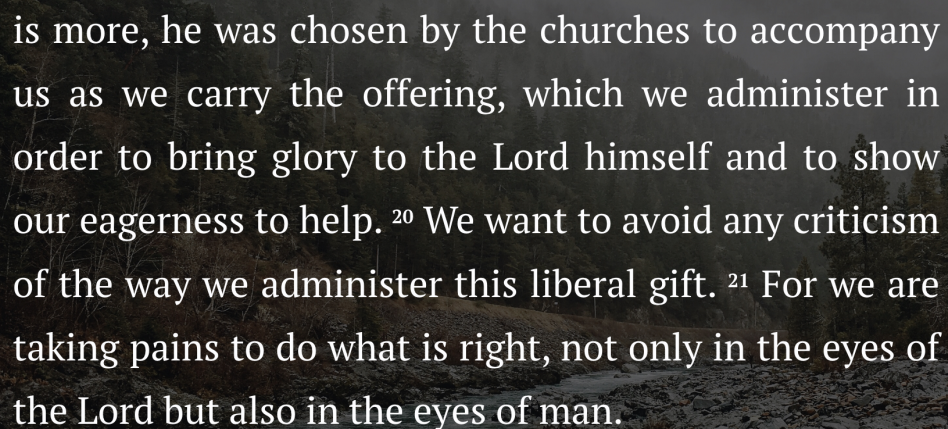


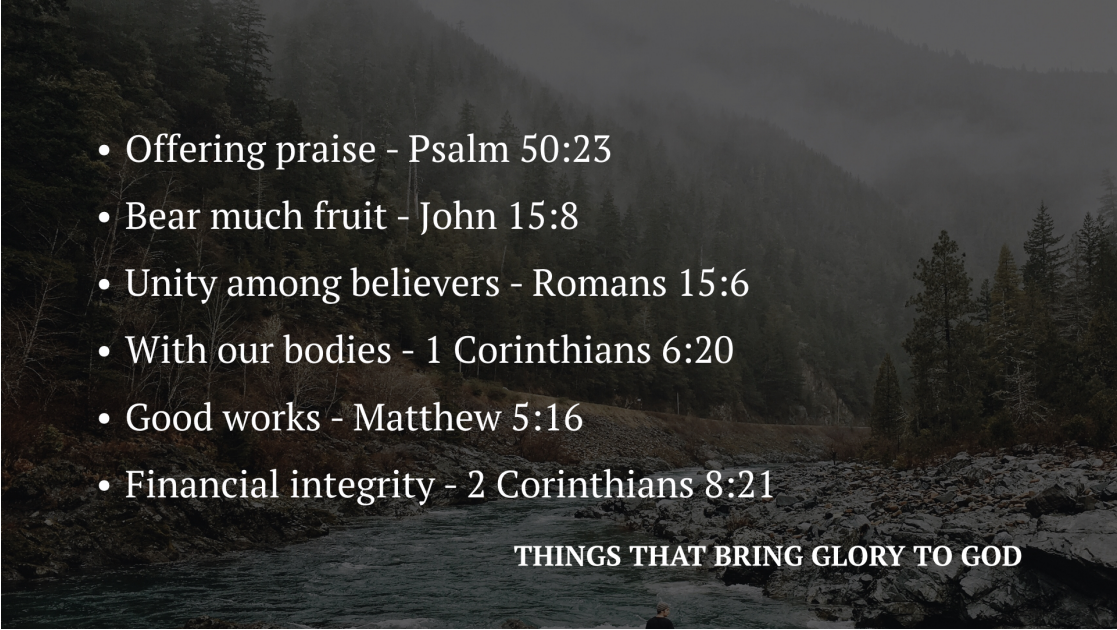
¹⁶ Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. ¹⁷ For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative. ¹⁸ And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. ¹⁹ What

2 Corinthians 8:16-21



is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to bring glory to the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. ²⁰ We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. ²¹ For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

2 Corinthians 8:16-21


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- Offering praise - Psalm 50:23
 - Bear much fruit - John 15:8
 - Unity among believers - Romans 15:6
 - With our bodies - 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - Good works - Matthew 5:16
 - Financial integrity - 2 Corinthians 8:21

