



# Man of High Impact

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**Do we really understand  
a commitment to  
Jesus Christ?**



**Who shapes our concept  
of God?**

**Past  
Culture**

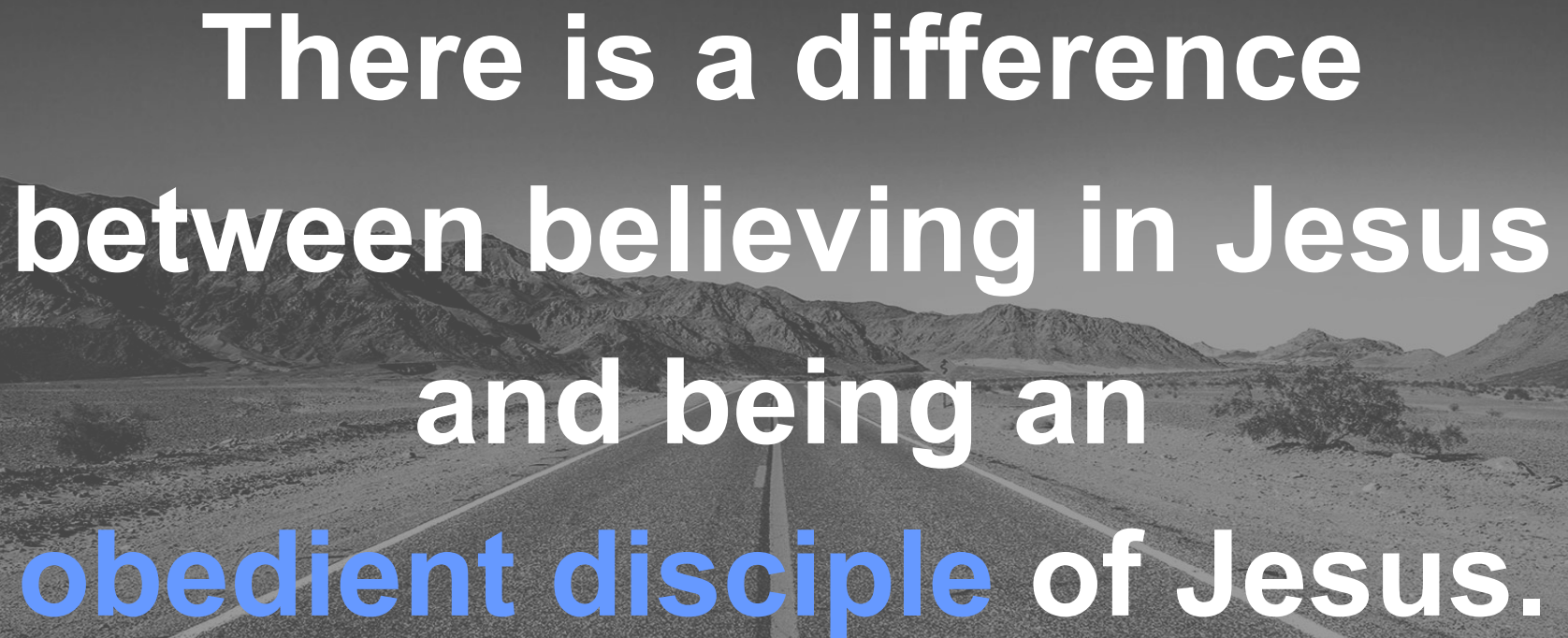
# Result:

**We commit our lives to God if:**

- 1. It's convenient.**
- 2. It doesn't cost too much.**
- 3. It doesn't make me a fanatic.**
- 4. I don't have to be a missionary**



