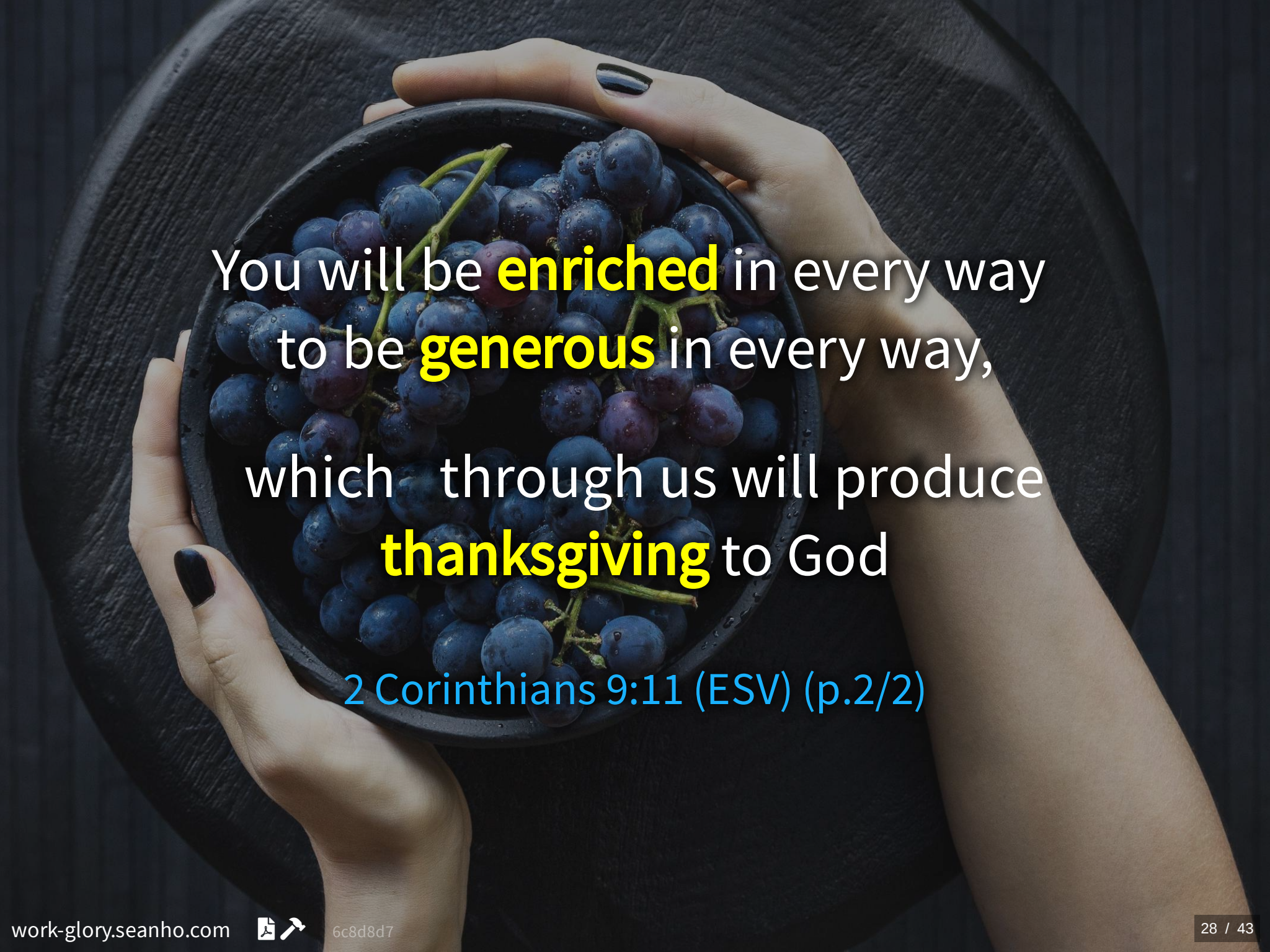
Let the **thief** no longer steal,  
but rather let him **labor**,  
doing **honest work** with his **own hands**,  
so that he may have something to **share**  
with anyone in **need**.

