

PROVERBS LESSON 14

A photograph of a dirt path with several large, flat, light-colored stones laid out in a line, leading away from the viewer into a field of tall, green grass. The path is slightly curved and recedes into the distance.

Path to Maturity

SECULAR VIEW

1972	2022
Long Hair	Longing for Hair
KEG	EKG
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Fondue	Fiber
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends



MOVEMENT



ATTITUDES



TRAINABLE



UPRIGHT



RESPONSIBILITY



INTEGRITY



TRUSTWORTHY



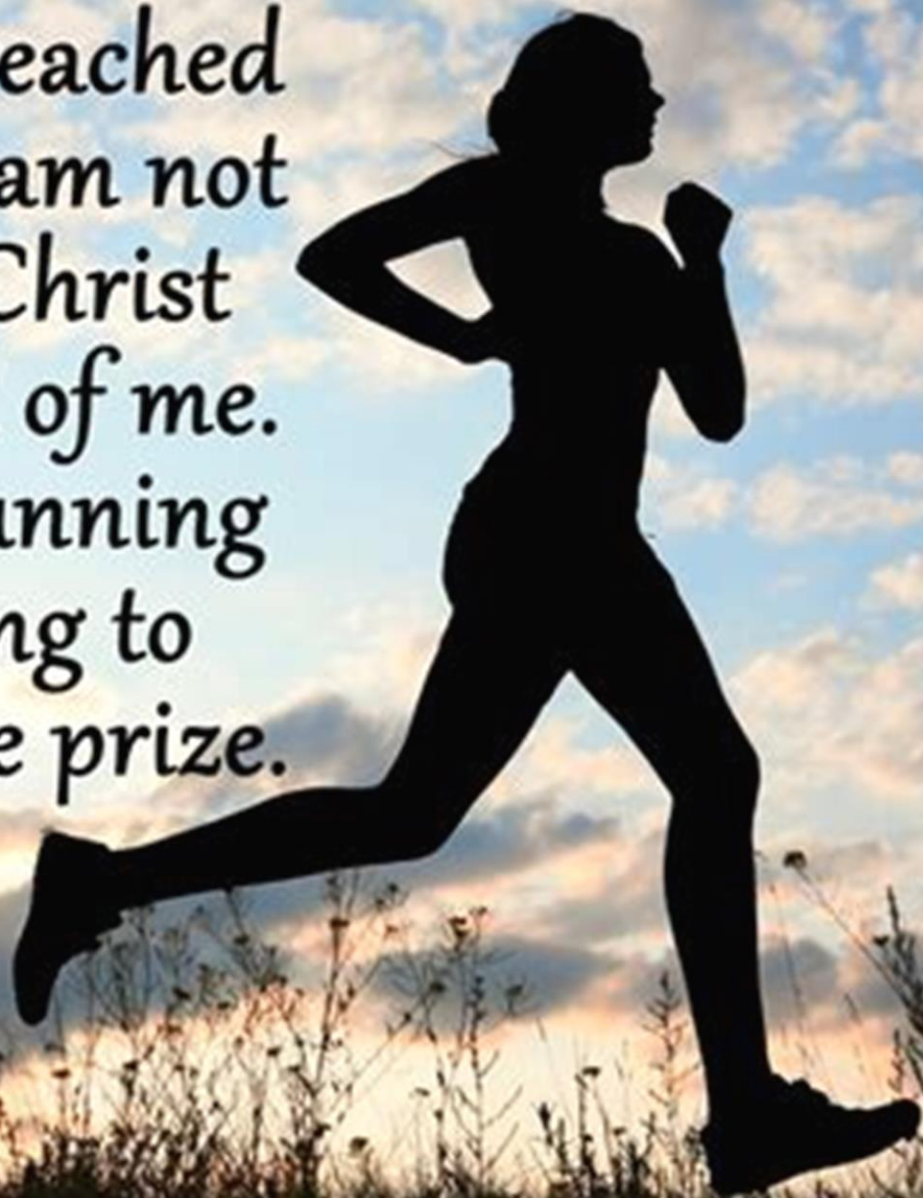
YIELD YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST


WHAT DOES MATURITY LOOK LIKE



I have not yet reached
my goal, and I am not
perfect. But Christ
has taken hold of me.
So I keep on running
and struggling to
take hold of the prize.