THINGS THAT BRING GLORY TO GOD

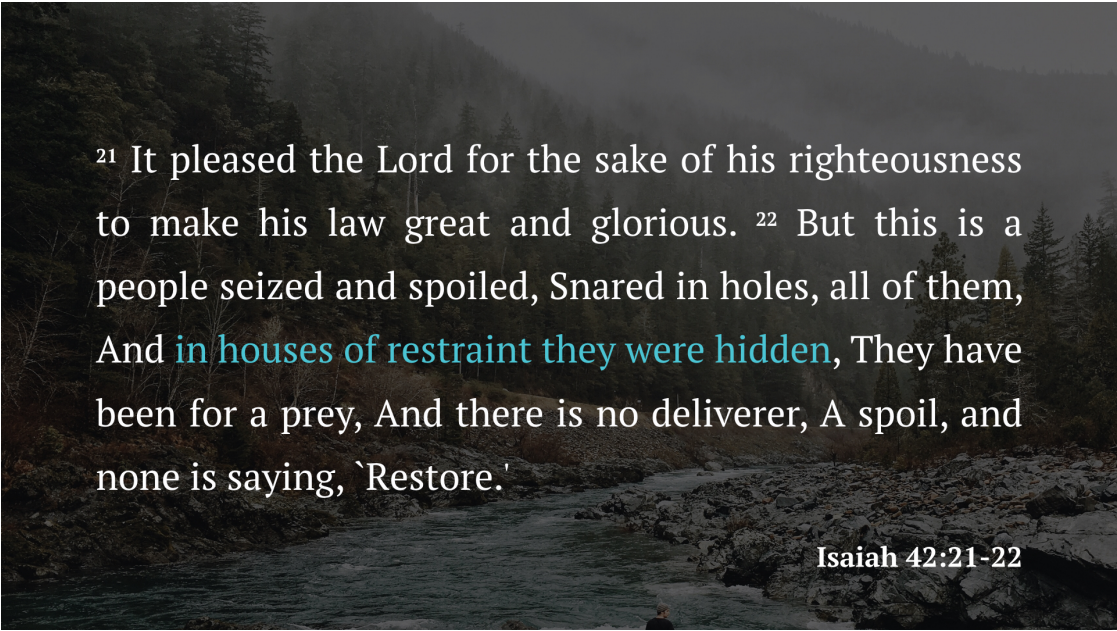


Breaking free from houses of restraint

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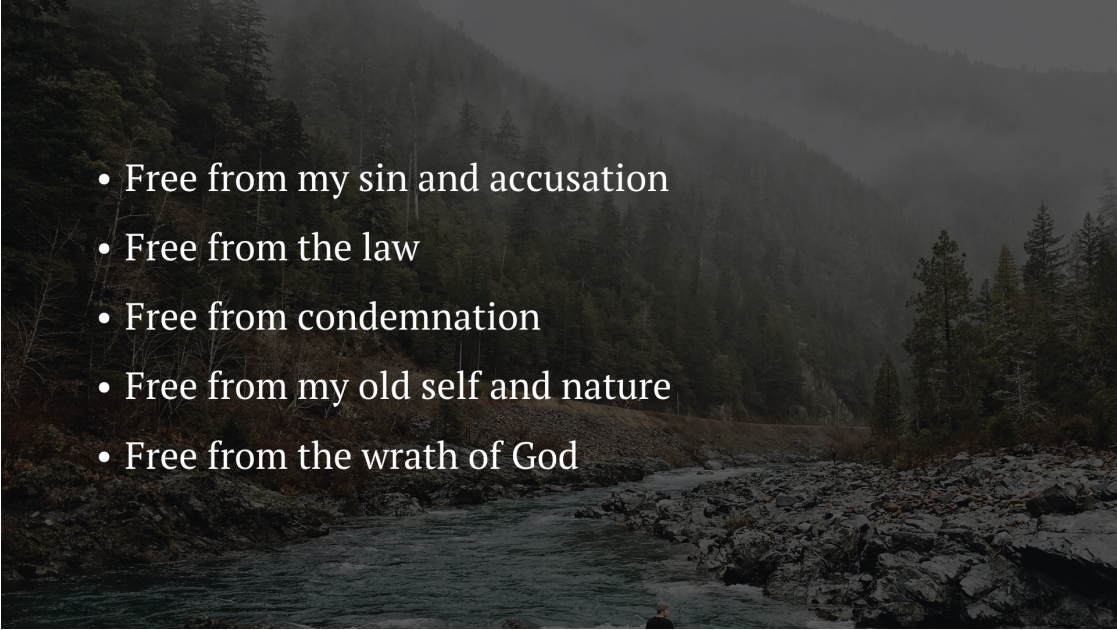


**Freedom is high
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Isaiah 42:21-22

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- Free from my sin and accusation
 - Free from the law
 - Free from condemnation
 - Free from my old self and nature
 - Free from the wrath of God