**Your concept of God will  
determine your  
commitment to God.**



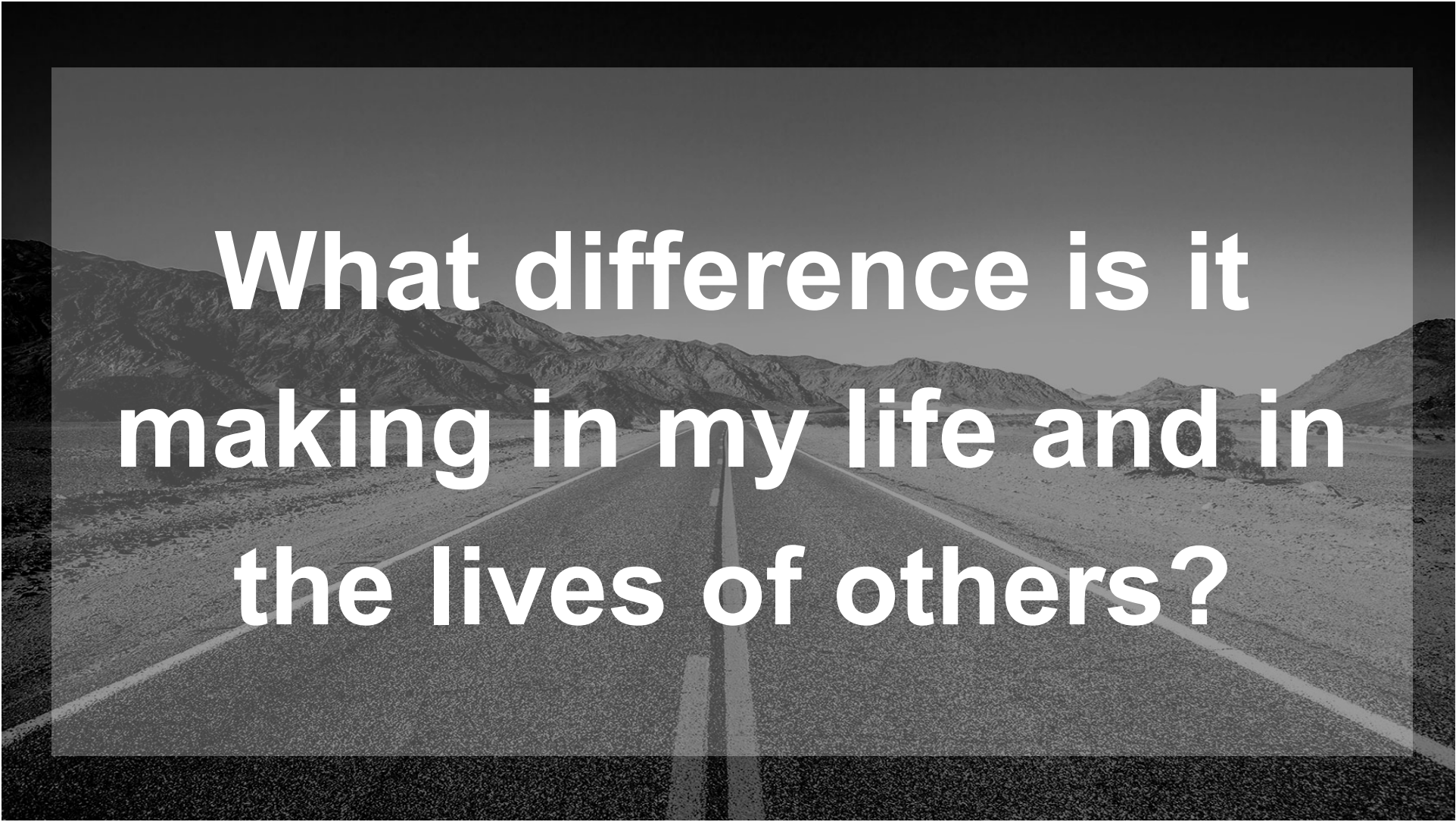
**There is a difference  
between believing in Jesus  
and being an  
obedient disciple of Jesus.**



Satan **believes** but

Satan does not

**submit.**



**What difference is it  
making in my life and in  
the lives of others?**



**Jesus never made it easy  
to follow Him.**

**Mark 8**

**Luke 9**

**John 6:66**



**Contrary to  
cultural  
Christianity**



**If you have ever met  
Christ – for real – you  
can never be the same  
again!**



**How do I become an obedient  
disciple?**

**How do I become the person  
God meant for me to be?**

**Some people are saying...**



**“I’m too young”**

**“I’m too old”**

**“I’m retired from church  
work”**

## 2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

A black and white photograph of a long, straight road stretching into the distance, flanked by mountains and a clear sky. The road is the central focus, leading the eye towards the horizon. The mountains in the background are rugged and layered, creating a sense of depth. The sky is clear and light, contrasting with the darker tones of the road and mountains.