Philippians 3:12





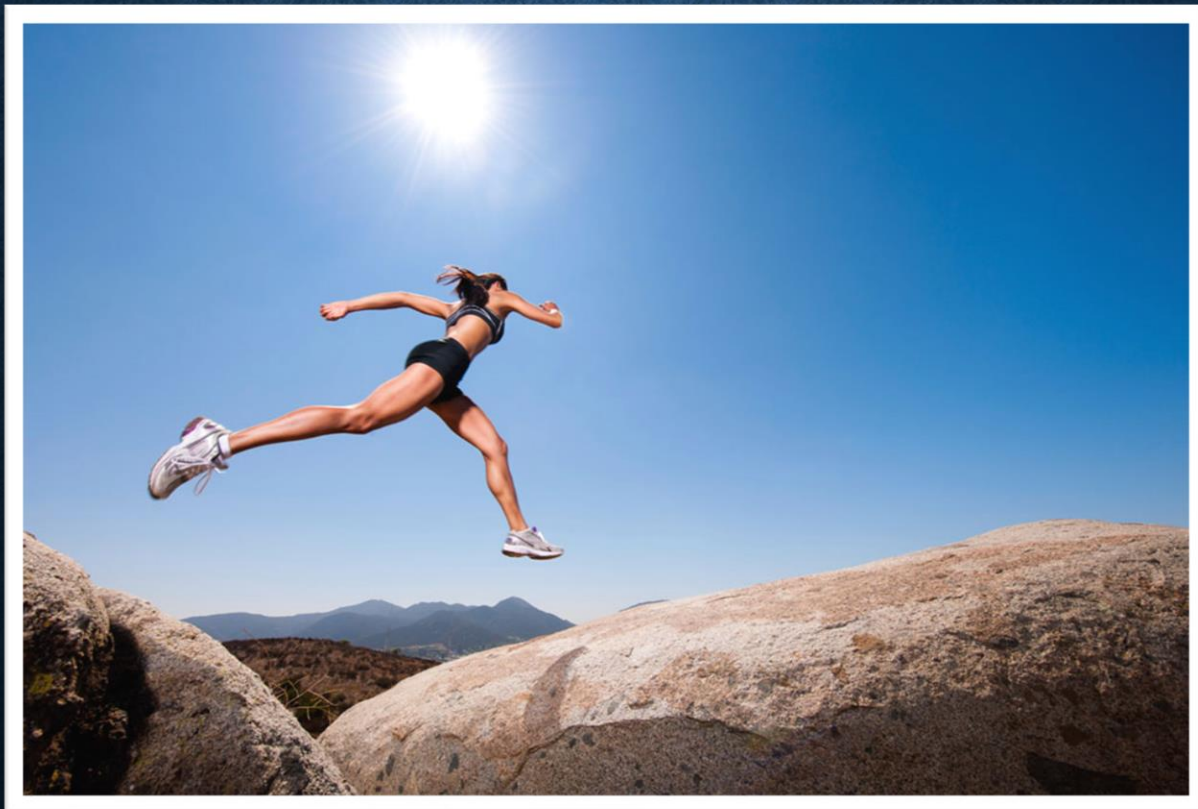
Matthew 25:23

WELL DONE
good and faithful servant



MOVEMENT

- Movement = Progression
- *Tamim* = Completeness/Wholeness





TTITUDE

Attitude of Obedience – Wise vs. Naïve



**TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;
IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM,
AND HE WILL MAKE
YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.**

