



Are you a

False

leader?

MATTHEW 23 : 5 - 12



MATTHEW 23:1-12

MARK 12:38-40

LUKE 20:45-47

But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' 8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.

9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.



Apostle Paul

APOSTLE PAUL TOLD THE EPHESIAN
ELDERS THAT HE HAD SPENT NIGHT AND
DAY FOR YEARS WARNING THEM

WHO WOULD TRY TO DESTROY THEIR FAITH

***WHO WOULD COME AS FALSE SPIRITUAL
LEADERS***



Matthew 23:15

“WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU TRAVEL LAND AND SEA TO WIN ONE PROSELYTE, AND WHEN HE IS WON, YOU MAKE HIM TWICE AS MUCH A SON OF HELL AS YOURSELVES.



Matthew 23:1

*Then Jesus
spoke to the
multitudes and
to His disciples*

A scene from a film depicting Jesus in the temple. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe with a red sash, stands in the center, gesturing with his right hand. He is surrounded by several people in traditional attire. The background features large, ornate columns and a bright, glowing light source, possibly a window or an opening in the temple structure. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and historical.

Monday

JESUS IS BACK IN THE TEMPLE, WHICH HE HAS
CLEANSED, AND HE IS MOVING AROUND IN THE
TEMPLE TEACHING



WEDNESDAY HE WILL BE CRUCIFIED



This is the last public speech

They are false shepherds. They are wolves in sheep's clothing.