**In essence, he is saying...**

**Objectives determine outcome**

**You achieve that for  
which you aim.**





**3 secrets to becoming the person  
God meant for you to be!**

- 1. Is the Lord well-pleased?  
(a passion for a person)**

**Do your best to present yourself to God as  
one approved (2 Tim. 2:15)**



## John 17:3

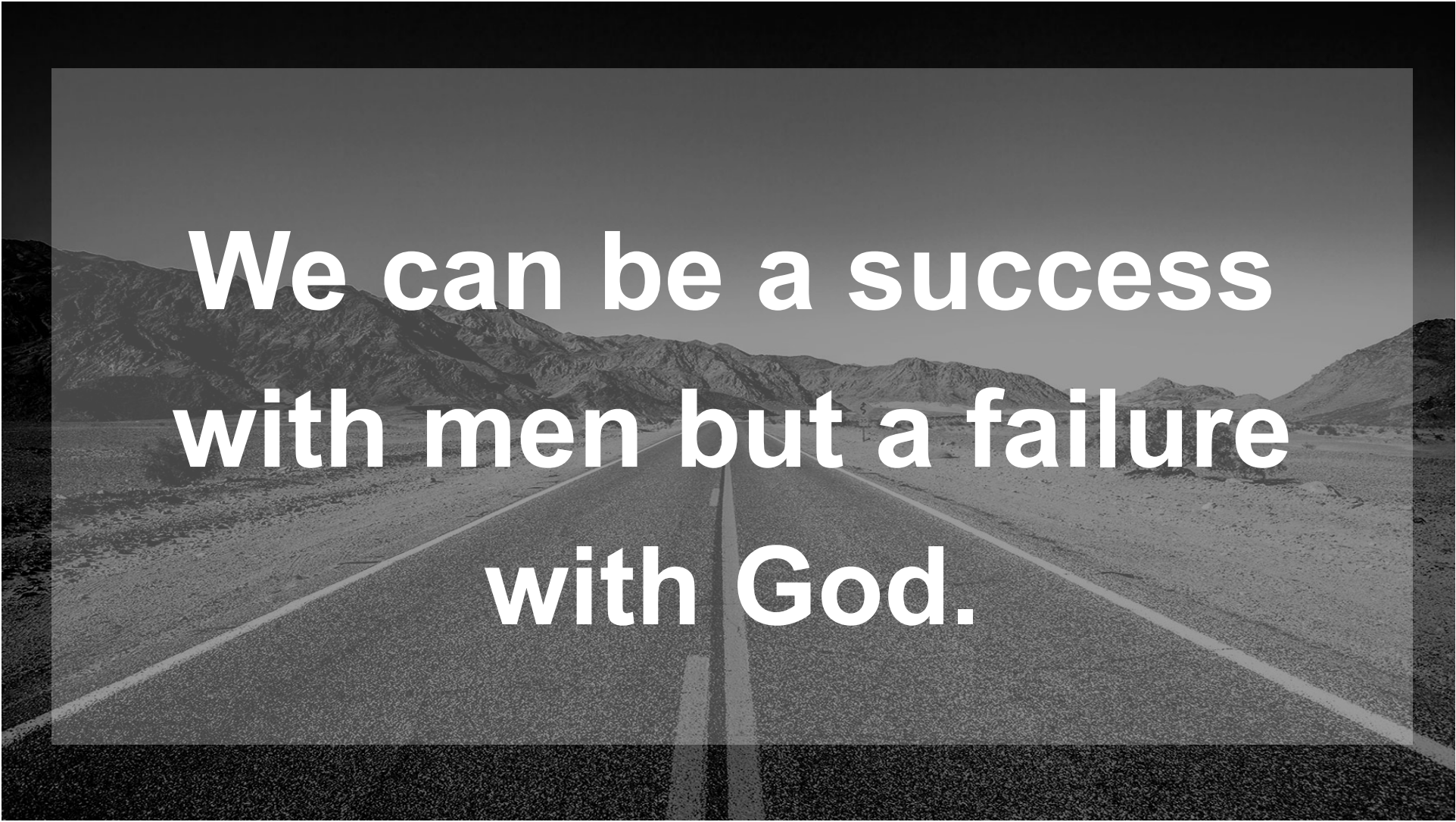
Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

# Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.