PROVERBS 3:5-6



TTITUDE

Attitude of looking Upward vs. Inward

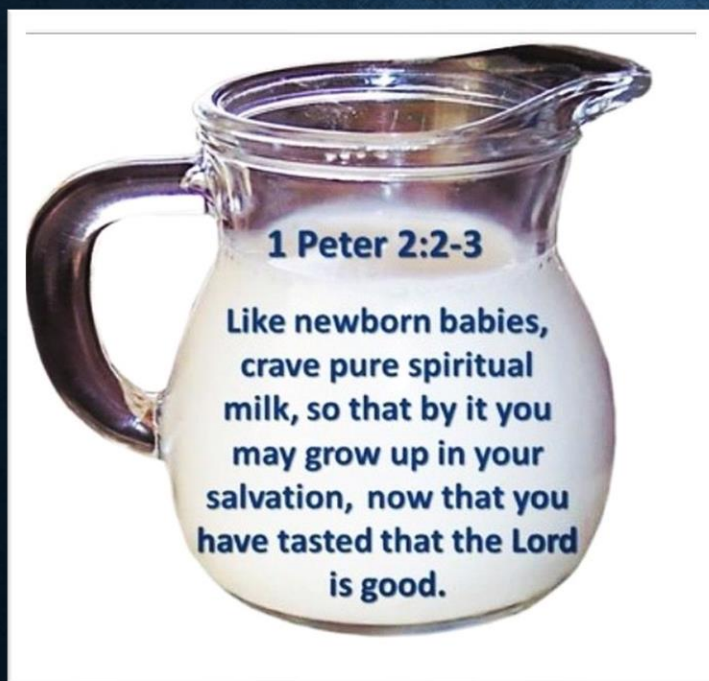
The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways,
But a good man will be satisfied from above.

Proverbs 14:14

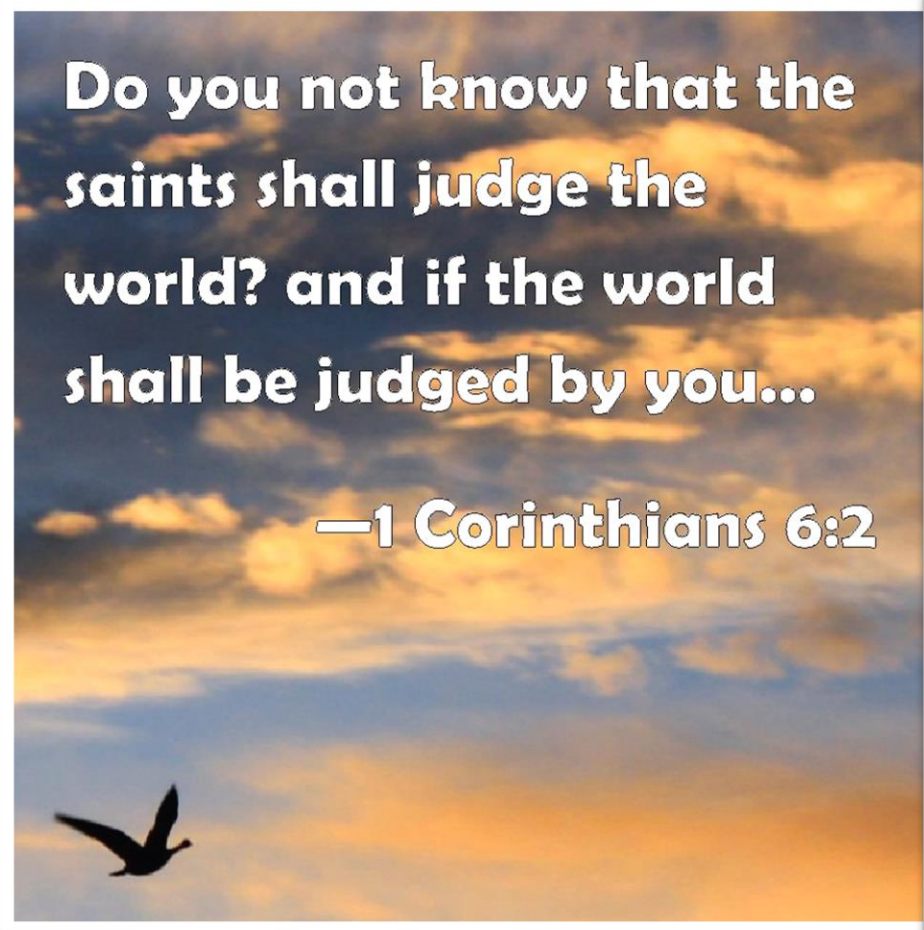


TTITUDE

Attitude of Discernment vs. Judgment




Hebrews 10:30: Vengeance is Mine, I will repay



**Do you not know that the
saints shall judge the
world? and if the world
shall be judged by you...**

—1 Corinthians 6:2



**Know you not that we
shall judge angels? how
much more things that
pertain to this life?**

—1 Corinthians 6:3

Hebrews 10:30 Vengeance is Mine, I will repay



RAINABLE

Wisdom
&
Instruction

*A wise man
will hear,
and will
increase learning;
and a man
of understanding
shall attain unto
wise counsels:*