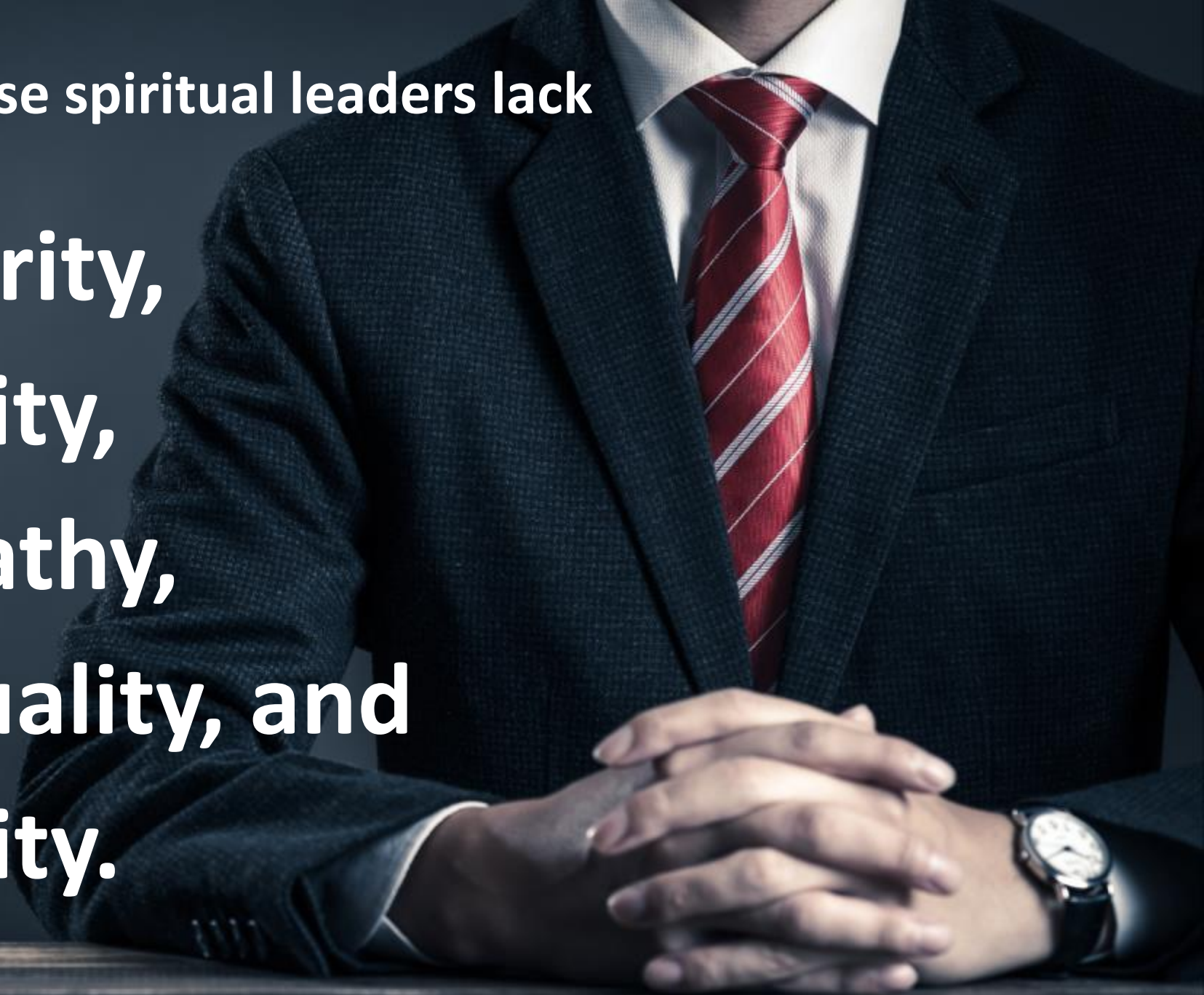
Matthew 23:1-12

He talks to the multitude and the disciples, the leaders are there, and they can hear everything He says, but His message is directed at the people.

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elements that false spiritual leaders lack

1. Authority,
2. Integrity,
3. Sympathy,
4. Spirituality, and
5. Humility.



They lacked spirituality

4



Matthew 23:5



But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.



Matthew 6:1

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.



Matthew 6:5

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Matthew **6:16-18**

“Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.