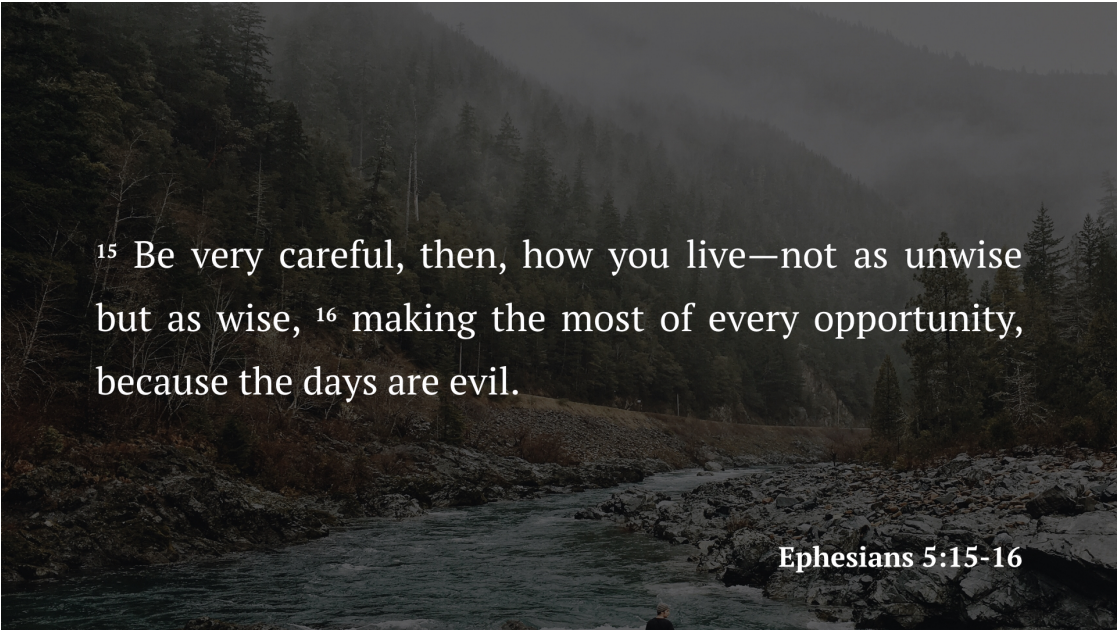
¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are **beneficial**. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be **dominated** by anything.

²³ “All things are lawful,” but not all things are **beneficial**. “All things are lawful,” but not all things **build up**.

1 Corinthians 6:12, 1 Corinthians 10:23

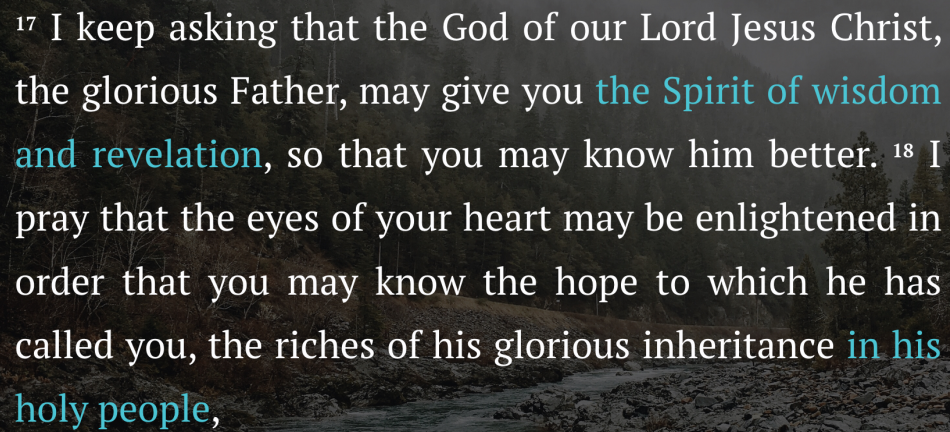


**Wisdom is
this great freedom's
best adornment**



¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise
but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16

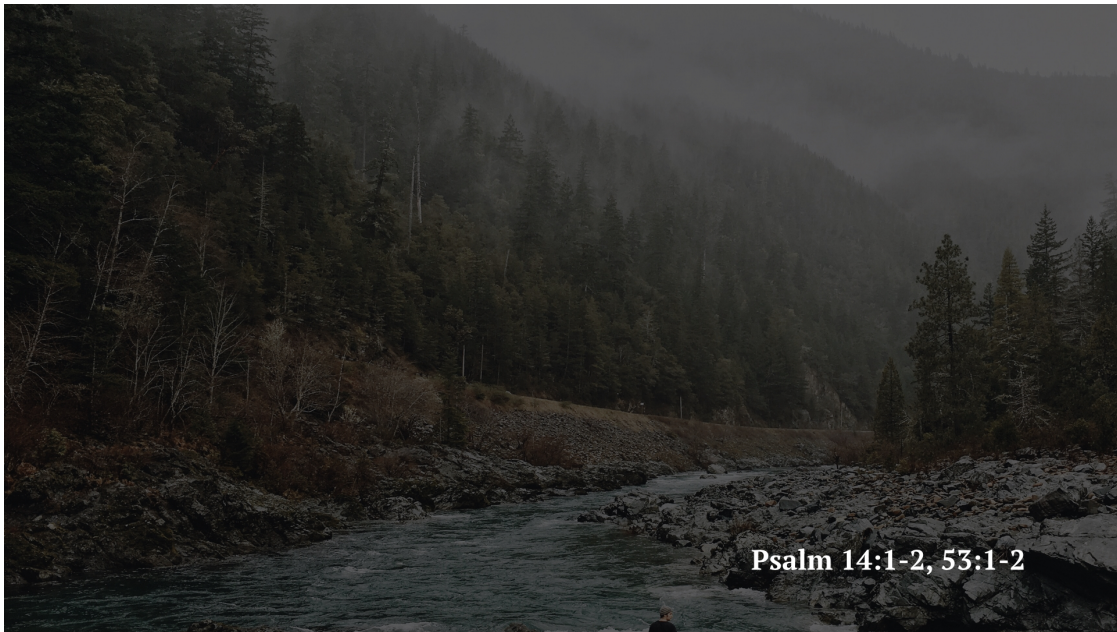


¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance **in his holy people**,