Proverbs 1:5



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Wisdom & Instruction

DO NOT

BE AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED,

FOR THE LORD GOD,

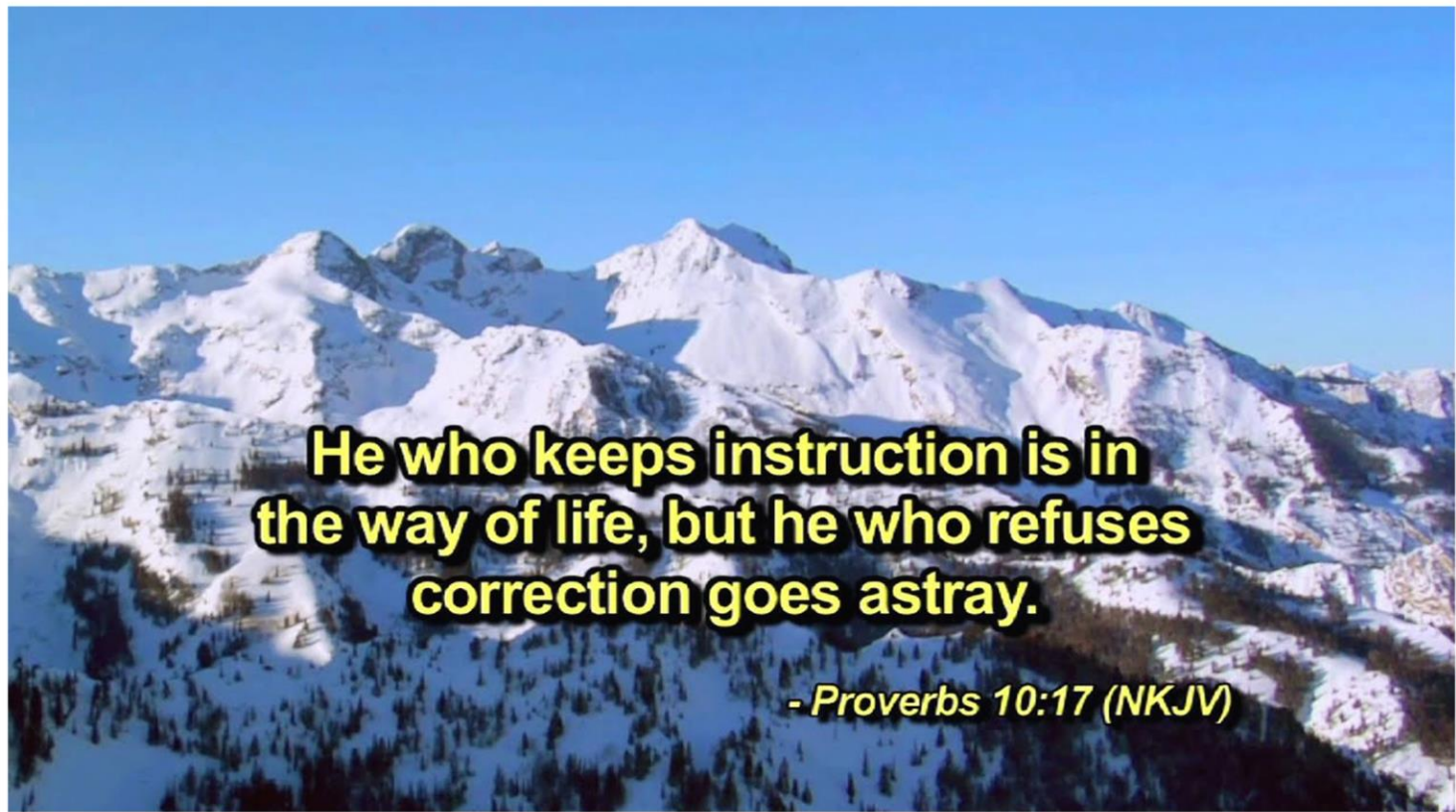
MY GOD, IS WITH YOU.