**As Christians, we play to  
an audience of ONE.**

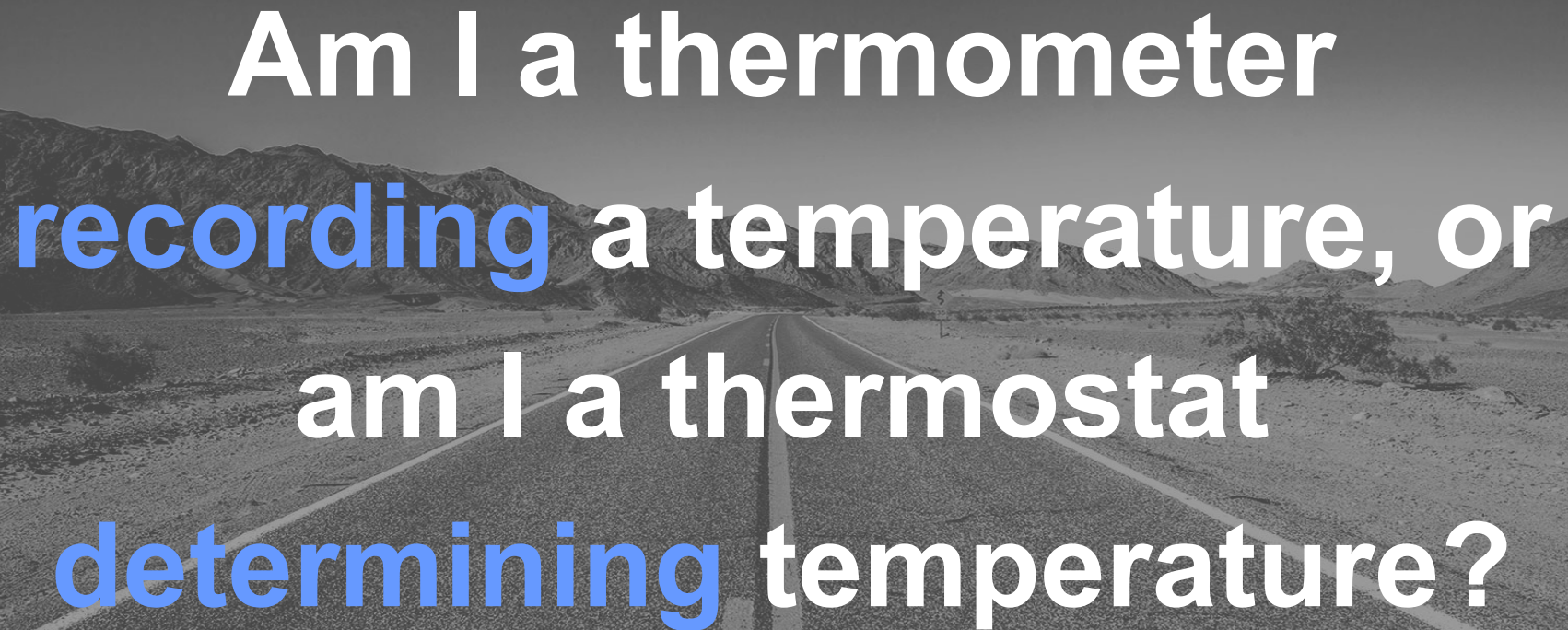


**We can be a success  
with men but a failure  
with God.**



**John 14:15**

**If you love me, keep my  
commands.**



Am I a thermometer  
**recording** a temperature, or  
am I a thermostat  
**determining** temperature?



**Impact comes as we live  
distinctively different  
from society.**



**Is the Lord well-pleased?**





# **3 secrets to becoming the person God meant for you to be!**

- 1. Is the Lord well-pleased?**
- 2. Is the work well-done?  
(a passion for excellence)**