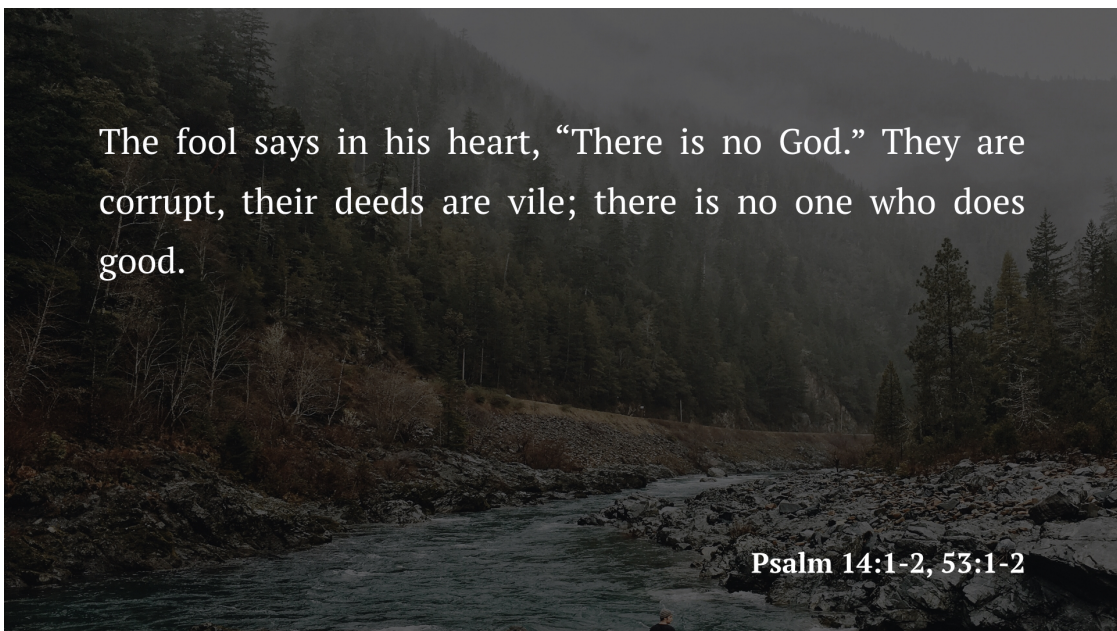
Ephesians 1:17-18



Seek God

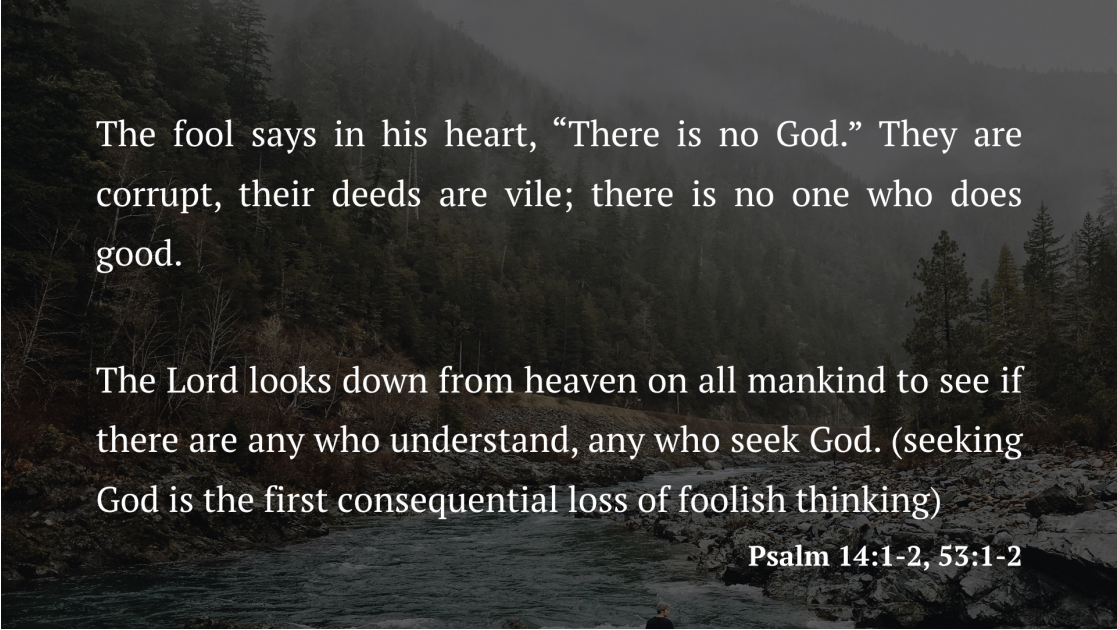


Psalm 14:1-2, 53:1-2



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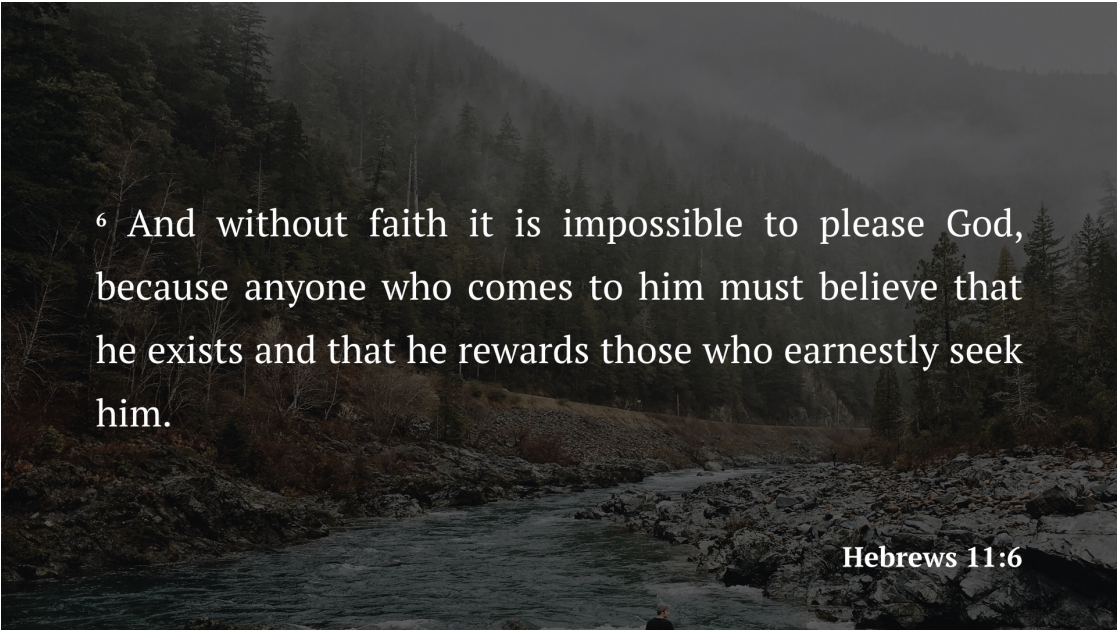
