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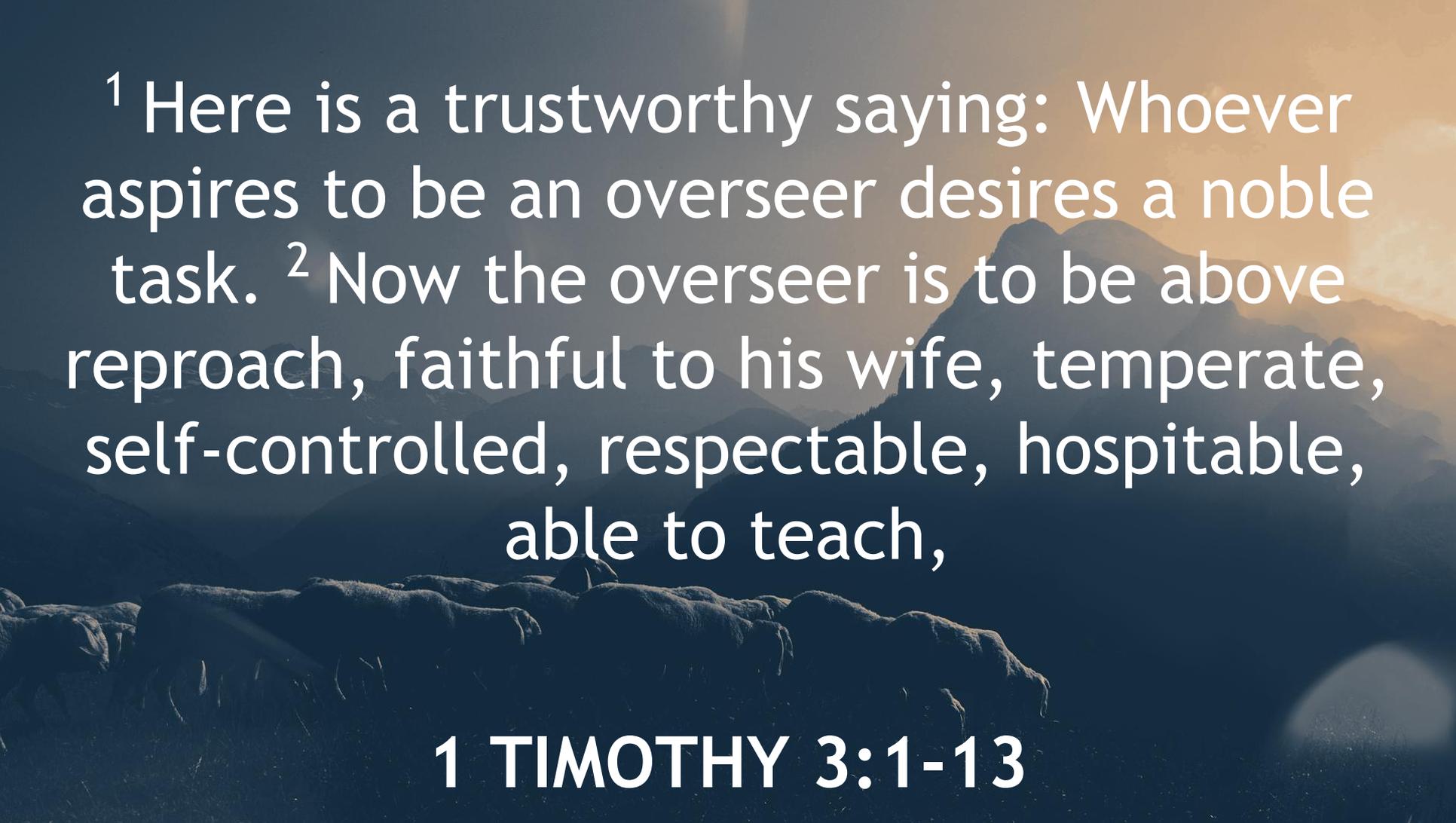
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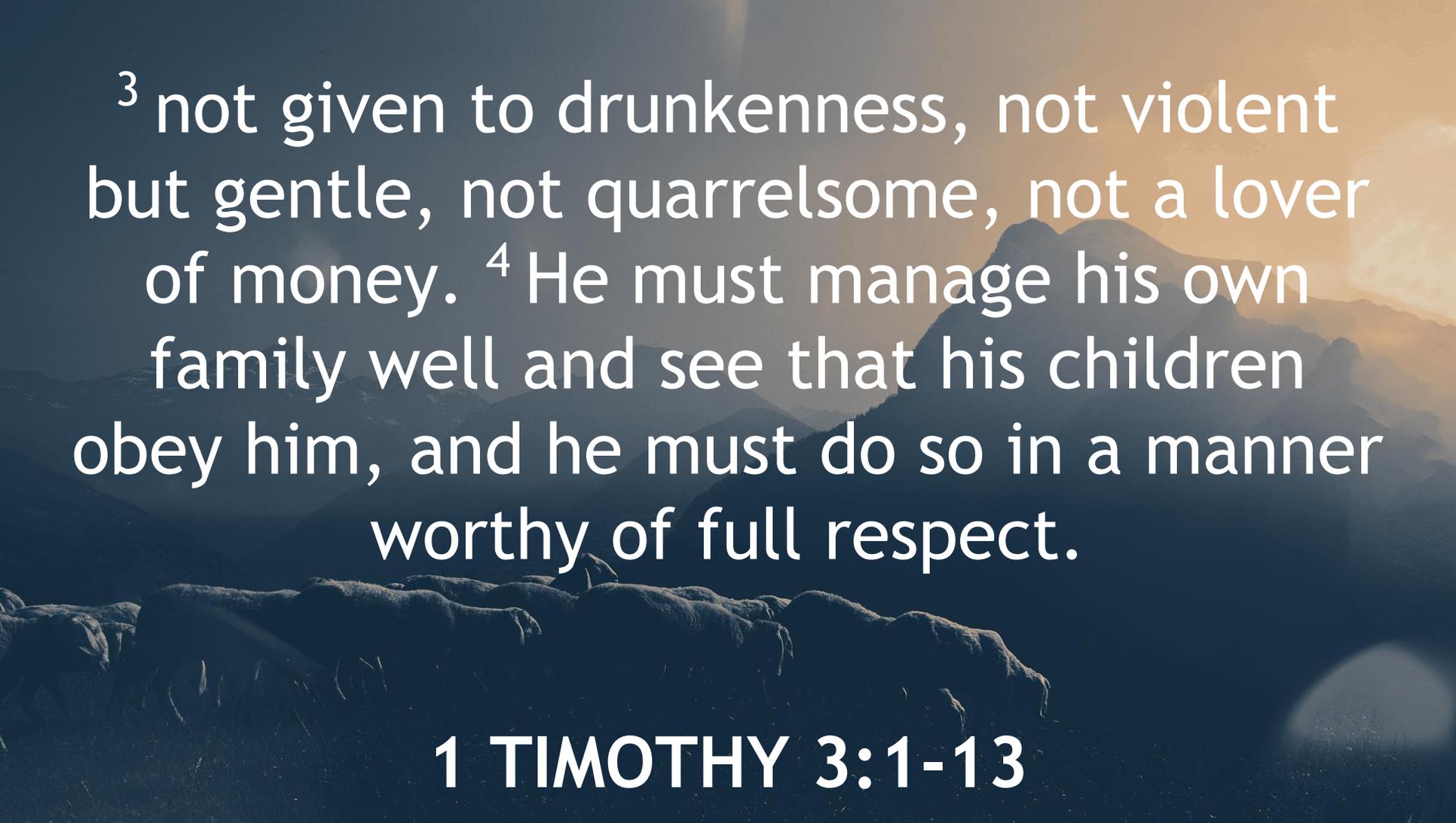
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TRUSTWORTHY SAYING #2



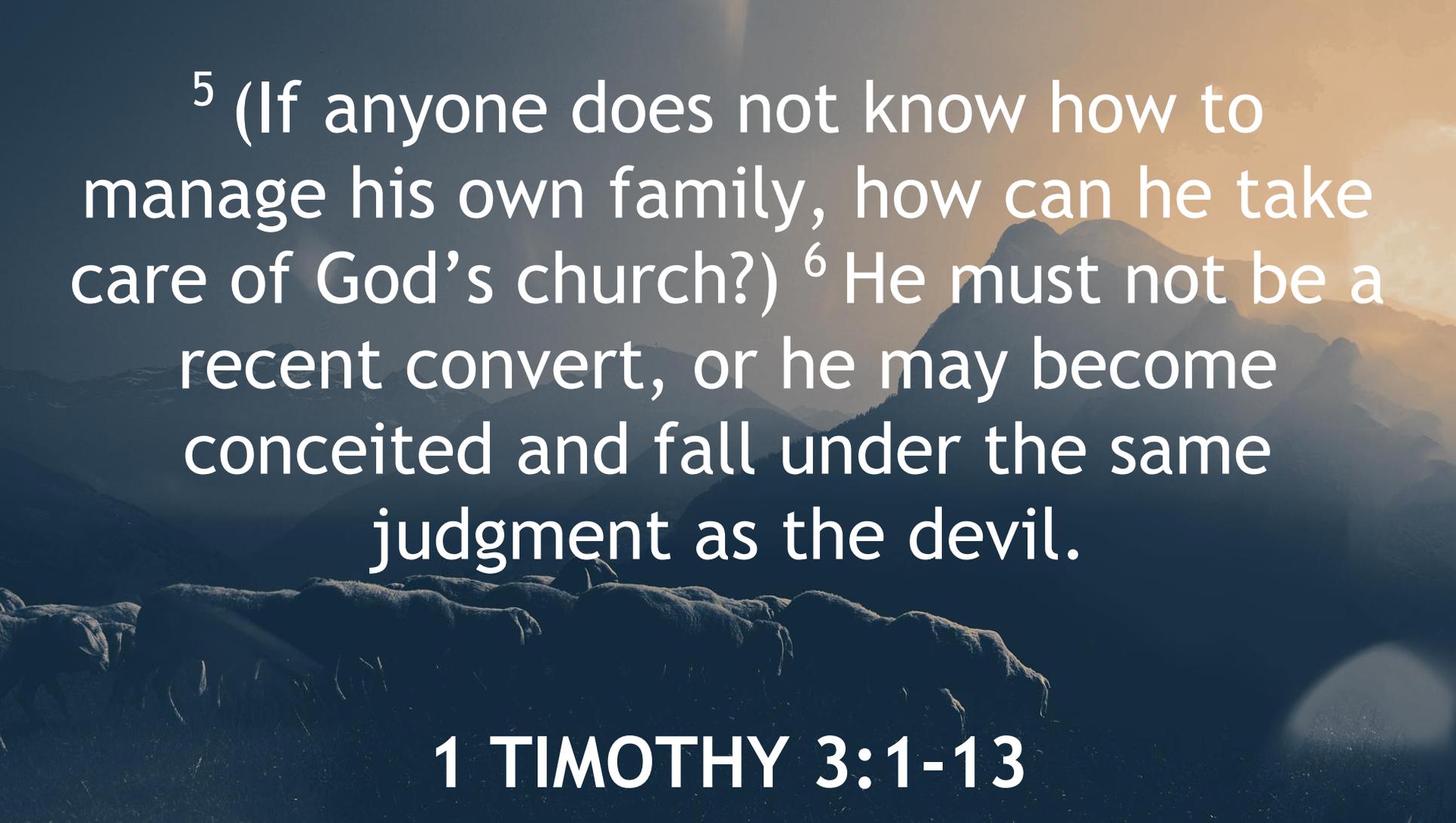
¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13