I CHRONICLES 28:20



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Accept Discipline



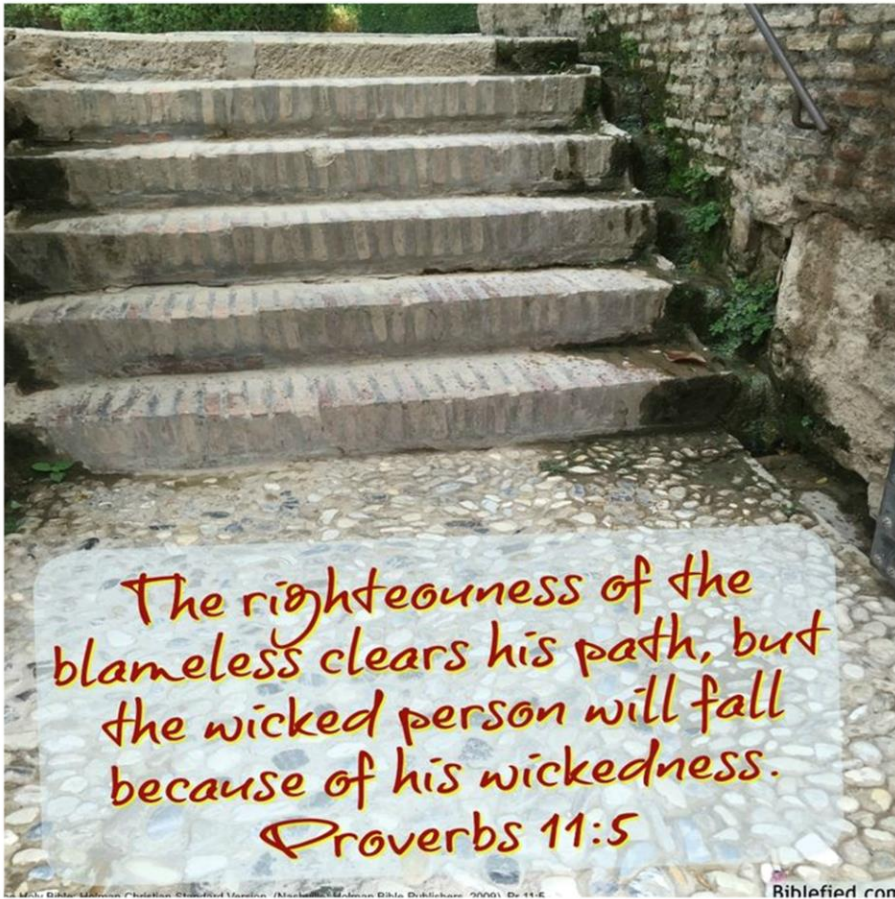
He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, but he who refuses correction goes astray.

- Proverbs 10:17 (NKJV)



UPRIGHT

Blameless





UPRIGHT

Understand the Fear of the Lord

To fear the Lord is to hate evil;
He hates pride and arrogance,
evil behavior and perverse
speech.

Proverbs 8:13

REPENTANCE

Real

Relevant

Raw



Recognize

Reflection

Resonate

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPONSIBILITY

Know God's Word

**Bind them continually on
your heart, and tie them
about your neck.**

—Proverbs 6:21

**For the commandment is
a lamp; and the law is
light; and reproofs of
instruction are the way of
life:**

—Proverbs 6:23



RESPONSIBILITY

Commit your works to the Lord.





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Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