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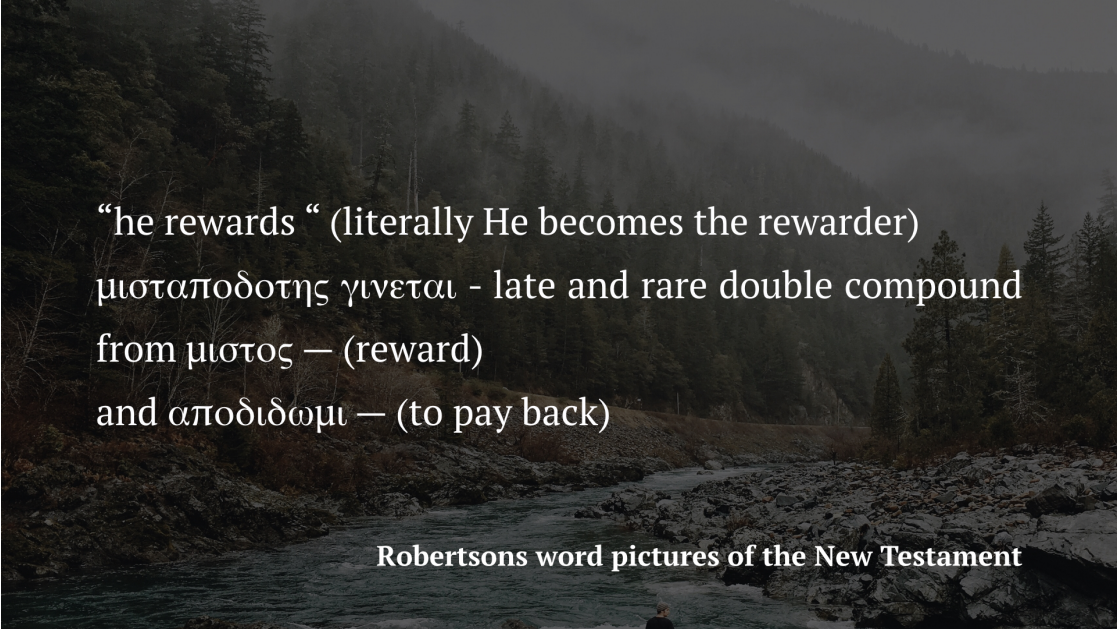
The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (seeking God is the first consequential loss of foolish thinking)