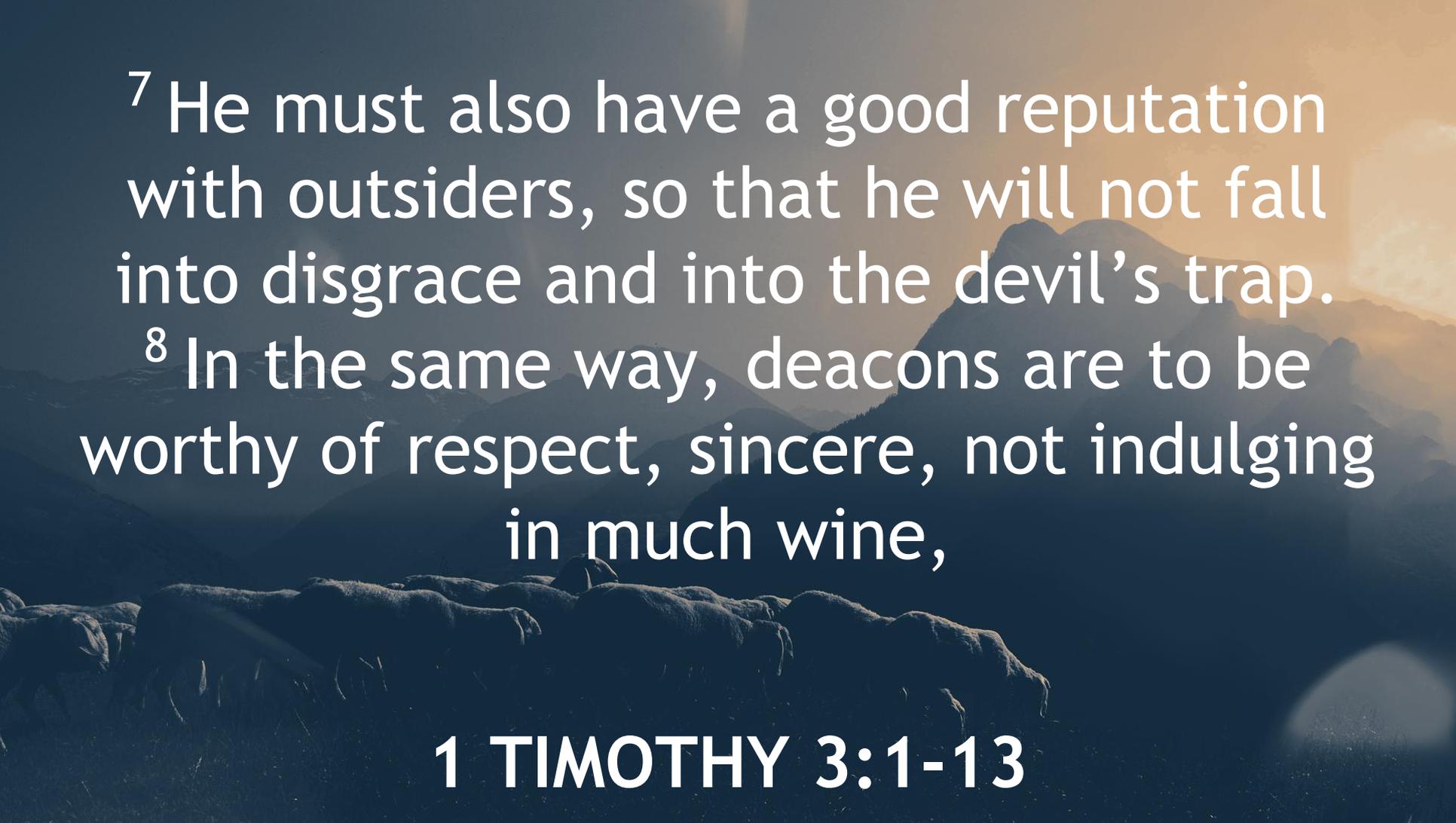
³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13



⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

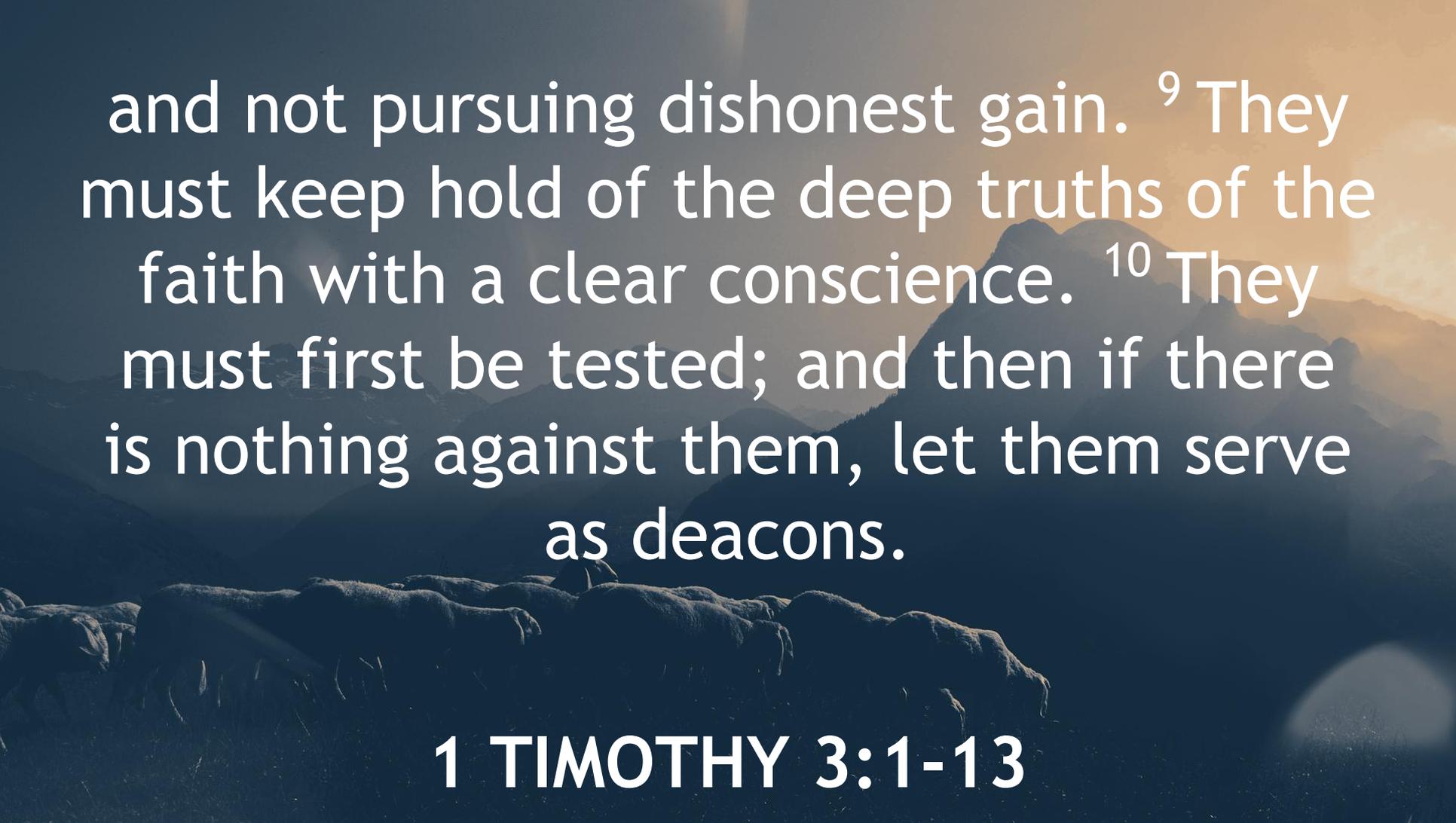
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⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

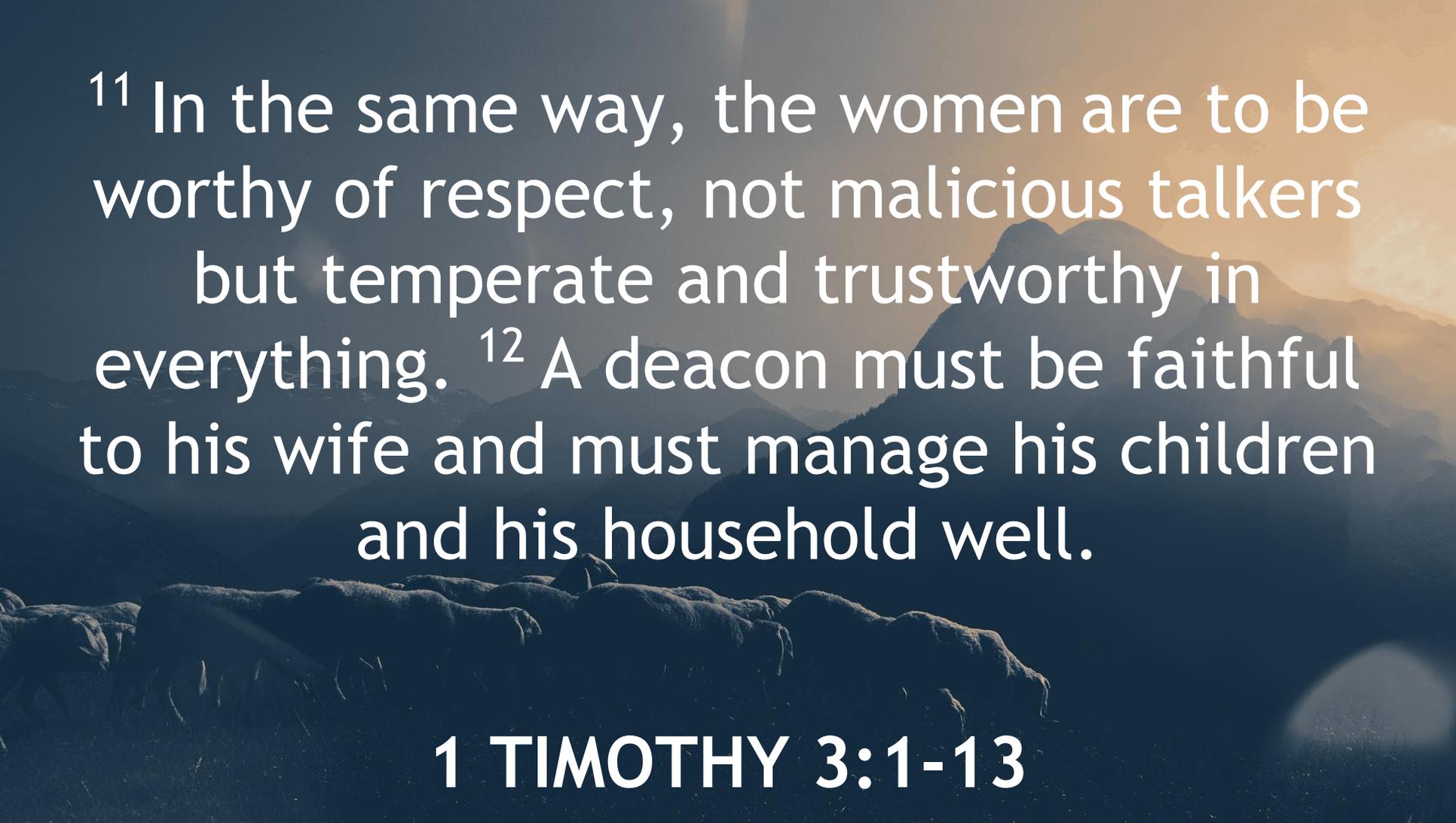
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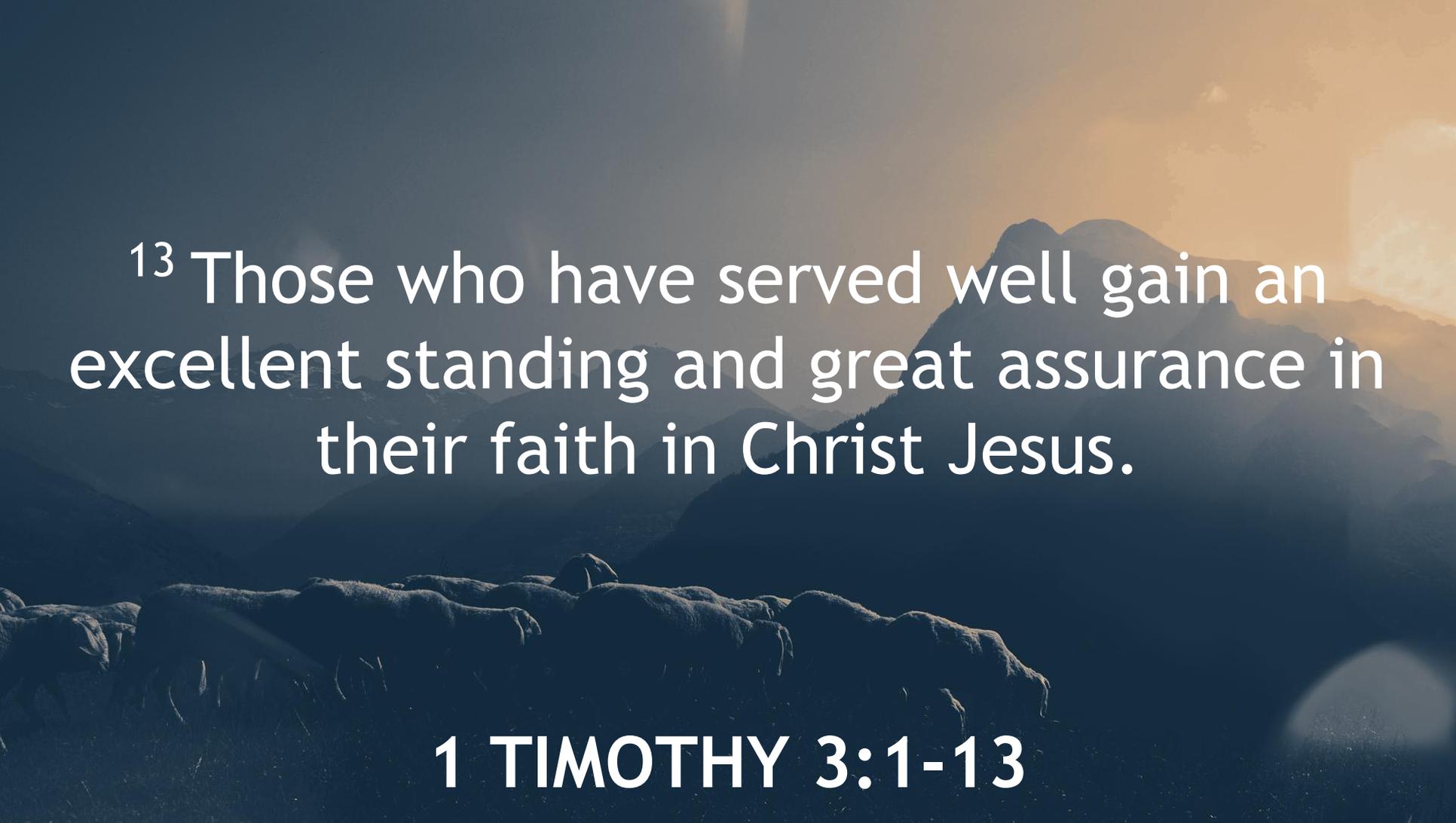
and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