–Colossians 3:23-24





RESPONSIBILITY

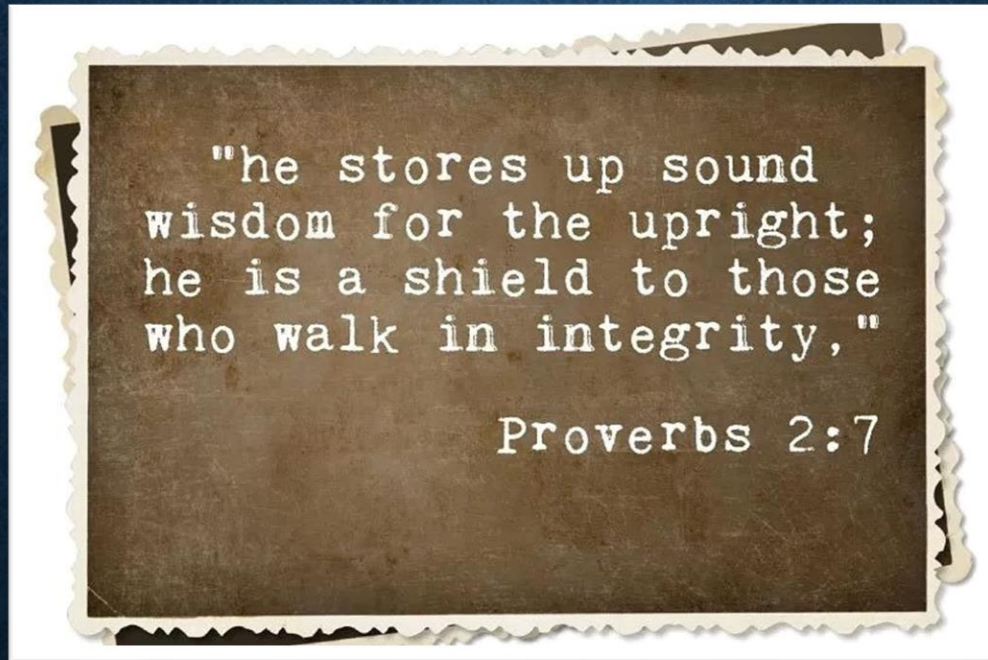
Be Patient and not Angry

A hot-tempered
person starts
fights; a cool-
tempered person
stops them.
Proverbs 15:18



INTEGRITY

Use wisdom to gain discernment



Then you will discern righteousness, justice,
And **integrity**, *and* every good path (Proverbs 2:9).



INTEGRITY

Develop Confidence, Stability, and Strength of Character

"Not only this, but we also *rejoice* in sufferings, knowing that suffering produces

endurance,

and endurance,

character,

and character,

hope."

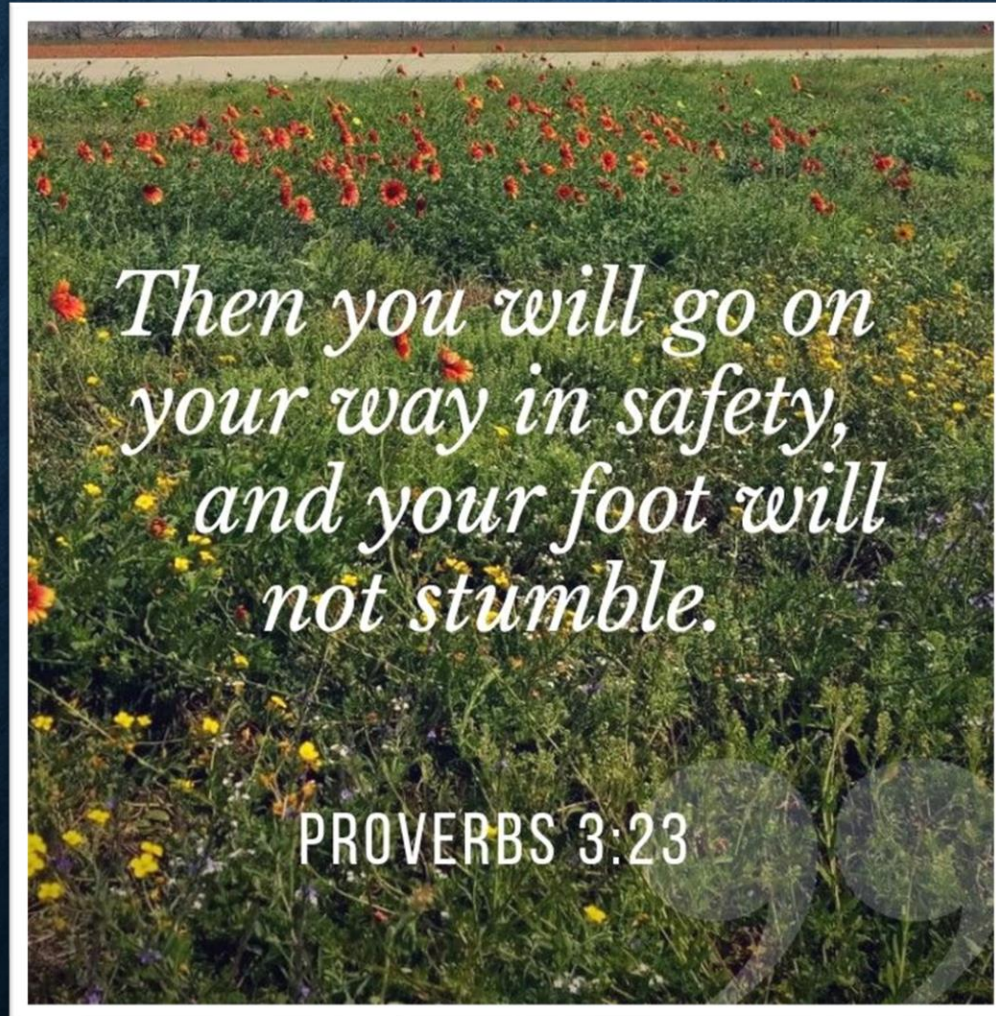
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ROMANS 5:3-4