Psalm 14:1-2, 53:1-2



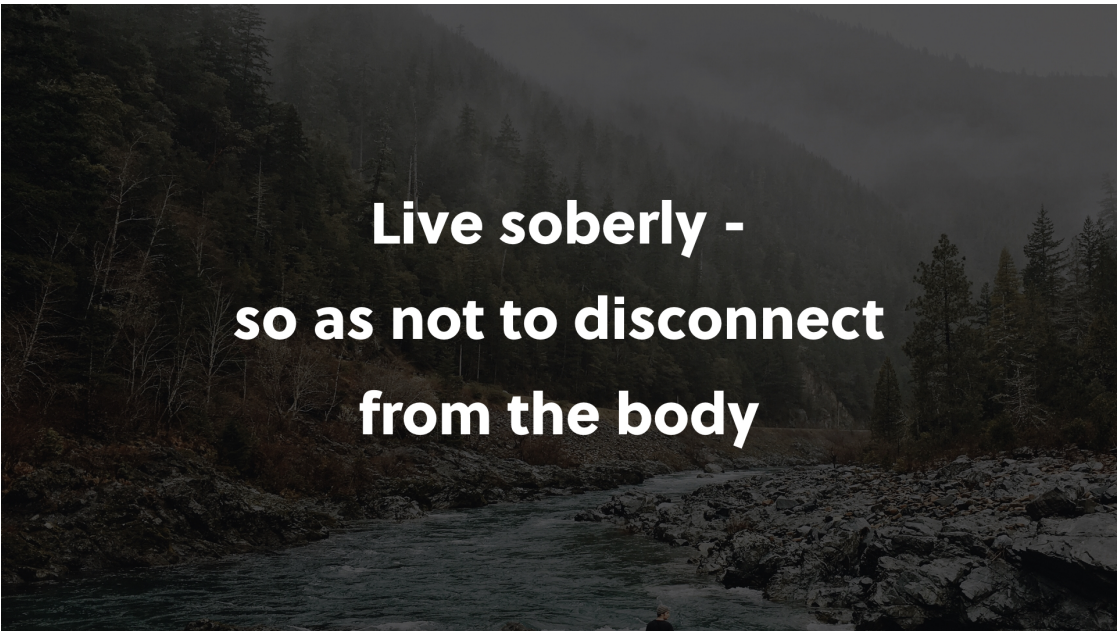
⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

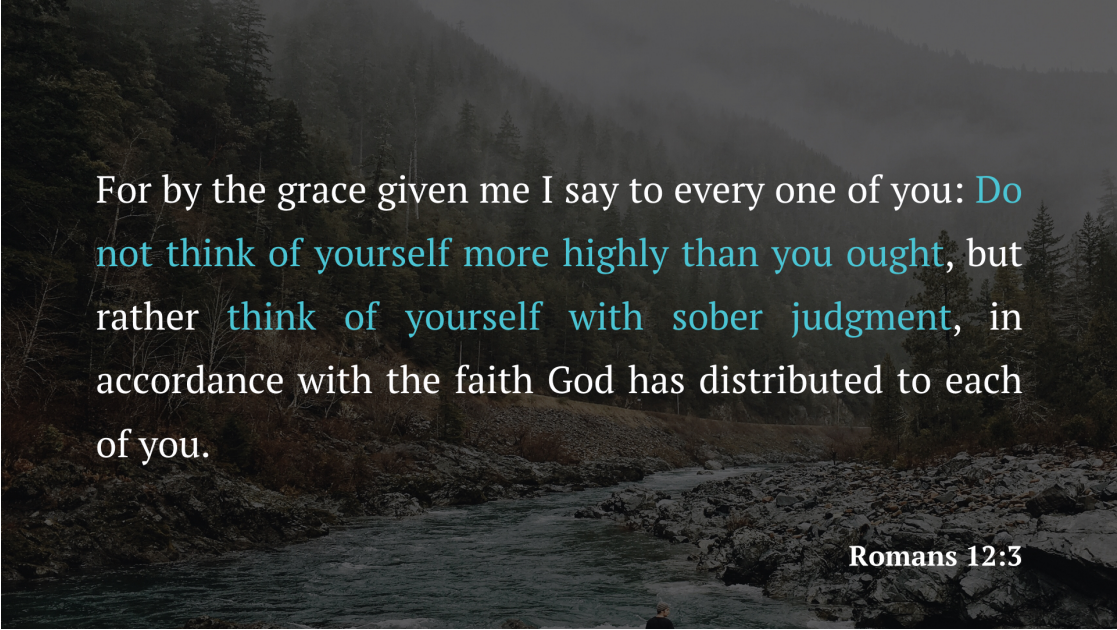


“he rewards “ (literally He becomes the rewarder)
μισταποδοτης γινεται - late and rare double compound
from μιστος — (reward)
and αποδιδωμι — (to pay back)