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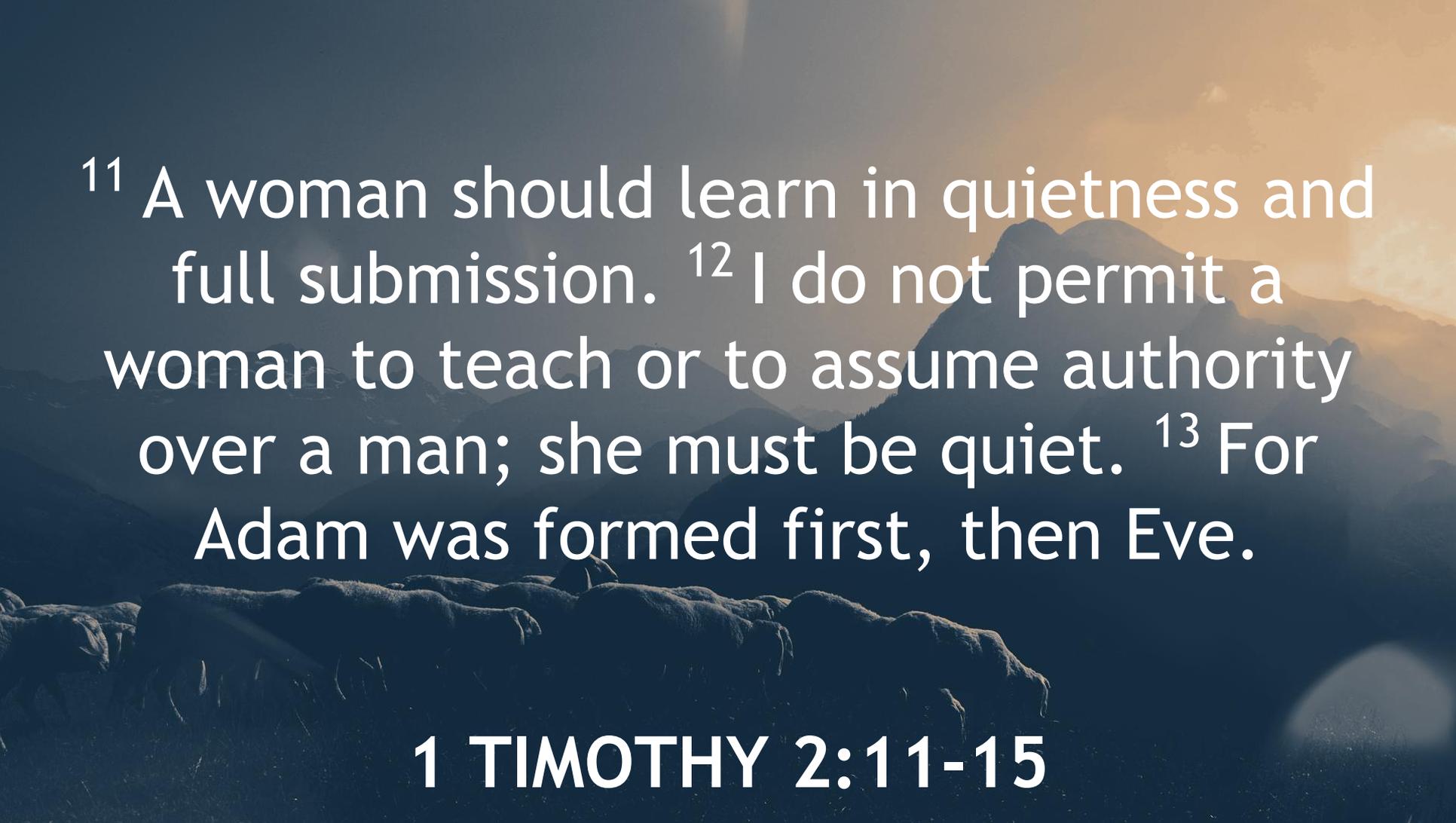
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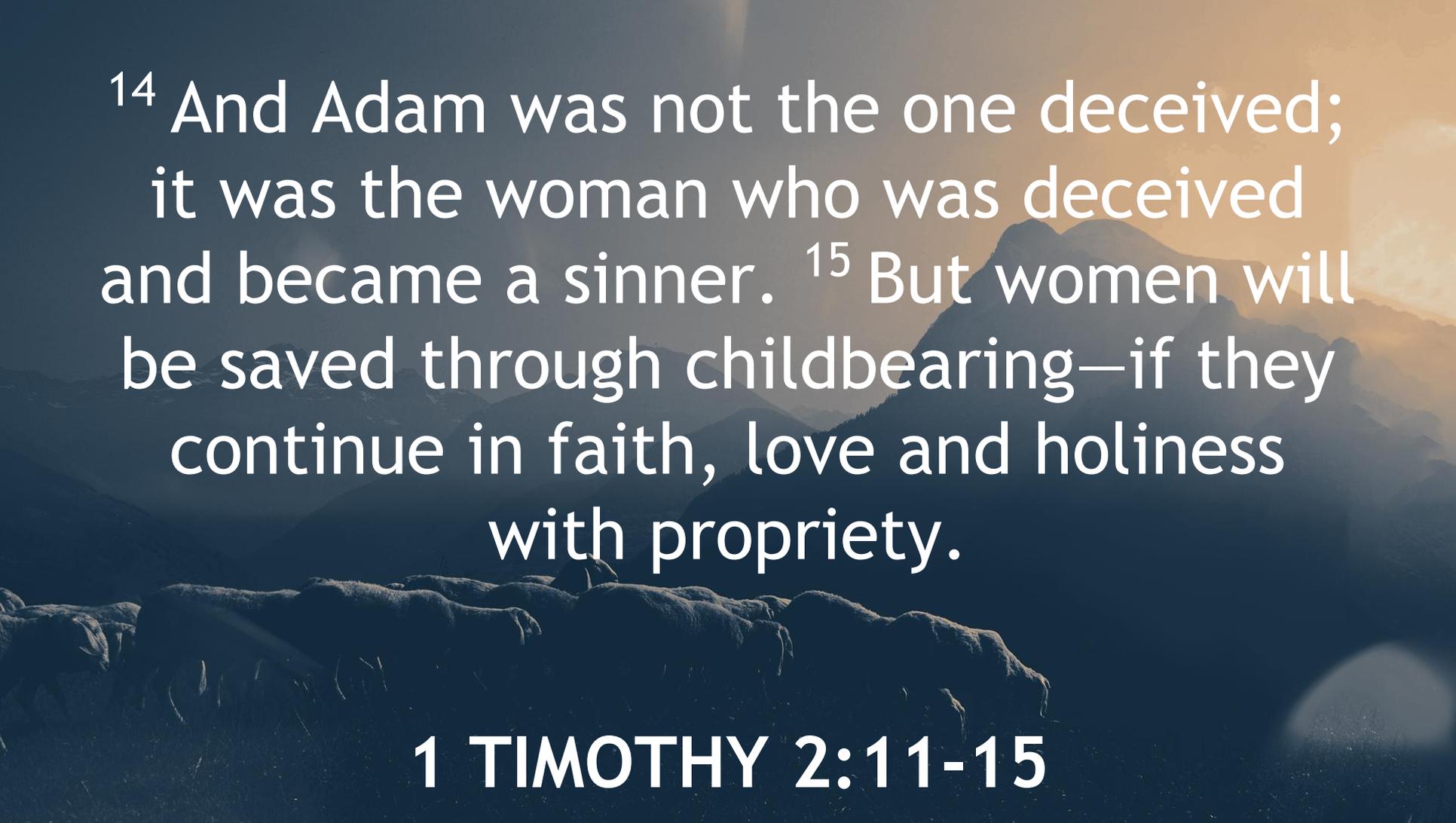
¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13



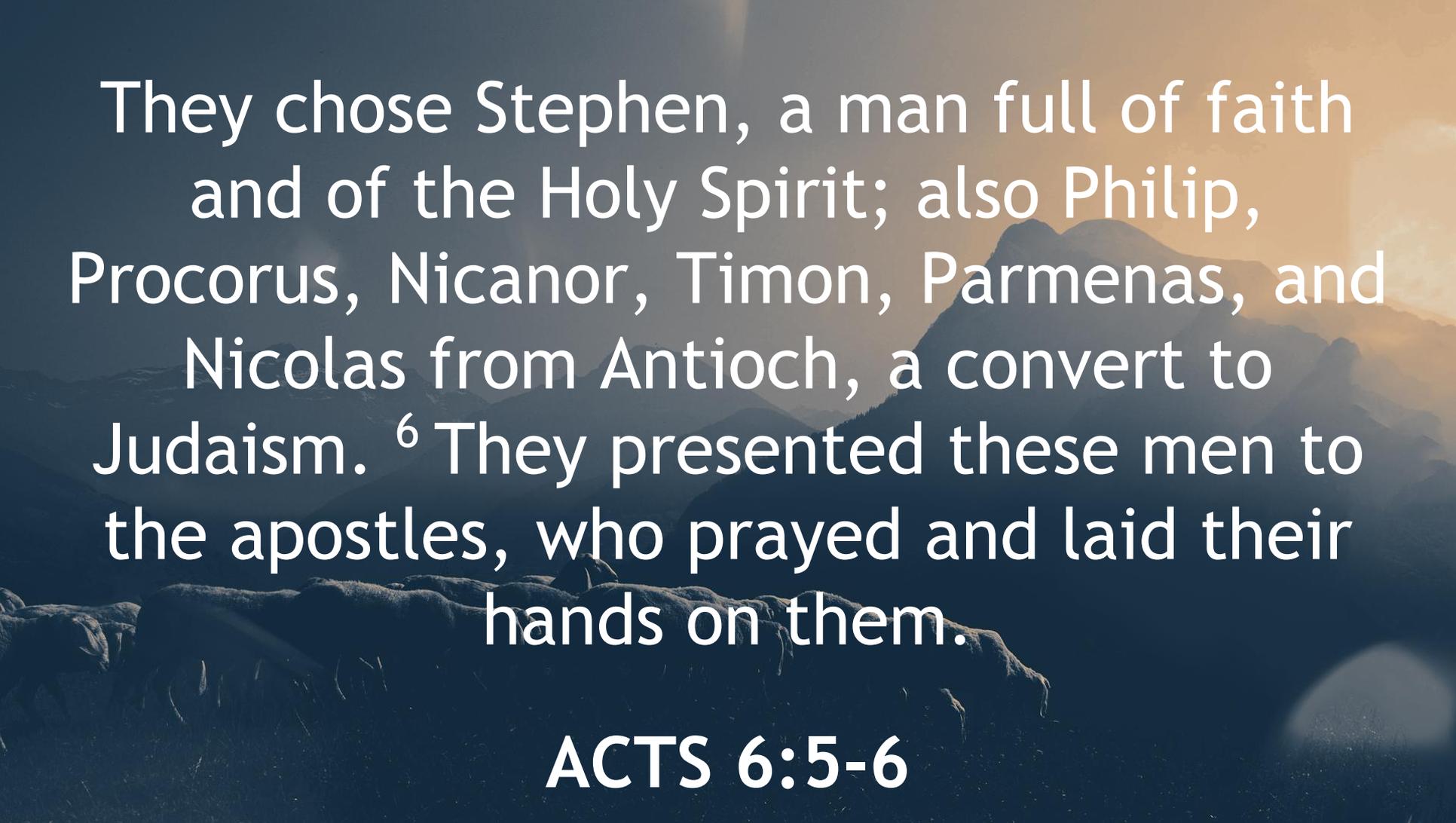
¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 TIMOTHY 2:11-15