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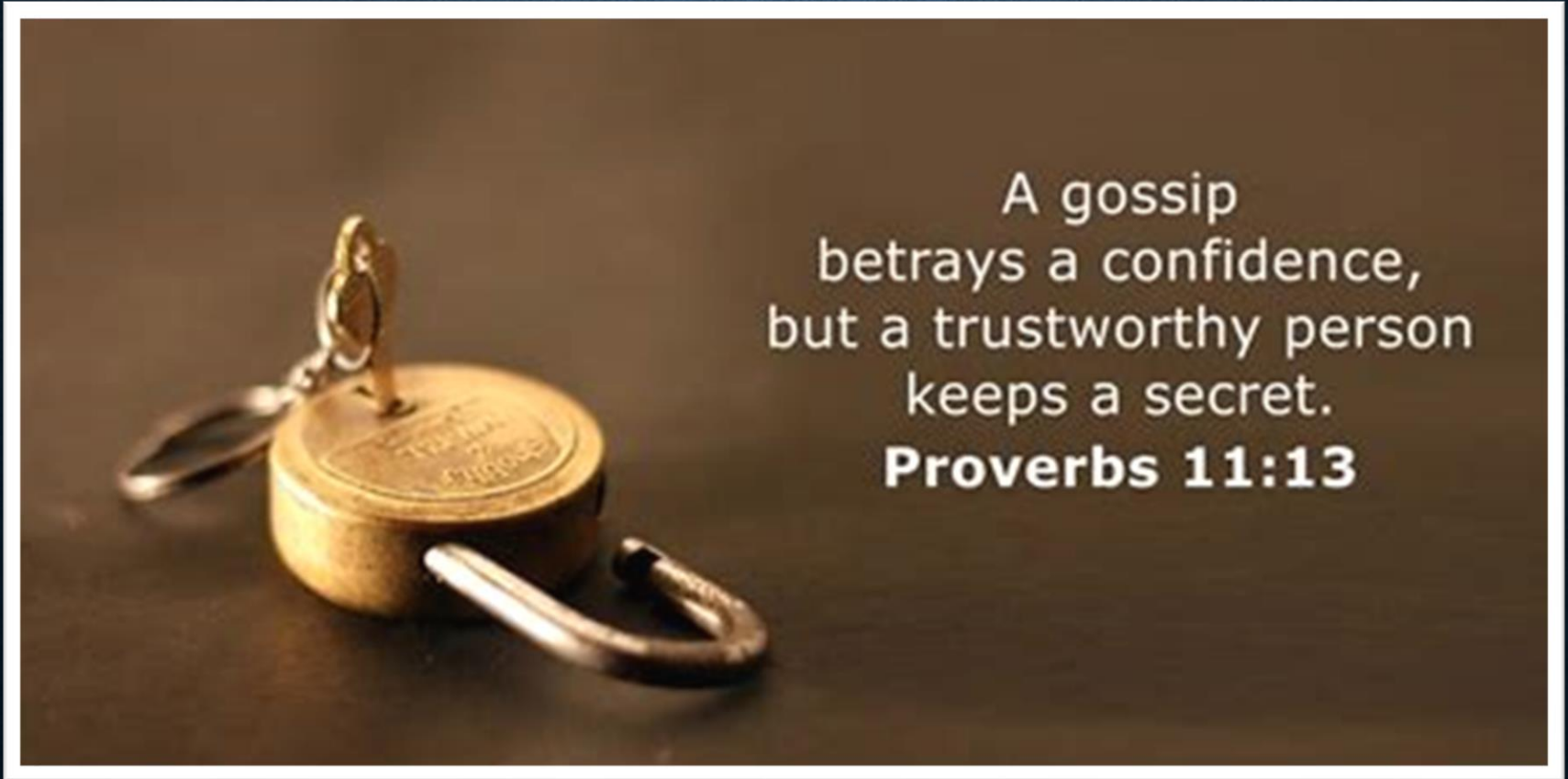


RUSTWORTHY

- Truthful
- Honest
- Does not gossip or lie



RUSTWORTHY



A gossip
betrays a confidence,
but a trustworthy person
keeps a secret.