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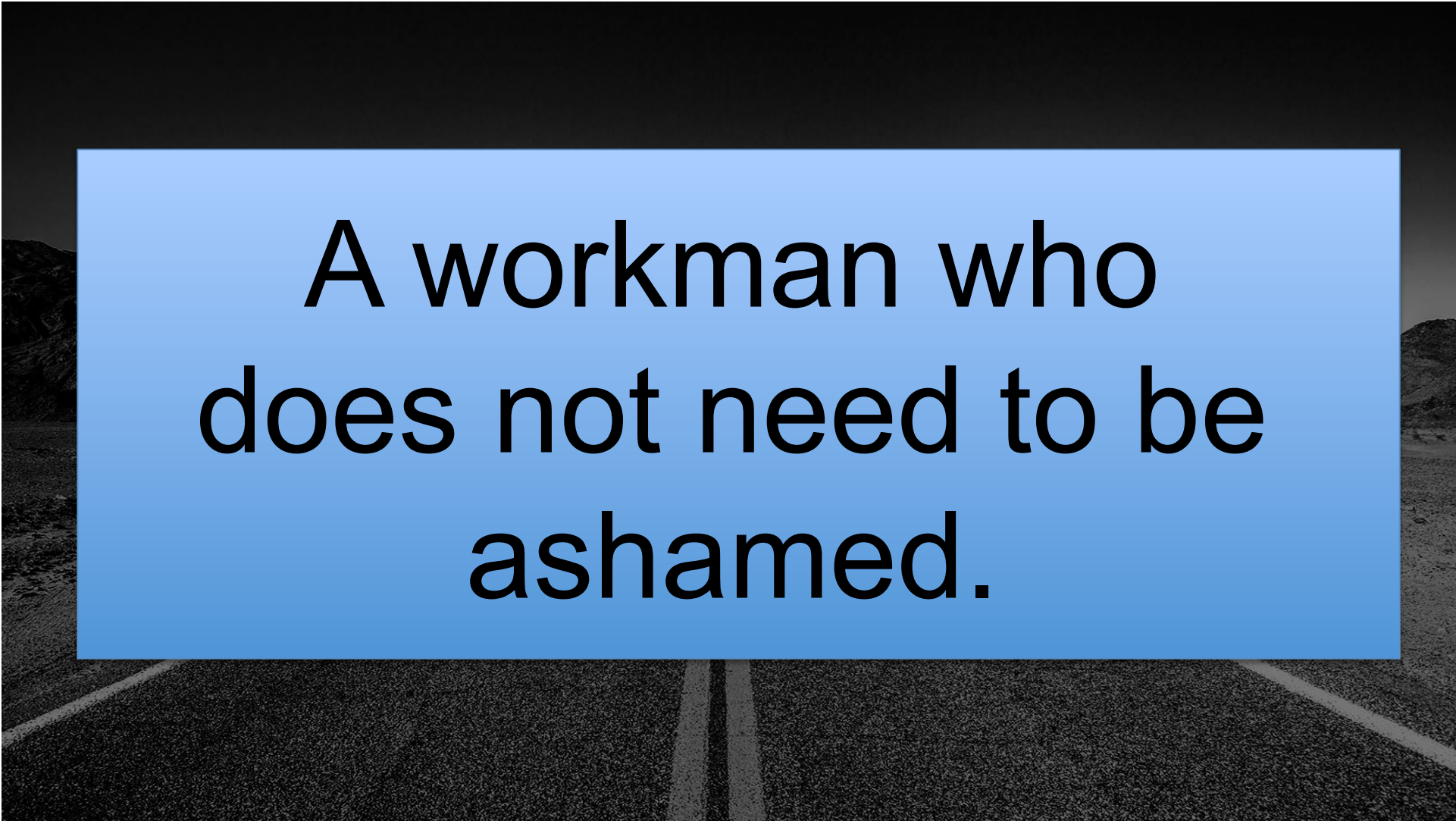
# A passion for excellence in:

- Your life
- Family life
- Morals
- Relationships
- Work
- Relationship with the Lord



**We want happiness.**

**The Lord wants holiness.**



A workman who  
does not need to be  
ashamed.

# 2 Reasons

1. I aimed too low – settled for average

- In my personal spiritual development
- As a parent
- As a servant of the Lord

2. Working without sacrifice

## Luke 19:17

“Well done, my good servant!” his master replied. “Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.”