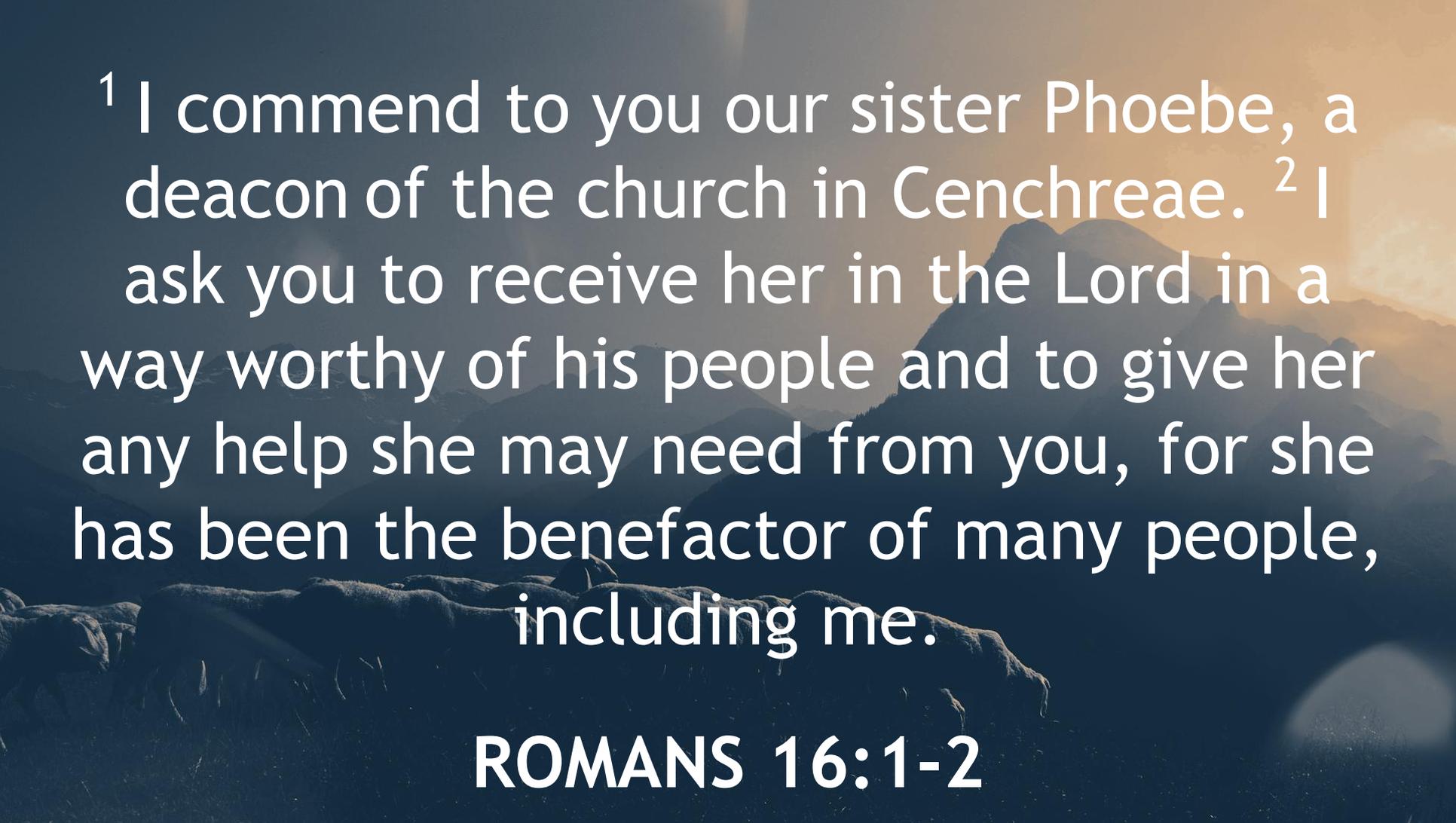
¹⁴ And Adam was not the one deceived;
it was the woman who was deceived
and became a sinner. ¹⁵ But women will
be saved through childbearing—if they
continue in faith, love and holiness
with propriety.

1 TIMOTHY 2:11-15



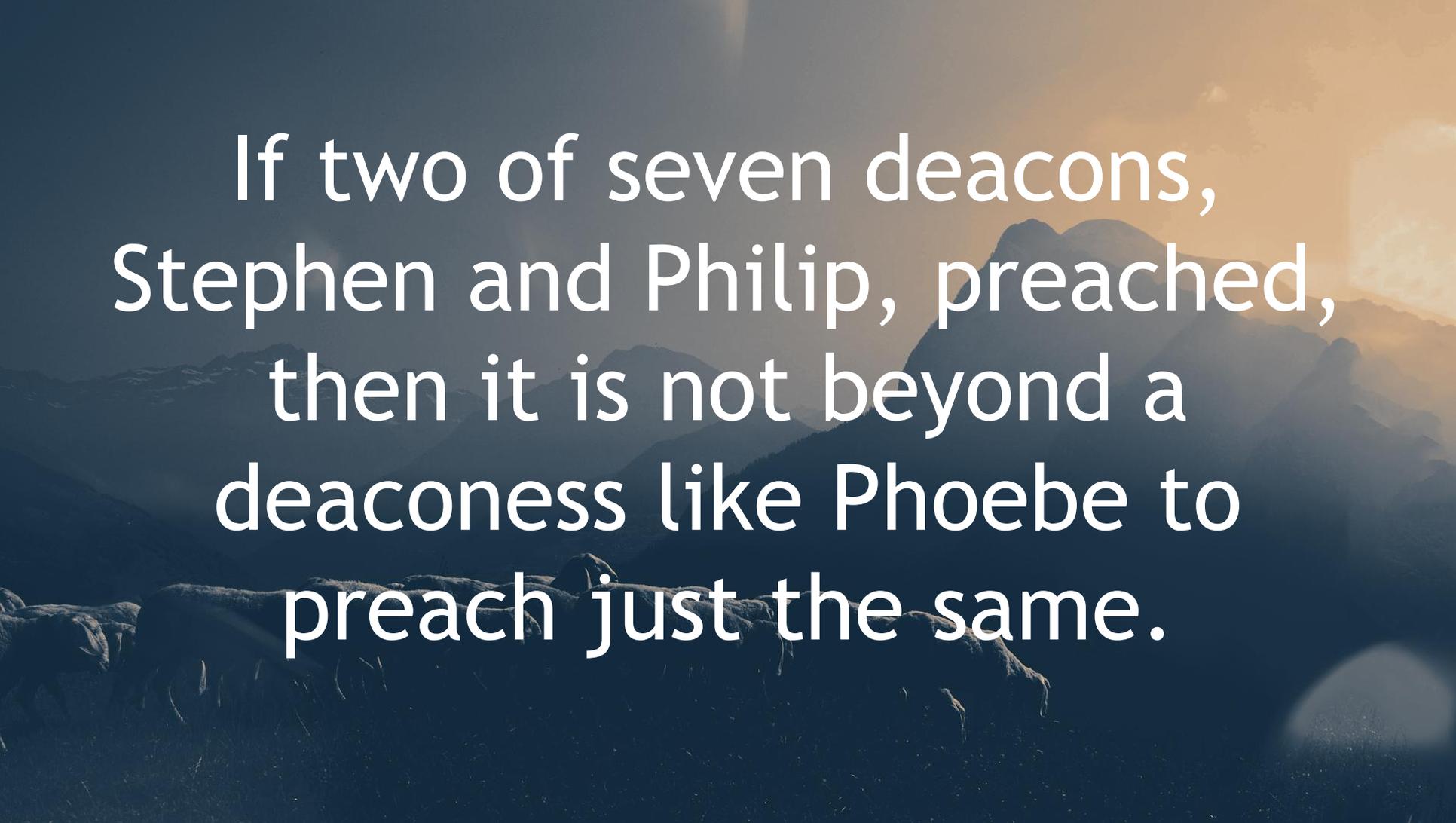
They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

ACTS 6:5-6



¹ I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a
deacon of the church in Cenchreae. ² I
ask you to receive her in the Lord in a
way worthy of his people and to give her
any help she may need from you, for she
has been the benefactor of many people,
including me.