Robertsons word pictures of the New Testament

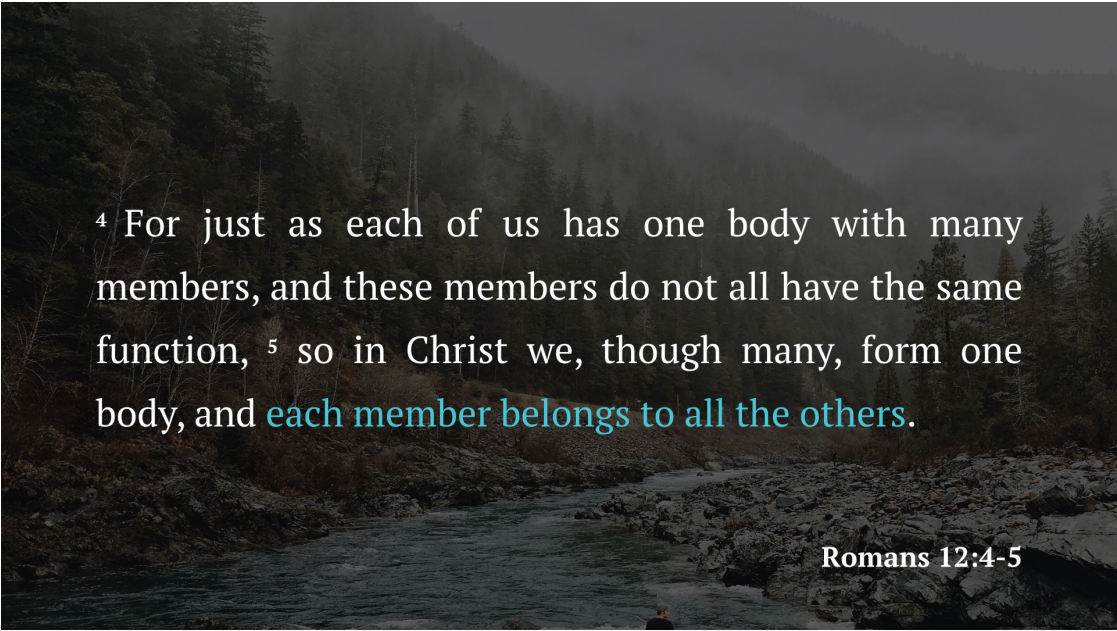


**Live soberly -
so as not to disconnect
from the body**



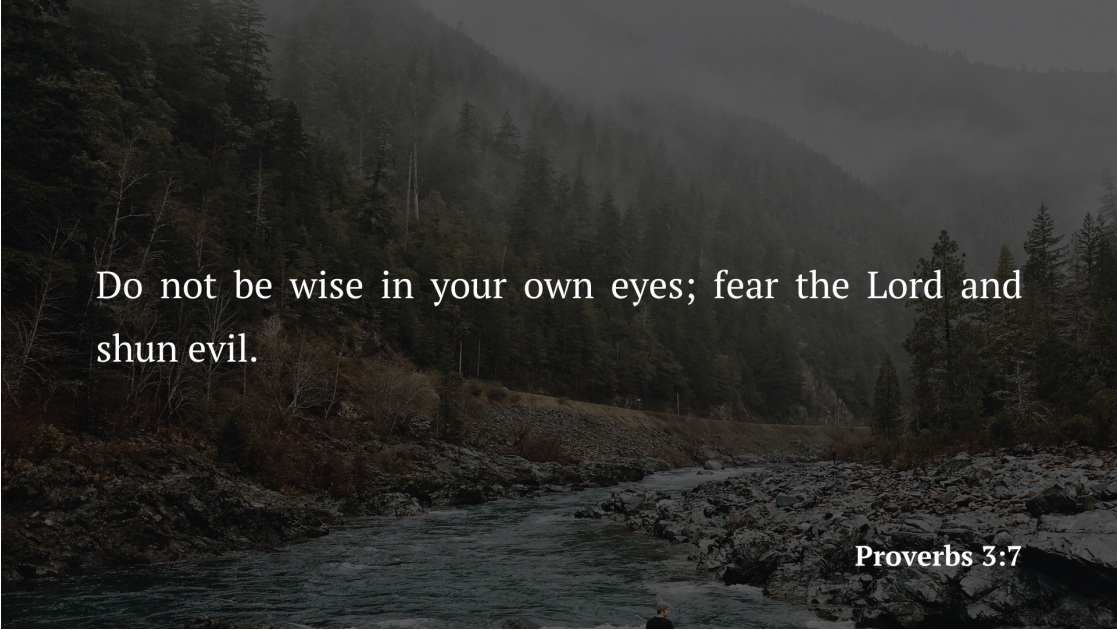
For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought**, but rather **think of yourself with sober judgment**, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Romans 12:3