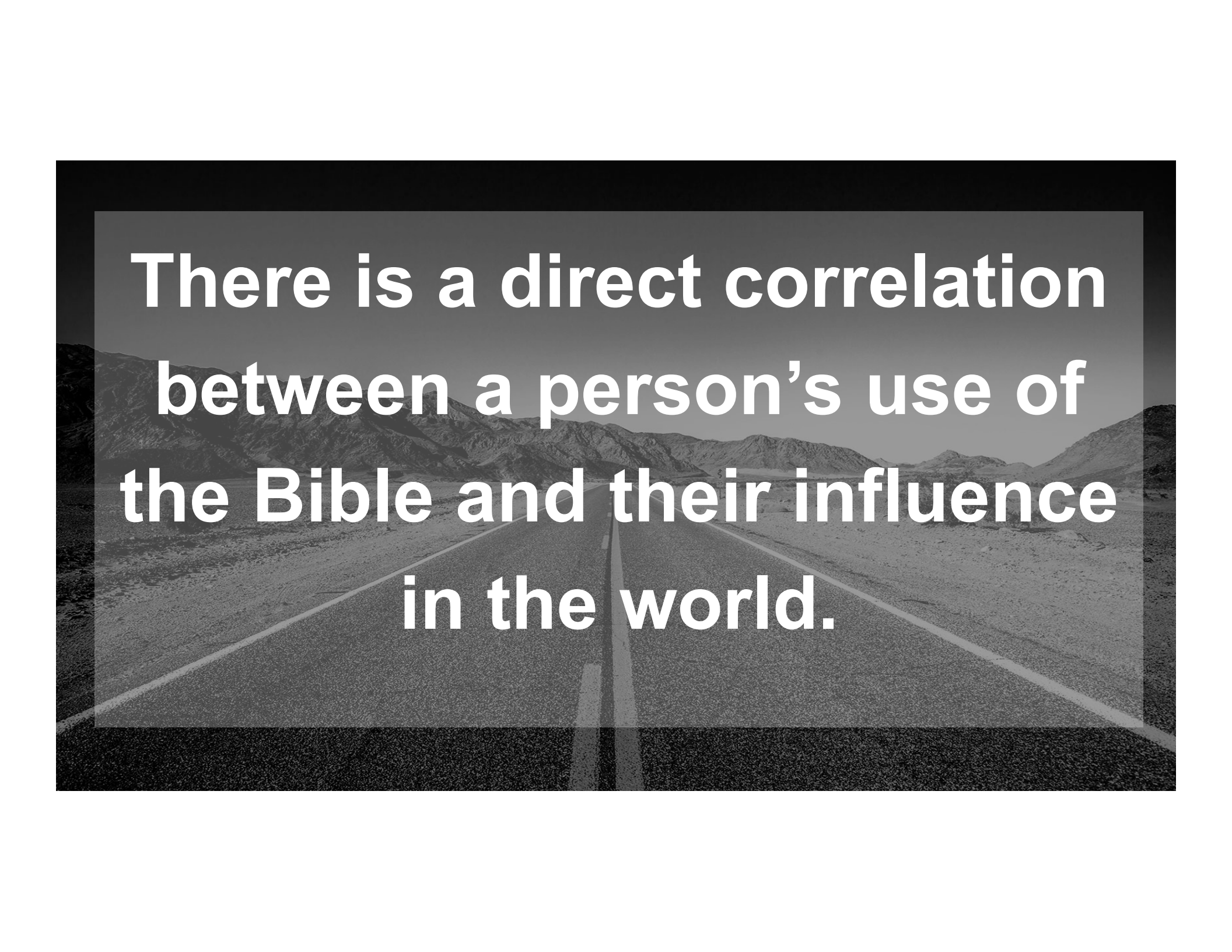
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- 1. Is the Lord well-pleased?  
(a passion for a person)**
- 2. Is the work well-done?  
(a passion for excellence)**
- 3. Is the Word well-used?  
(a passion for Truth)**

## 2 Timothy 2:15

**A worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.**





**There is a direct correlation  
between a person's use of  
the Bible and their influence  
in the world.**

# How do I use the Word well?

## 1. Know the Word

- Steady diet
- NOT a chapter a day to keep the doctor away
- Prerequisite: Christ must be in your life.

# How do I use the Word well?

## 2. Use the Word

True learning of the Bible only takes place when it alters our behavior.



**John 14:15**

**If you love me, keep  
my commands.**



**Just because we know the  
Bible and have read it from  
cover to cover doesn't mean  
we are changed!**



# How do I use the Word well?

## 3. Share the Word

- By your life
- By your lips



# **You will earn the right to share it when you:**

- 1. Know it**
- 2. Live it**
- 3. Love those you want to share it  
with**



**NO PLAN B!**



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