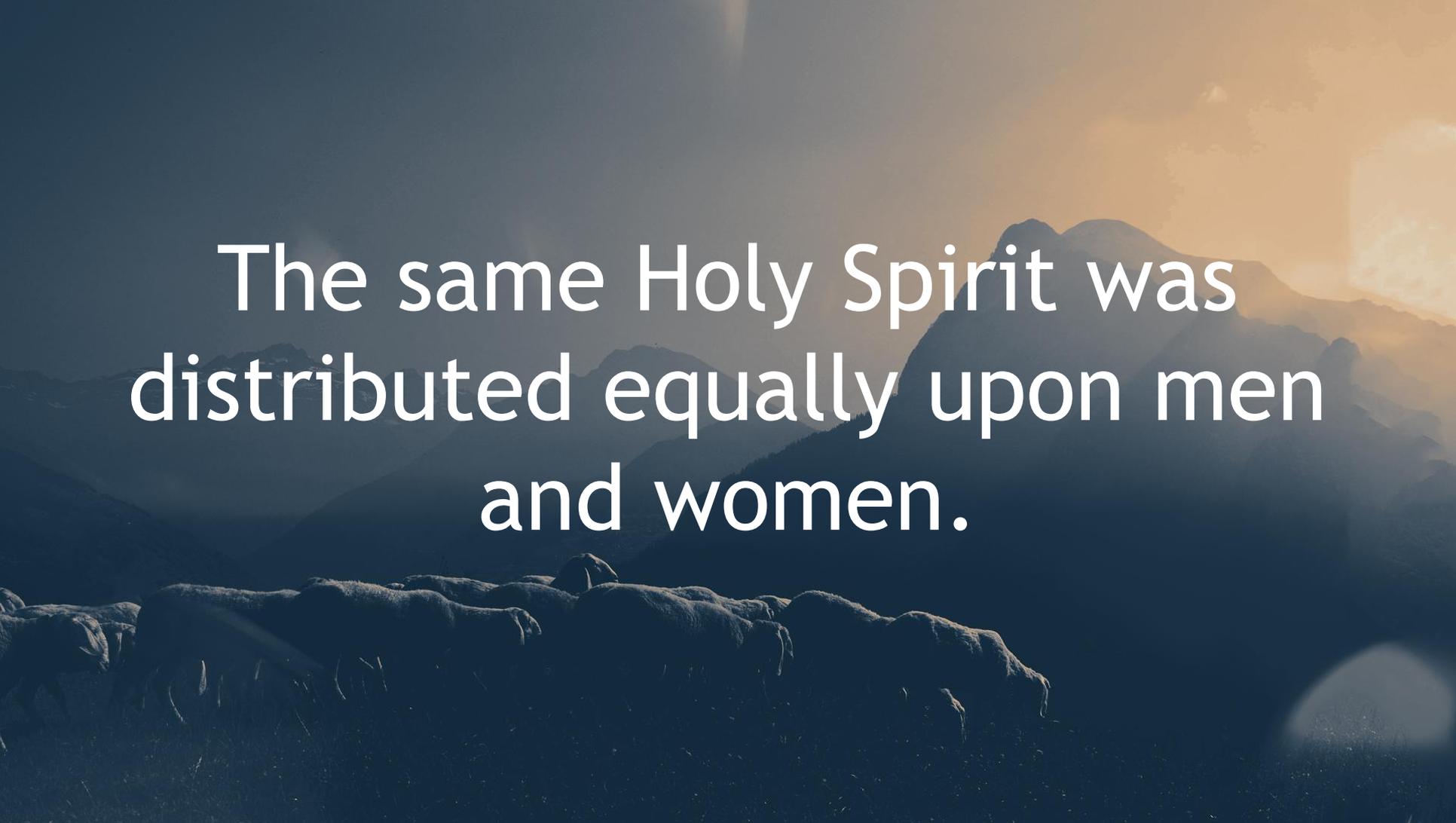
ROMANS 16:1-2

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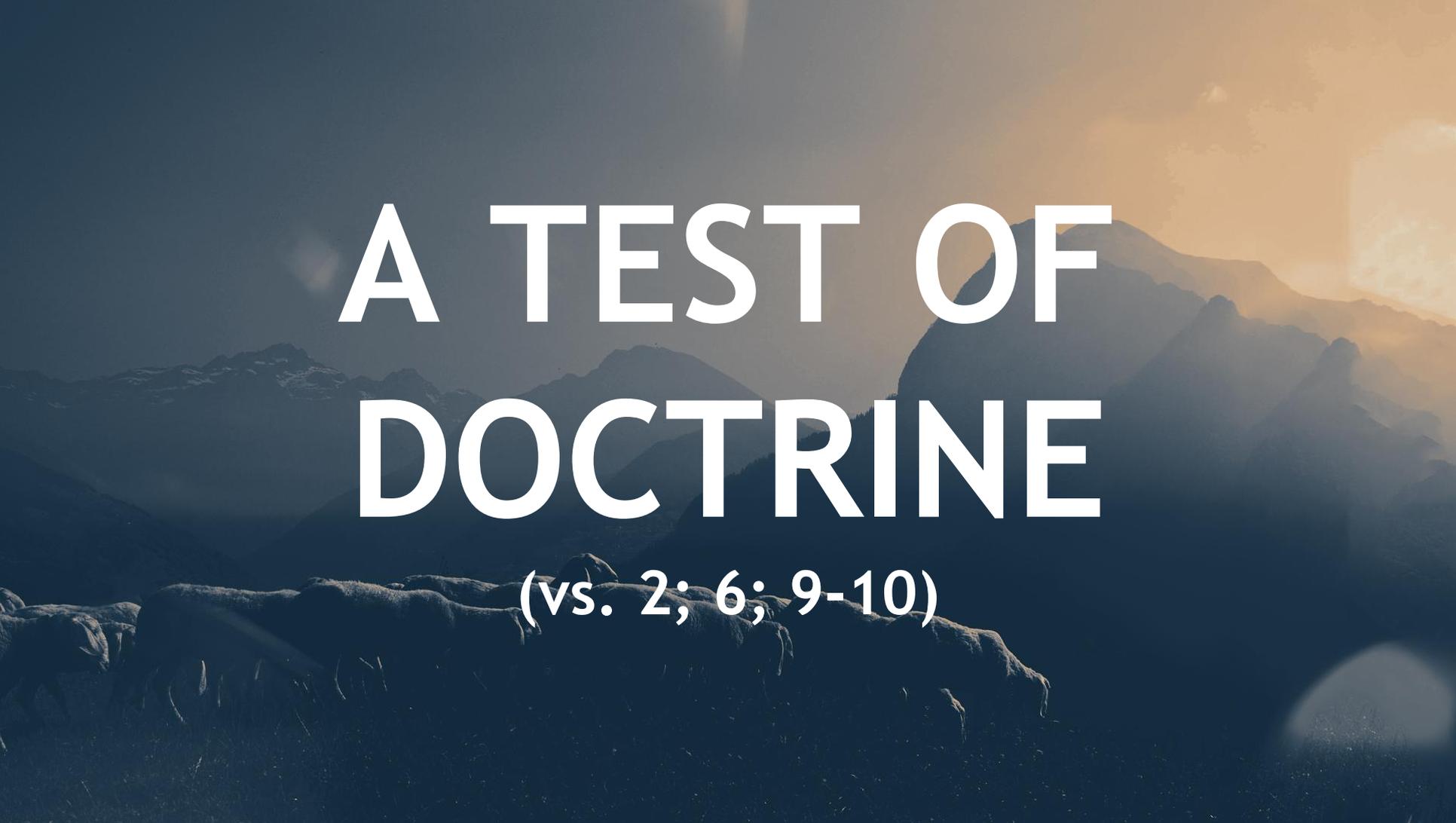
If two of seven deacons,
Stephen and Philip, preached,
then it is not beyond a
deaconess like Phoebe to
preach just the same.

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Women were the first
eyewitnesses of the
resurrection and were entrusted
with the greatest news ever
told!

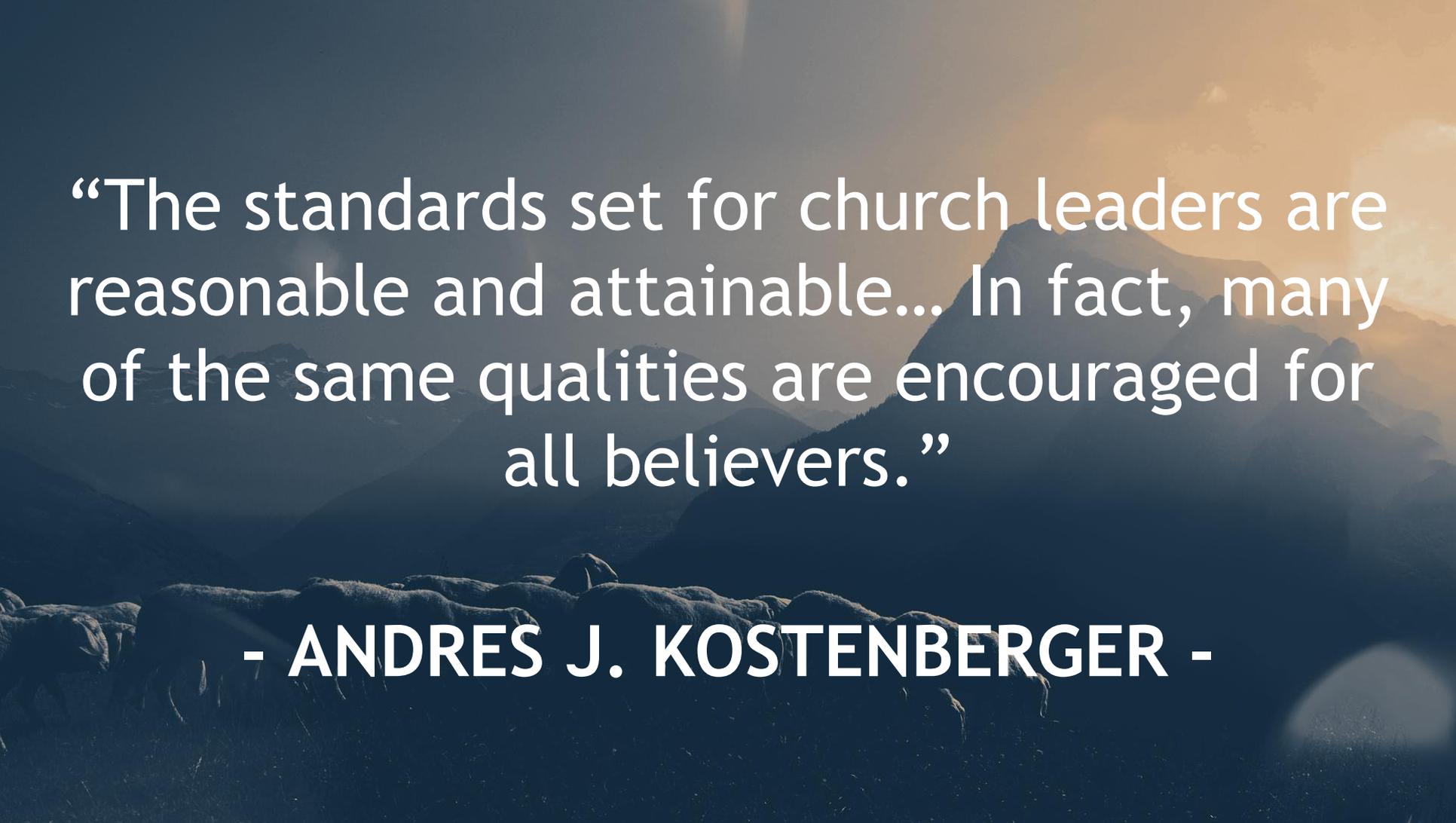
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The same Holy Spirit was
distributed equally upon men
and women.

A dramatic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sky with a warm, golden glow, likely from a low sun. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted rocks and vegetation. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

A TEST OF DOCTRINE

(vs. 2; 6; 9-10)

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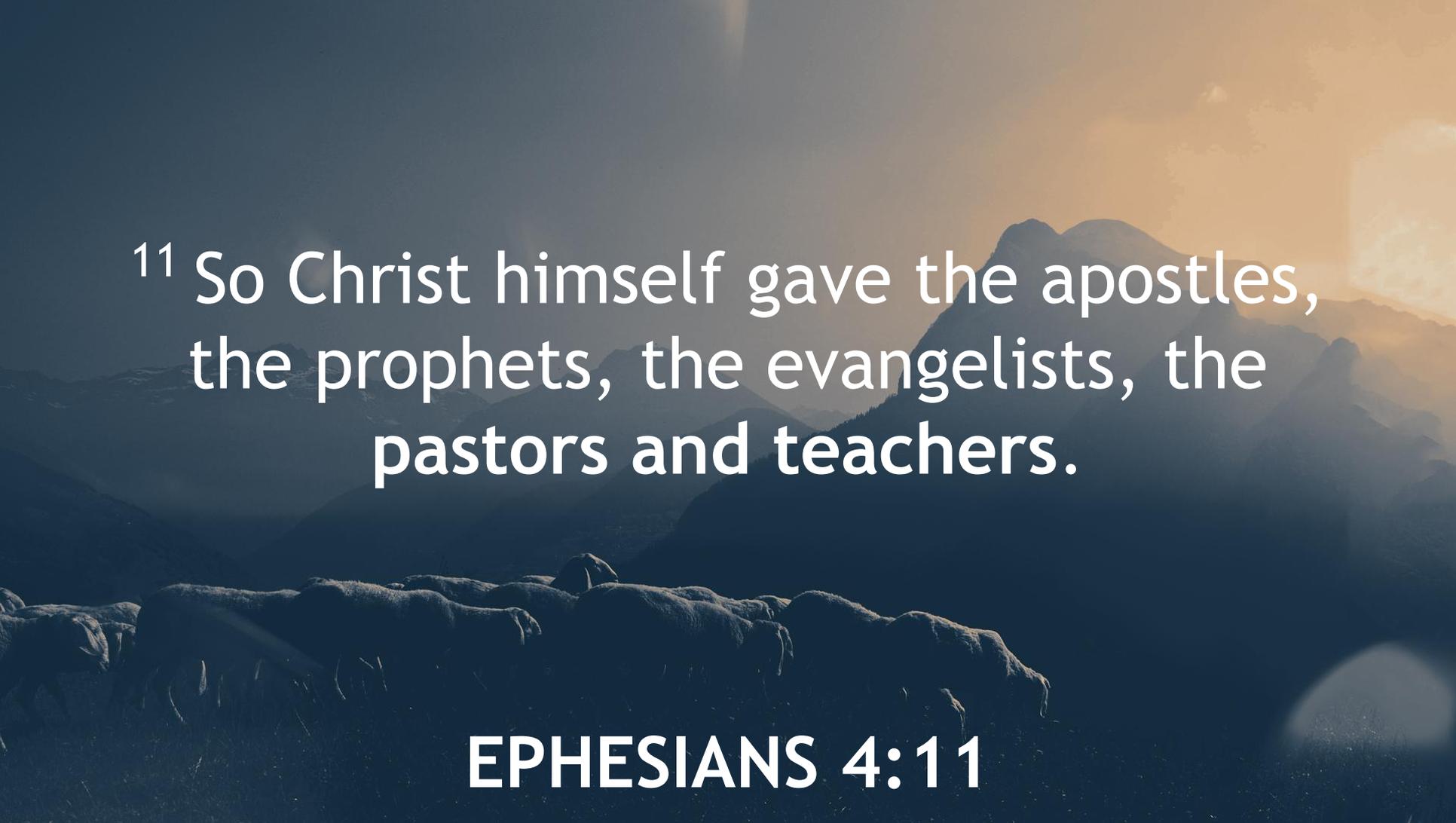
“The standards set for church leaders are reasonable and attainable... In fact, many of the same qualities are encouraged for all believers.”