Jude

1:19

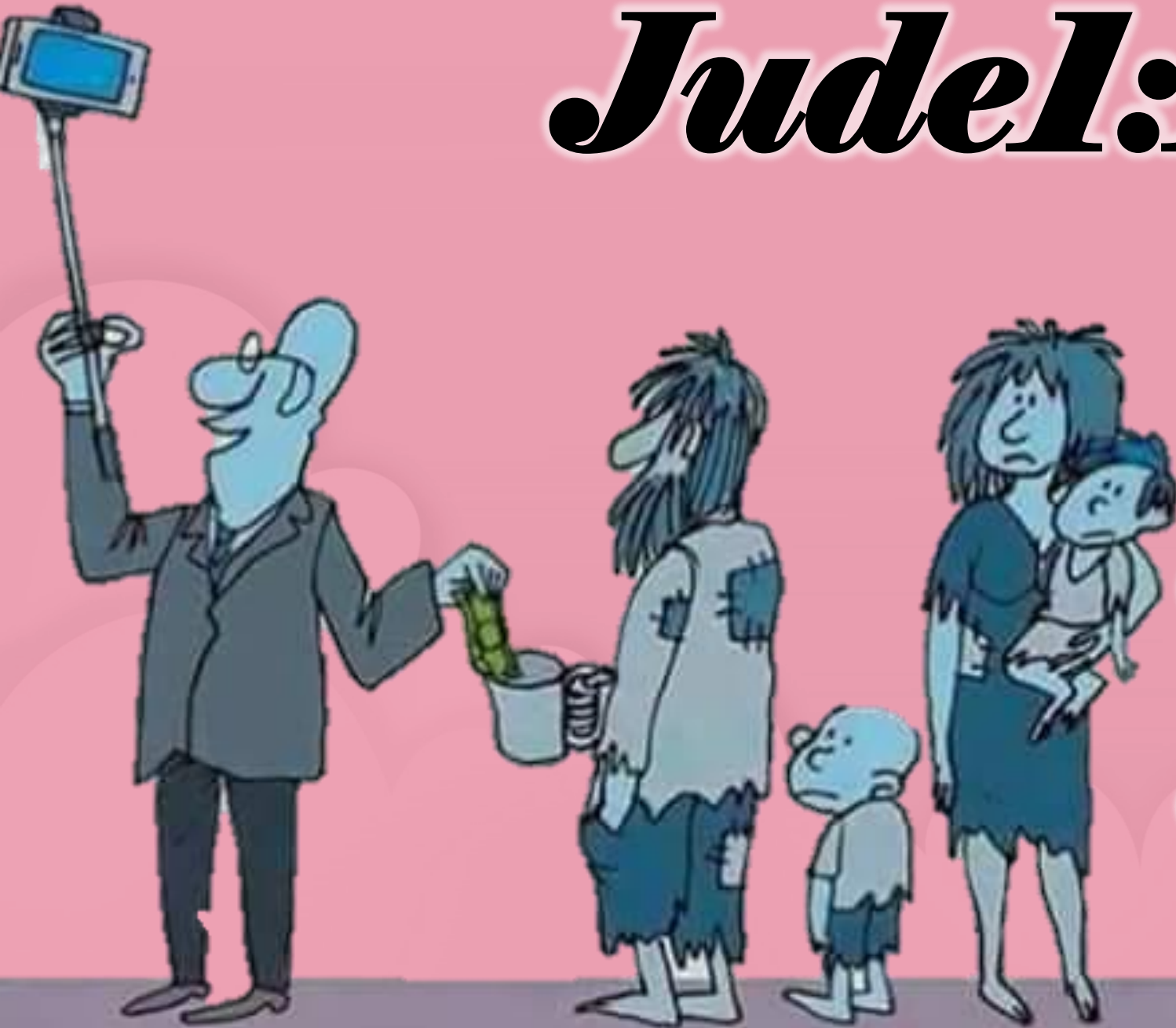


**These are sensual persons, who
cause divisions, not having the Spirit.**

***Matthew 6,
“They have
their
reward.”***



Jude 1:19



*they are
sensual.*

***Jude 1:19, they
have not the Spirit.***



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1 Corinthians 4:4-5

For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.