Ephesians 4:28 (ESV)



He who supplies **seed** to the sower  
and **bread** for food  
will **supply** and **multiply** your seed for sowing  
and increase the **harvest** of your **righteousness.**

2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV) (p.1/2)



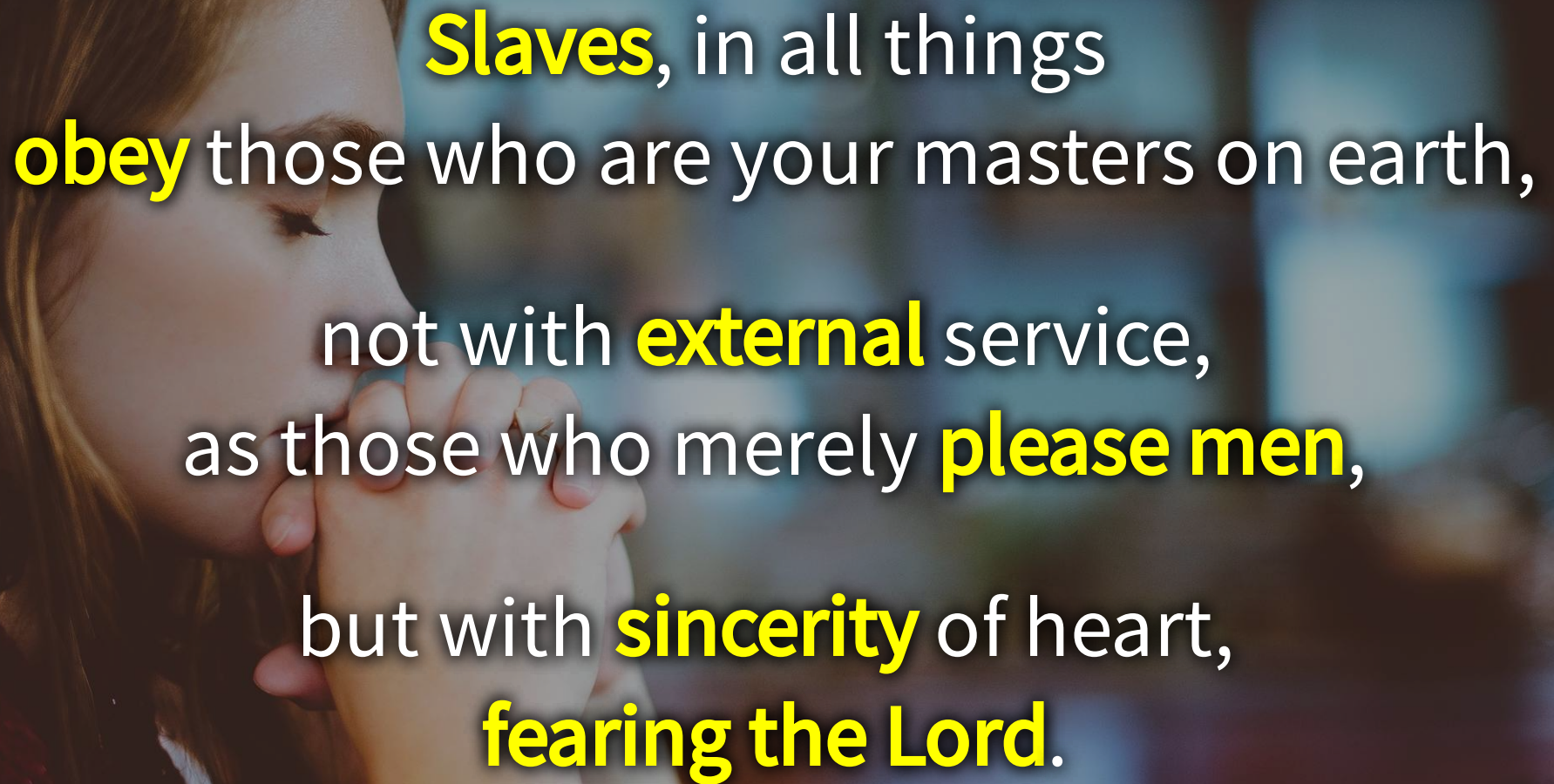
You will be **enriched** in every way  
to be **generous** in every way,  
which through us will produce  
**thanksgiving** to God

2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV) (p.2/2)