- ANDRES J. KOSTENBERGER -

A dramatic landscape of mountains at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of deep blue and warm orange, with the sun partially visible on the right. In the foreground, a flock of sheep is grazing on a grassy slope. The mountains in the background are silhouetted against the bright sky.

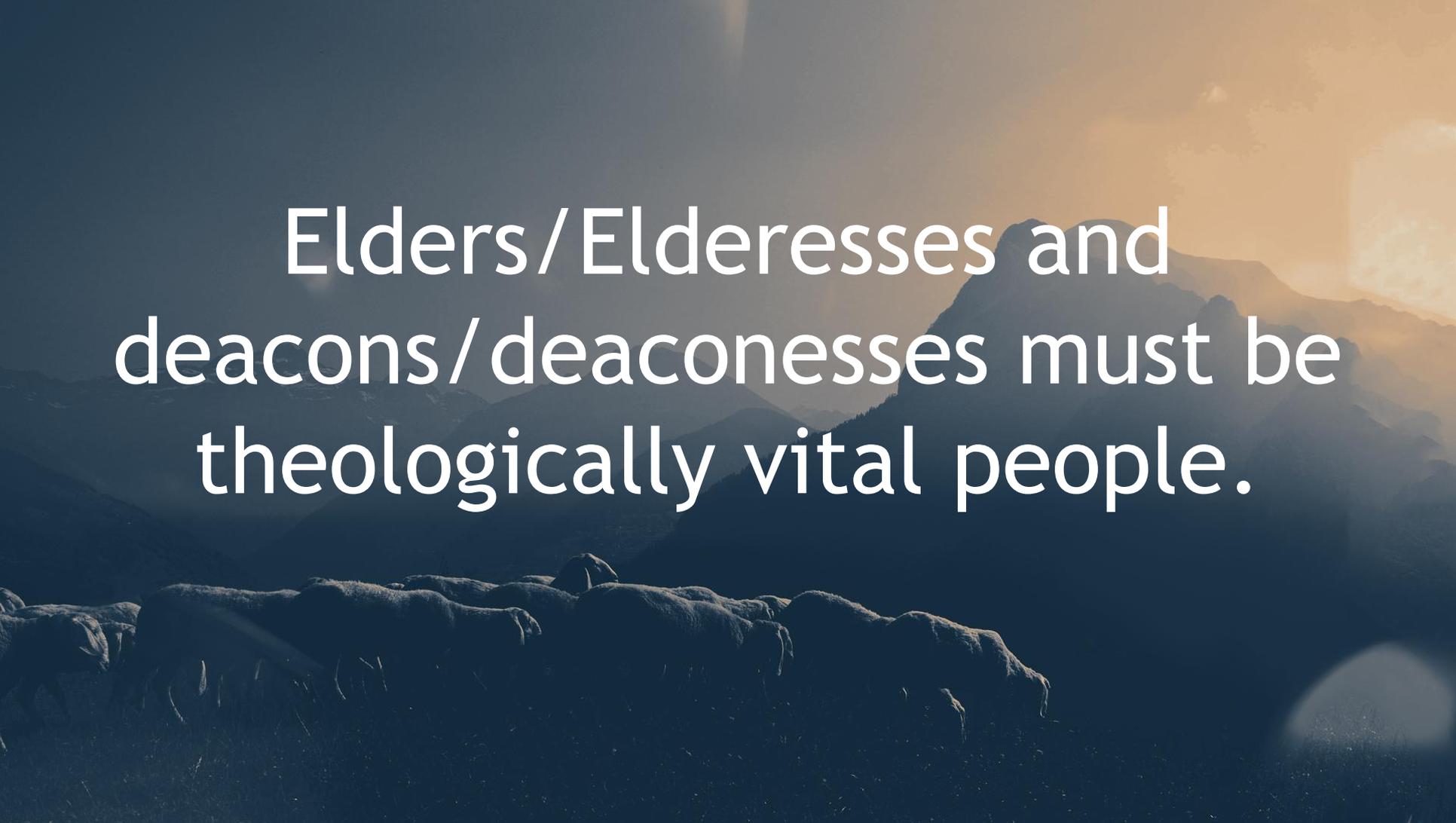
Able to teach.

1 TIMOTHY 3:2

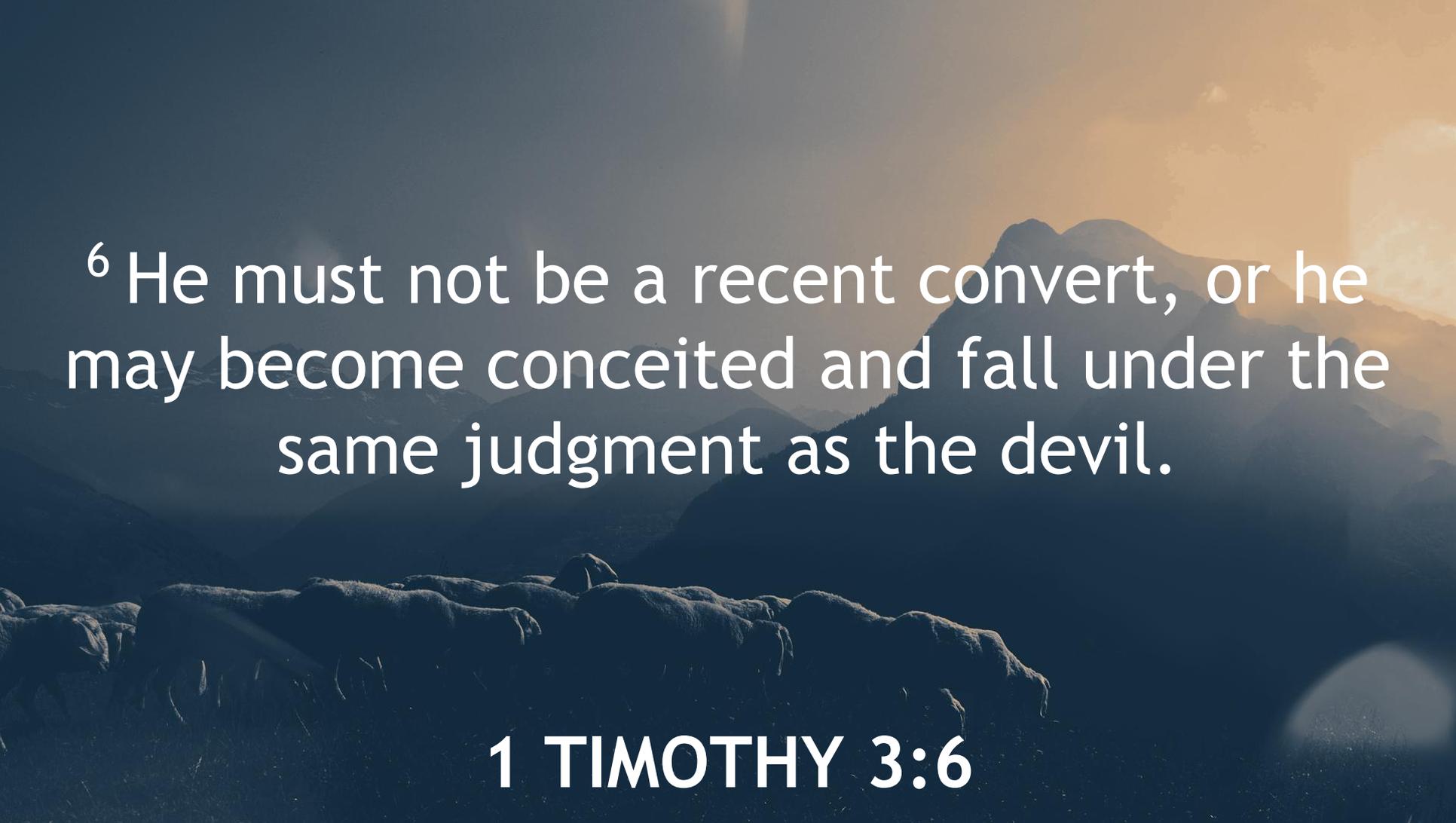
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**¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles,
the prophets, the evangelists, the
pastors and teachers.**