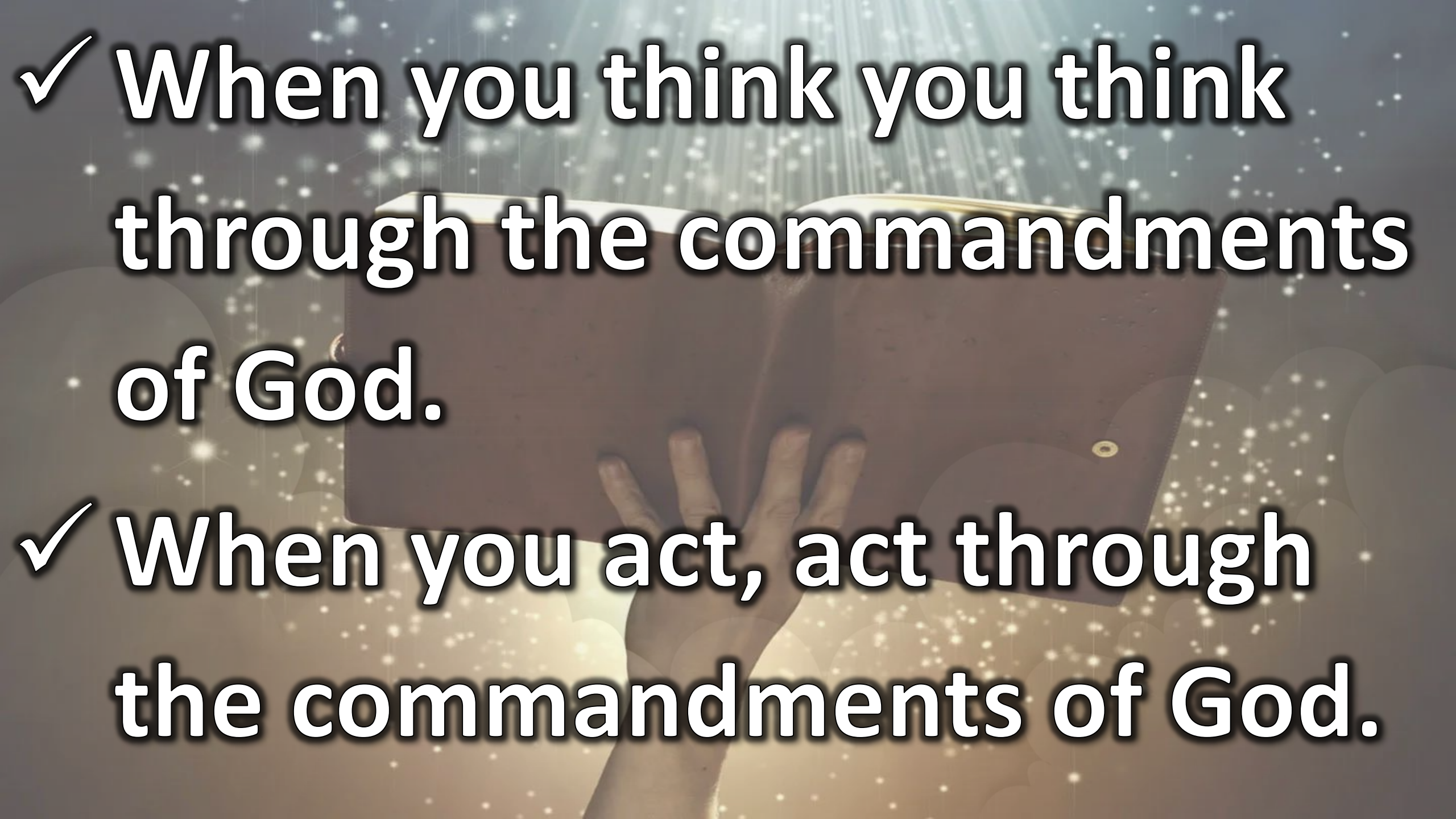
They are called in Scripture

- Whitewashed tombs,
- White walls,
- Graves concealed by grass,
- Broken pots covered with silver dross.
- Wolves in sheep's clothing.
- Wells without water,
- Cloaks covering sin.
- Hired weepers who cry for a price.



Exodus 13:9
Exodus 13:16
Deut 6:8
Deut 11:18



A hand holding a brown book against a background of light rays and bokeh. The text is overlaid on the image.

✓ When you think you think
through the commandments
of God.

✓ When you act, act through
the commandments of God.



Phylacteries

The word basically means, “a means of protection.”



In the box they put four sections of the Mosaic law,

Exodus 13:1 to 10,

Exodus 13:11-16,

Deuteronomy 6:4-9,

Deuteronomy 11:13-21

they strapped the one on their hand,
they had seven times around the arm
and three times around the hand.



Every time he goes to prayer in the times of prayer designated in the day, particularly in the morning, he puts that on when he prays.



Matthew 23:5
they made them
large.



Matthew 23:5

***enlarge the
borders of
their
garments.***



Numbers 15:37-41

Again the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 38 “Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. 39 And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined,



Matthew 9:20



Matthew 23:6

They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,

They lacked
humility.



Matthew 23:6

the best seats in the synagogues,



Matthew

23:7

**greetings in the
marketplaces,
and to be
called by men,
'Rabbi, Rabbi.'**



DOCERE

to teach



**Latin
equivalent is
doctor**

Matthew

23:10

And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.



- They wanted to be called doctor – **knowledge.**
- They wanted to be called leader - **authority.**
- Another word they loved to be called is **father.**



Matthew 23:9



**Do not call
anyone on earth
your father; for
One is your Father,
He who is in
heaven.**

Matthew

23:8

But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.





1 Thessalonians

5:12-13

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.