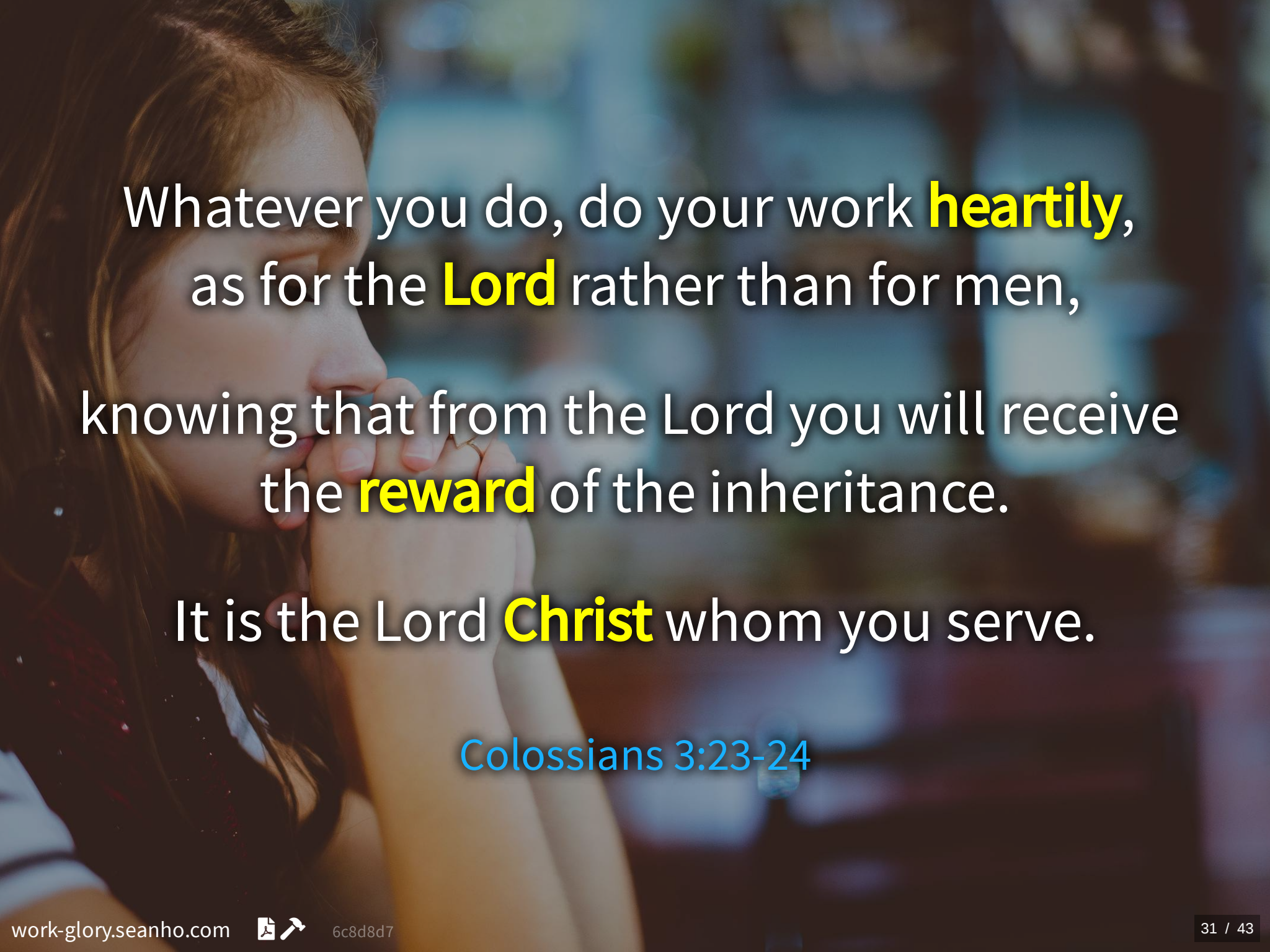
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**Slaves**, in all things  
**obey** those who are your masters on earth,  
not with **external** service,  
as those who merely **please men**,  
but with **sincerity** of heart,  
**fearing the Lord.**

Colossians 3:22 (NASB)



Whatever you do, do your work **heartily**,  
as for the **Lord** rather than for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will receive  
the **reward** of the inheritance.

It is the Lord **Christ** whom you serve.

Colossians 3:23-24

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**Toil** for  
God's **kingdom**  
by **resting**  
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# 3. The Grace of God's Work

1. Welcoming His **Return**

2. Steadfast because of His **Victory**

But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief,  
in which the **heavens** will  
**pass away** with a roar  
and the **elements** will  
be **destroyed** with intense heat,  
and the **earth** and its **works** will be **burned up**.

2 Peter 3:10 (NASB) (p.1/2)

Since all these things  
are to be **destroyed** in this way,  
what sort of people ought you to be  
in **holy conduct** and **godliness**,  
**looking for** and hastening  
the coming of the day of God!

2 Peter 3:11-12 (NASB) (p.2/2)

# 3. The Grace of God's Work

1. Welcoming His Return

2. **Steadfast because of His Victory**

When the perishable puts on the **imperishable**,  
and the mortal puts on **immortality**,

then shall come to pass  
the saying that is written:

“**Death** is swallowed up in **victory**.”

1 Corinthians 15:54 (ESV) (p.1/3)

“O death, **where** is your victory?  
O death, **where** is your sting?”

The sting of death is **sin**,  
and the power of sin is the **law**.

But thanks be to God, who gives us  
the **victory** through our Lord **Jesus** Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-56 (ESV) (p.2/3)

Therefore, my beloved brothers,  
be **steadfast, immovable**,  
always abounding in the **work of the Lord**,  
knowing that in the Lord  
your labor is **not in vain**.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV) (p.3/3)



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