EPHESIANS 4:11

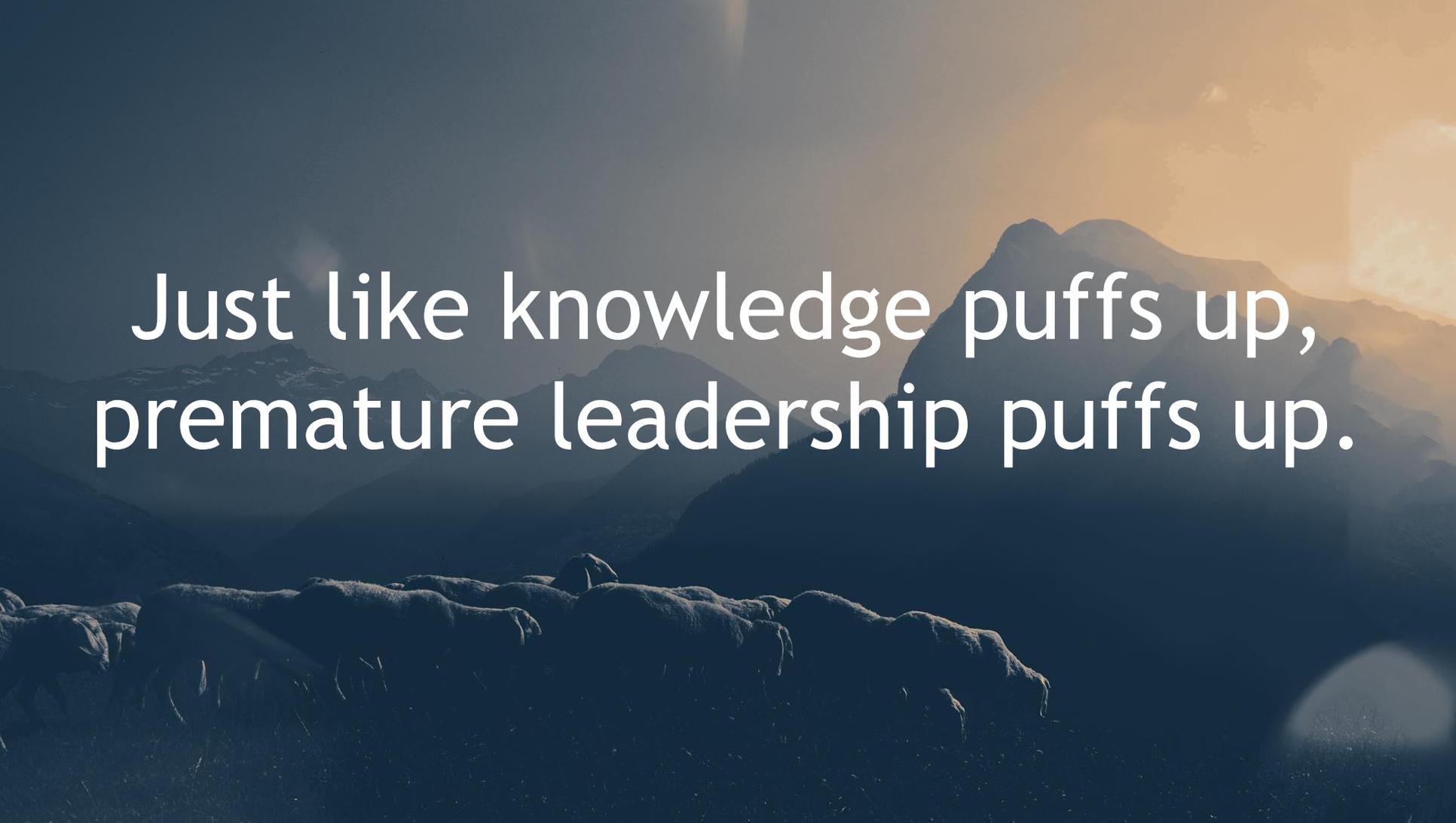
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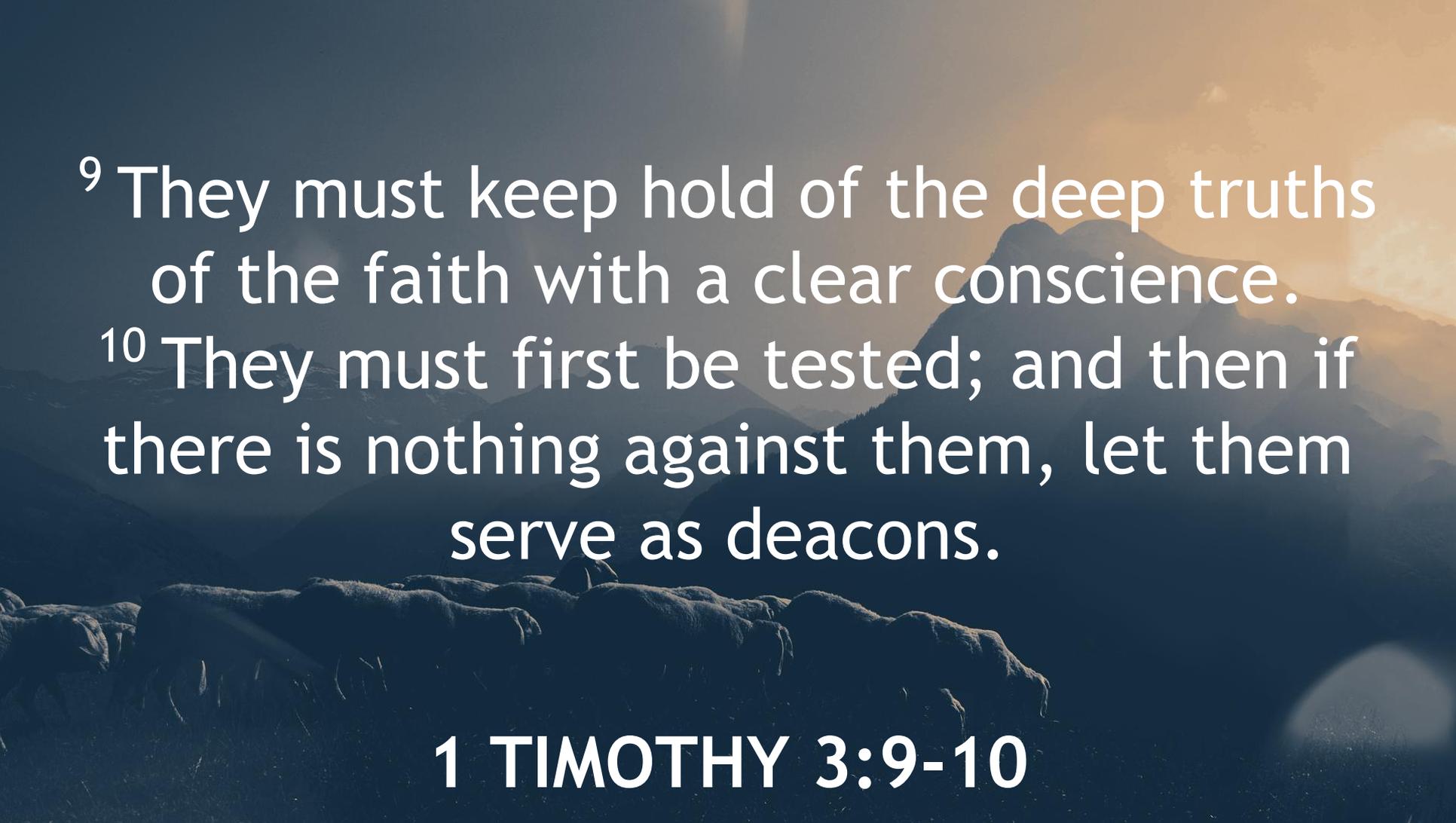
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1 TIMOTHY 3:6

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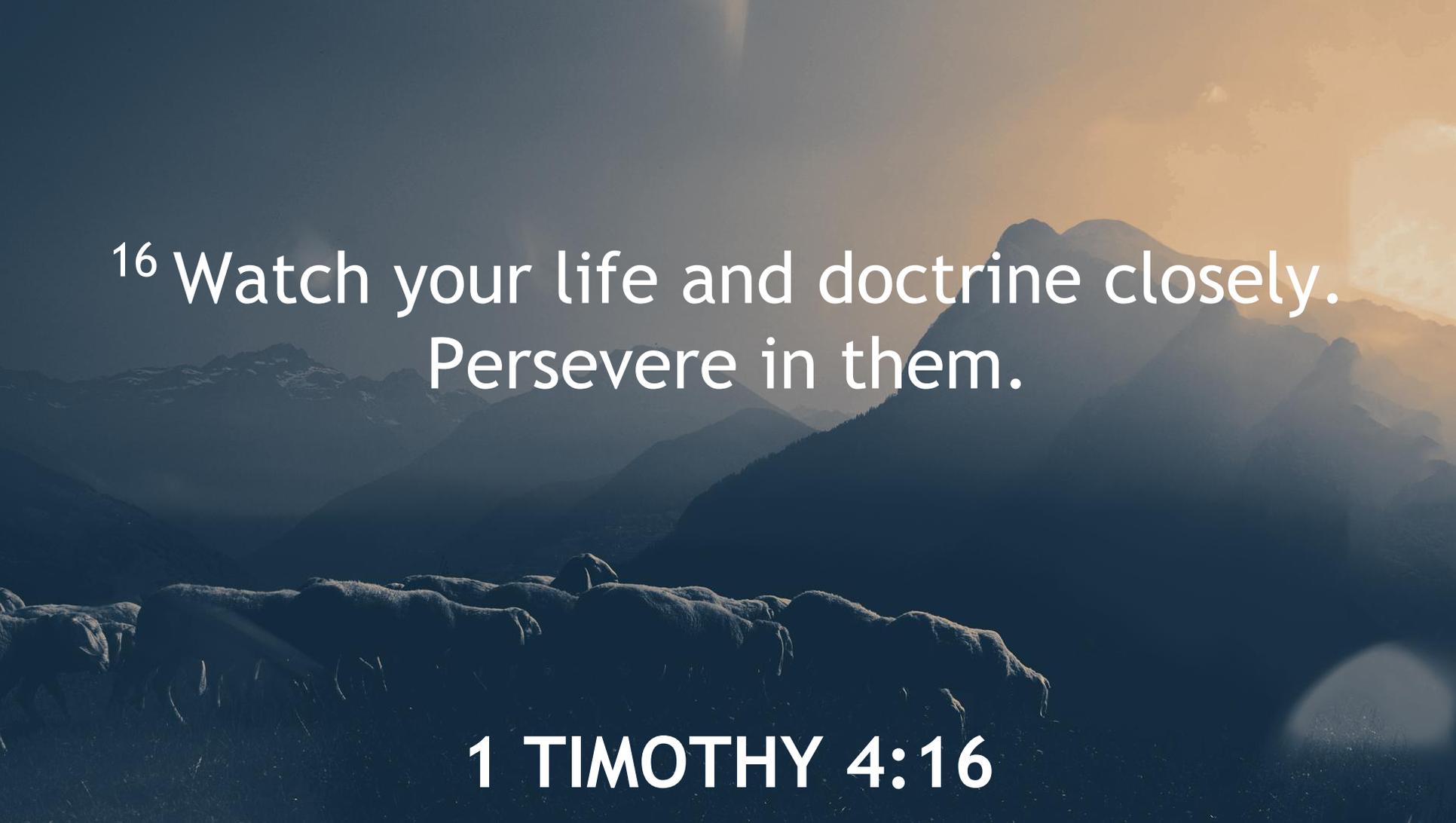
Just like knowledge puffs up,
premature leadership puffs up.



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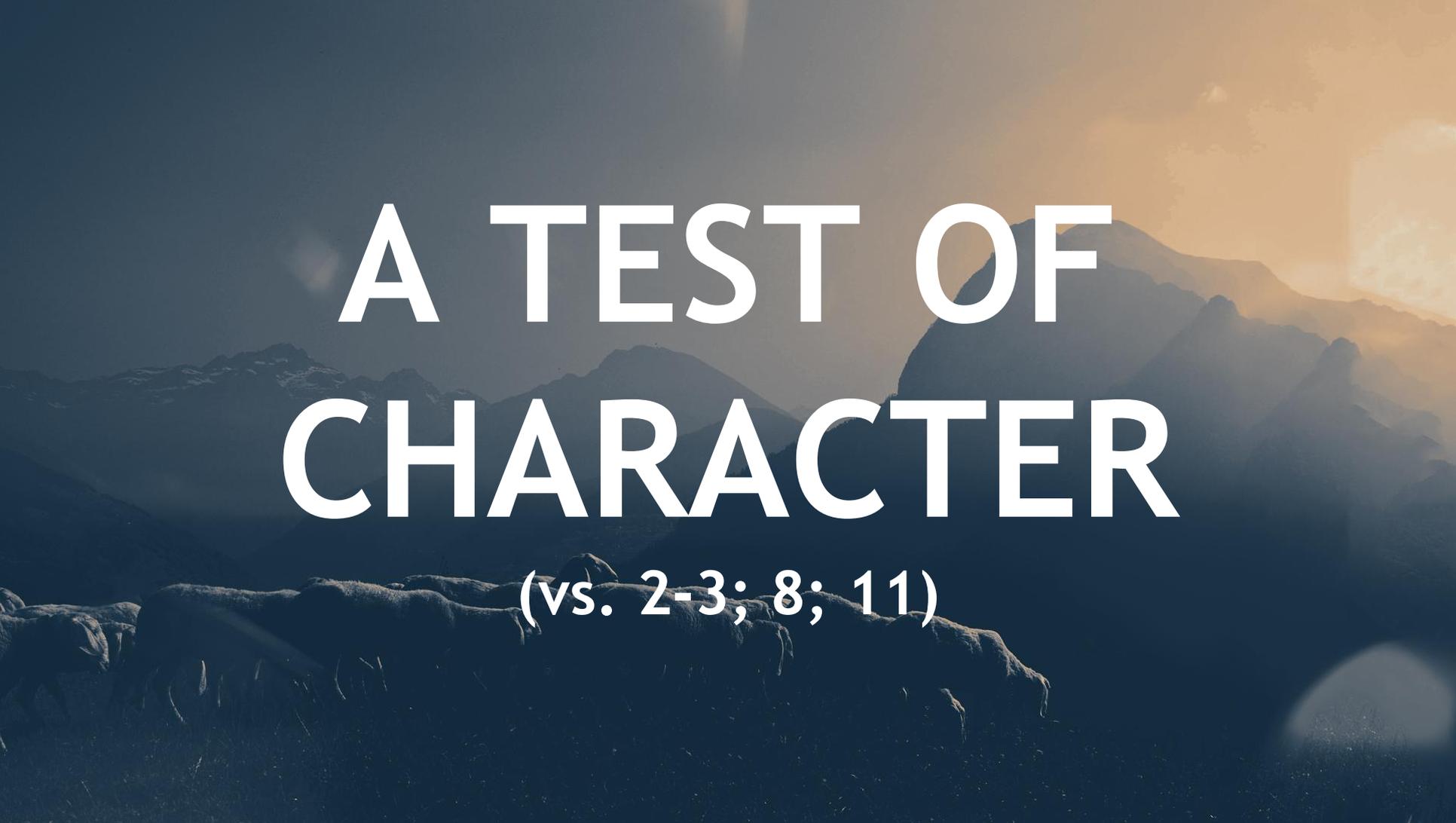
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1 TIMOTHY 3:9-10