Proverbs 11:13

Proverbs 14:5 A trustworthy witness will not lie, but a false witness declares lies.



RUSTWORTHY

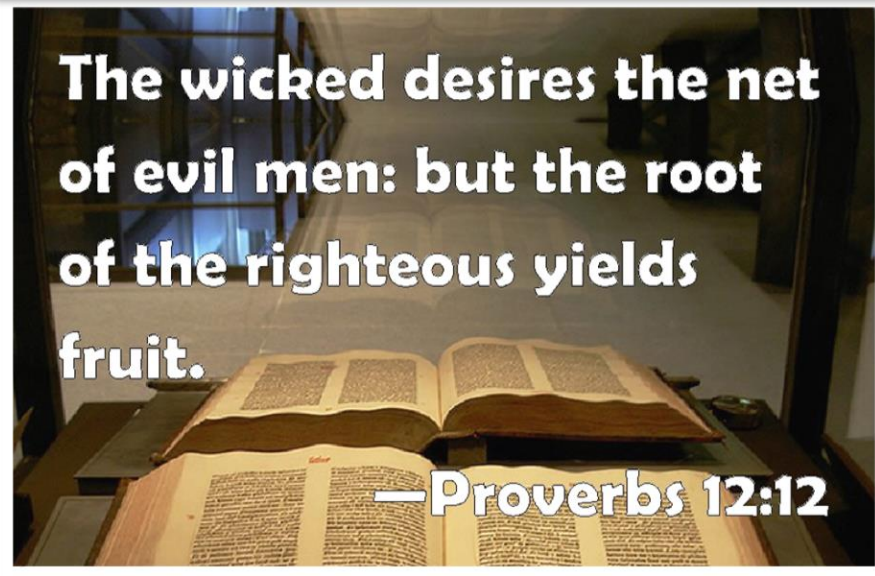
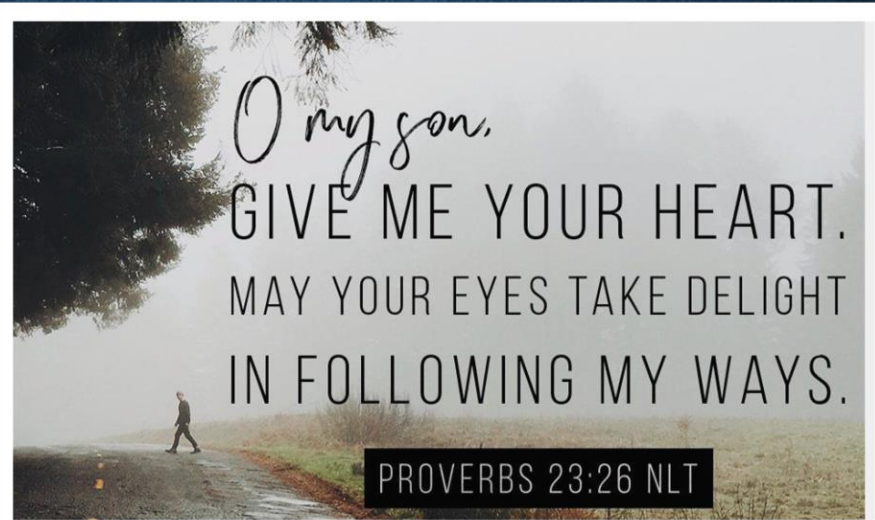
de·pend·a·ble

1. Worthy of trust; reliable
2. steadfast; responsible; faithful
3. capable of being counted on



YIELD YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST

- Surrender
- Produce





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IELD YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST

A collection of various fruits including grapes, pineapple, kiwi, and apples. The fruits are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, creating a vibrant and colorful background for the text.

**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,
KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS,
SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH
THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.**

- GALATIANS 5:22-23 -



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LIFE APPLICATION

- Study God's Word daily.
- Live a life worthy of the Lord's desires.
- Have confidence to know the Lord is trustworthy and keeps His promises.
- Examine your own heart and where you stand in your relationship with Christ and others.
- Know that when you fall, the Lord is there to pick you up, and He will never forsake you.

CONCLUSION

Philippians 1

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may discover the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ; ¹¹ having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God.