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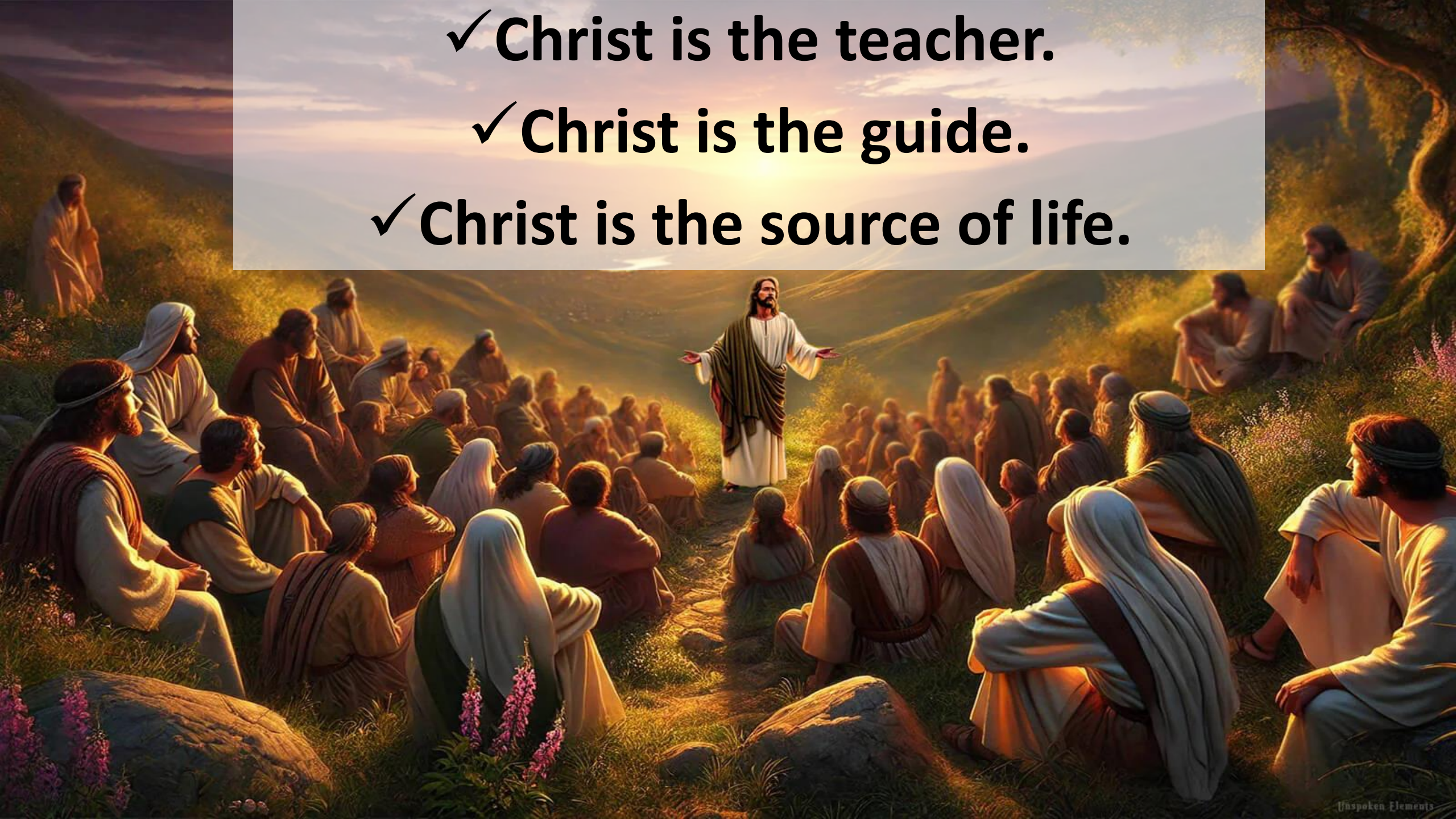
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- ✓ Christ is the teacher.
- ✓ Christ is the guide.
- ✓ Christ is the source of life.



A person wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie is holding a black rectangular card with white text. The card is held in their right hand, and the text on it reads "Servant Leadership".