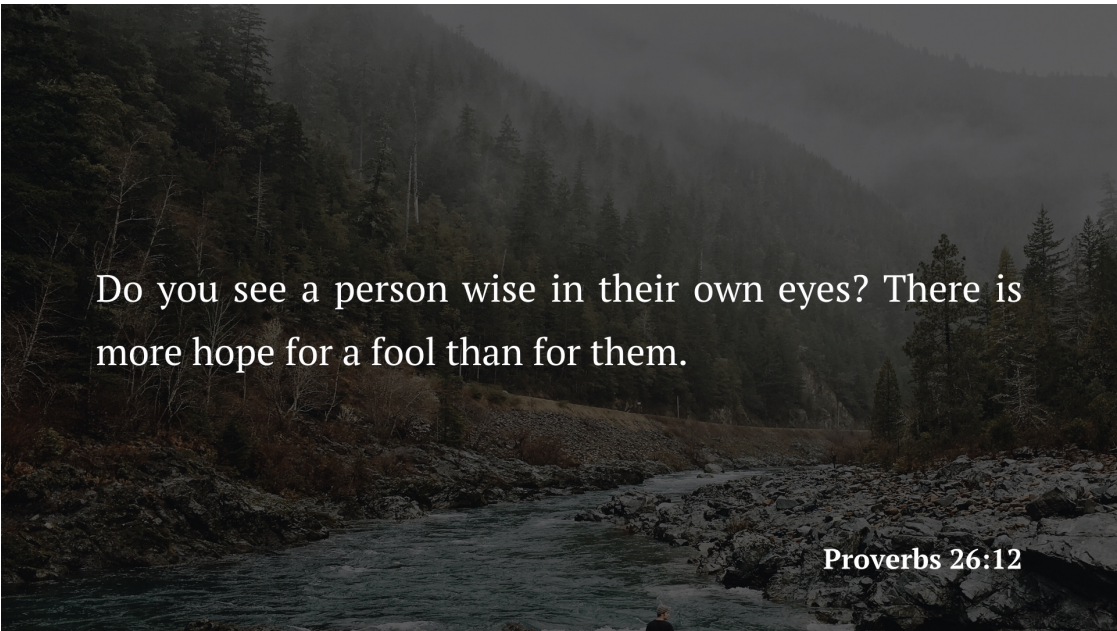
⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and **each member belongs to all the others**.

Romans 12:4-5



Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

Proverbs 3:7



Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.

Proverbs 26:12



FOOLISH

Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise
in his own eyes.

Proverbs 26:5



LAZY

A sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven people
who answer discreetly.

Proverbs 26:16



RICH

The rich are wise in their own eyes; one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are.

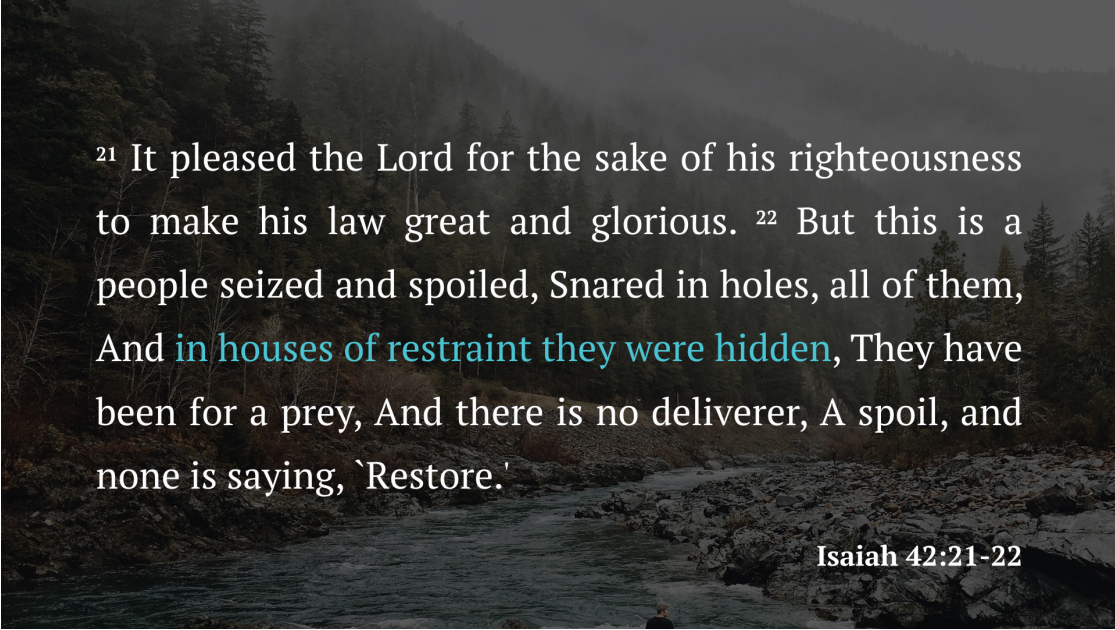
Proverbs 28:11



ARROGANT

‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: “In the pride of your heart you say, “I am a god; . . . though you think you are as wise as a god. . . . 6 “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “Because you think you are wise, as wise as a god,

Proverbs 28:11



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