Matthew

23:11

***But he who is
greatest among
you shall be your
servant.***



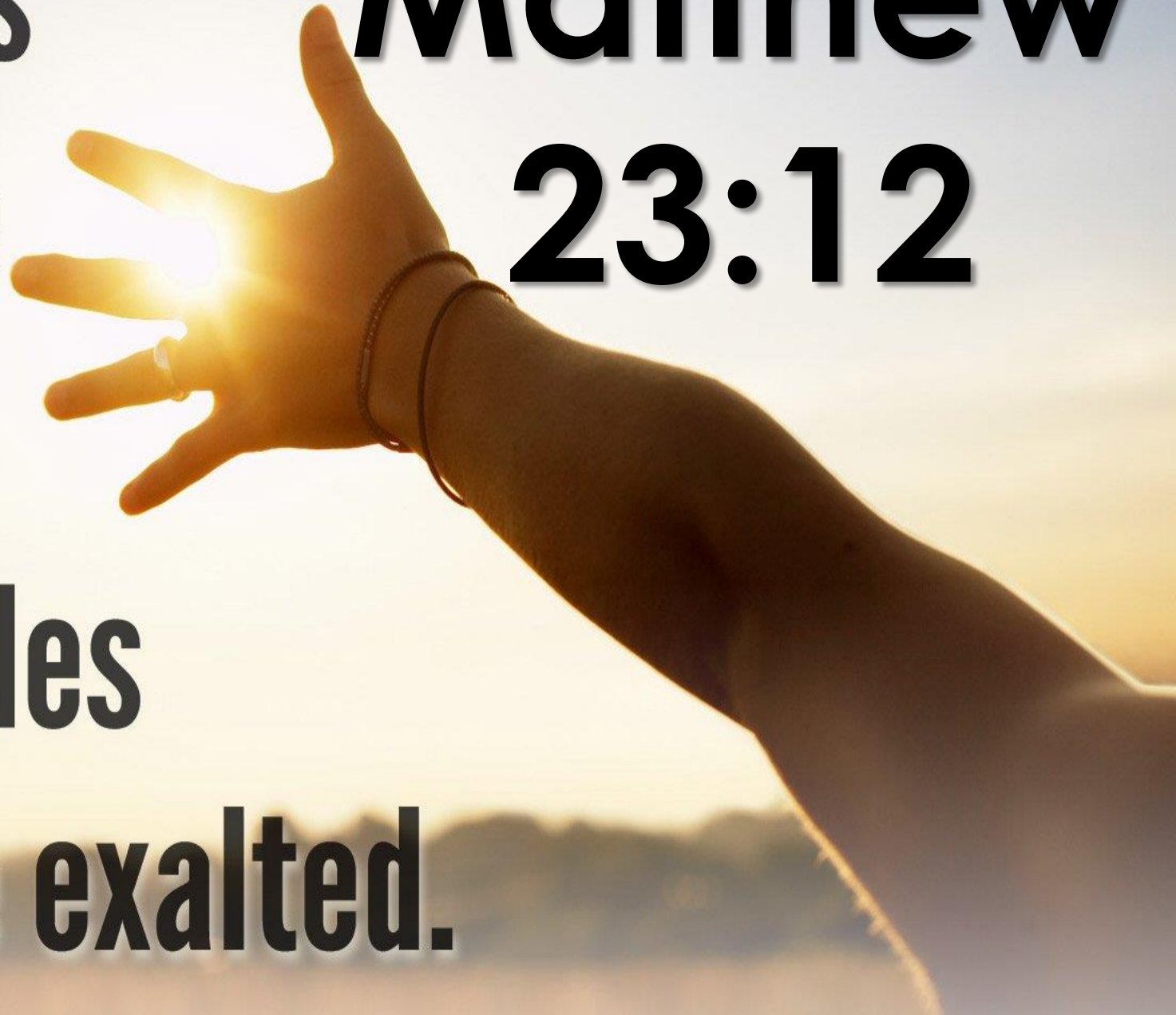
Whoever is the best server?

**Whoever is the most
selfless?**

**Whoever gives and gives
and gives.**

**Whoever exalts
himself will be
humbled, and
whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.**

**Matthew
23:12**



1 Peter 5:1-3

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock:



Divine Authority,

His authority comes from the word of God.

Integrity,

Look at his life.

Sympathy,

God's kingdom not His

Spirituality

it's the heart he is concerned about

Humility

he manifests the heart of a servant

True Spiritual Leader