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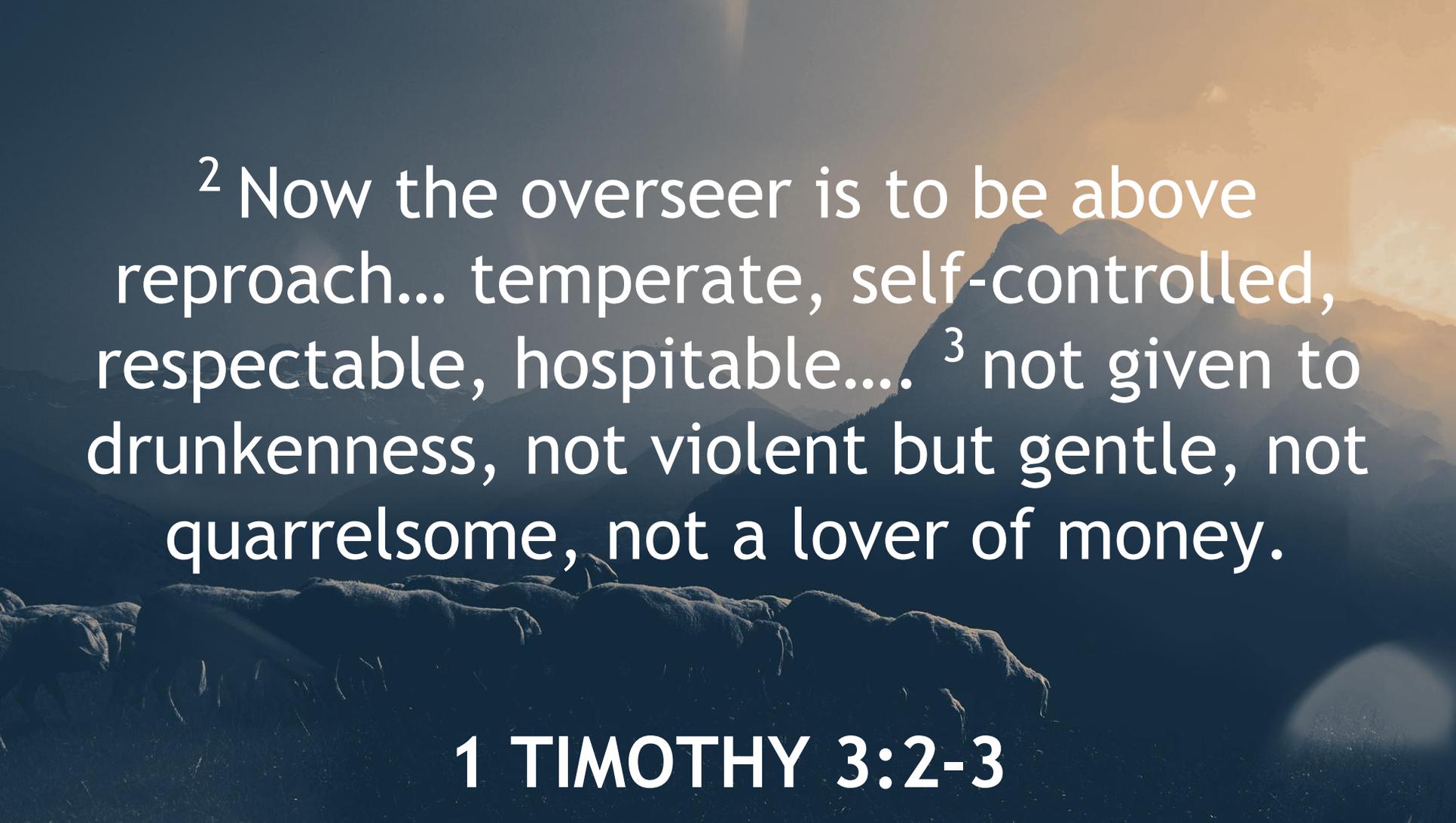
¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely.
Persevere in them.

1 TIMOTHY 4:16

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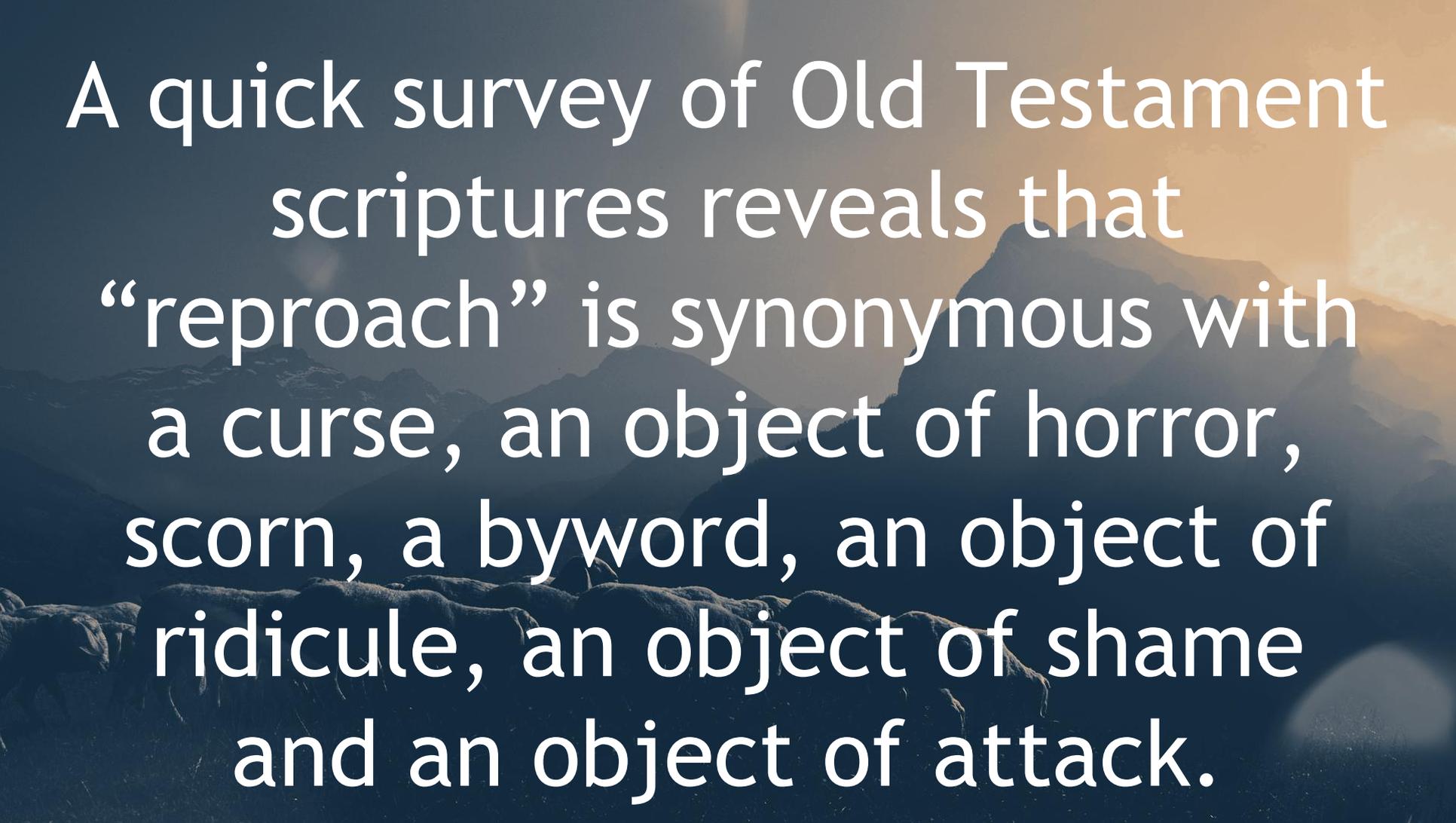
A TEST OF CHARACTER

(vs. 2-3; 8; 11)



² Now the overseer is to be above reproach... temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable... ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

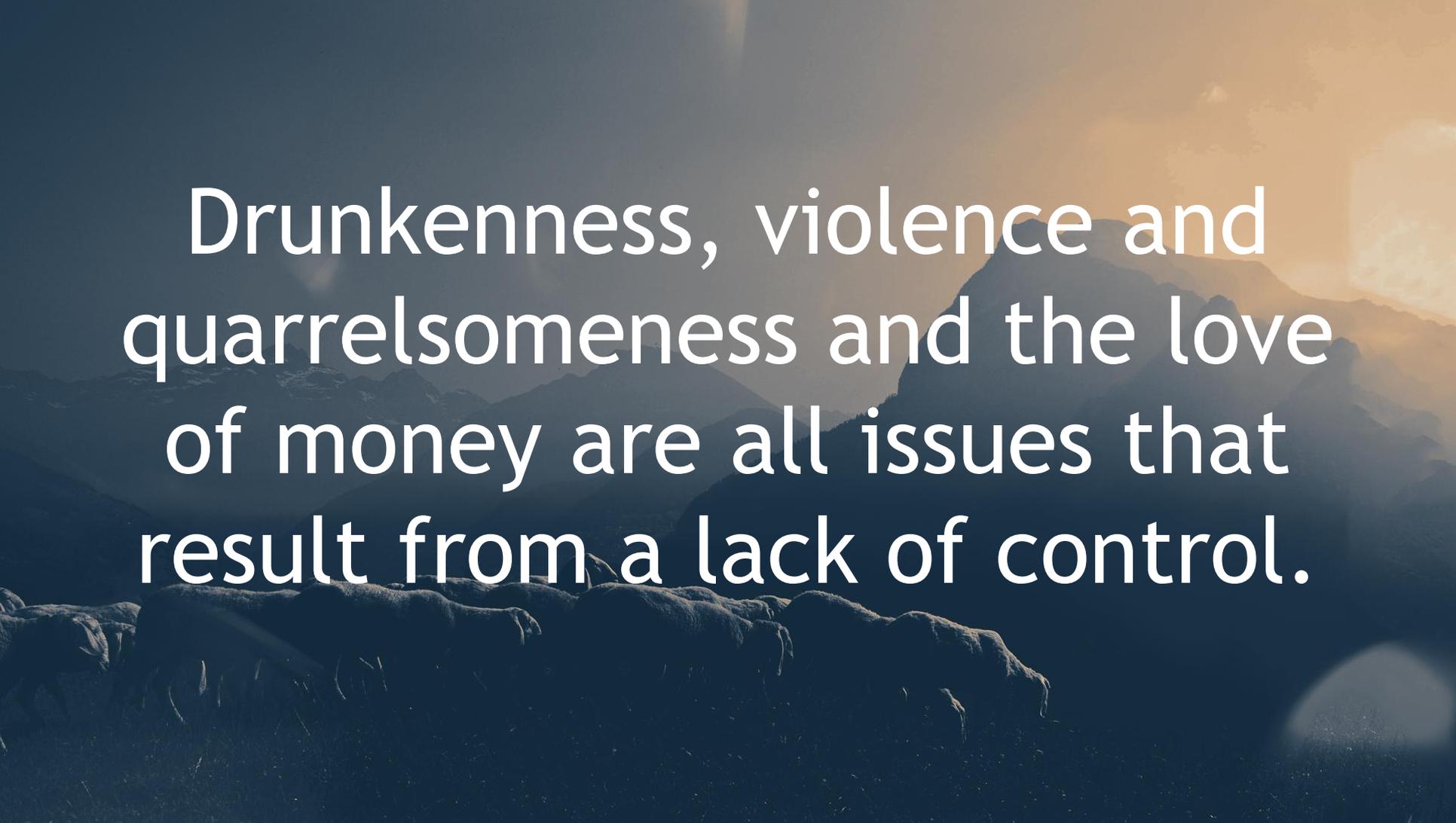
1 TIMOTHY 3:2-3



A quick survey of Old Testament scriptures reveals that “reproach” is synonymous with a curse, an object of horror, scorn, a byword, an object of ridicule, an object of shame and an object of attack.

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of deep blue and warm orange, with the sun partially visible on the right side, creating a lens flare effect. In the foreground, a flock of sheep is grazing on a grassy slope, their forms silhouetted against the darker ground. In the background, a range of mountains stretches across the horizon, with the central peak being the most prominent. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

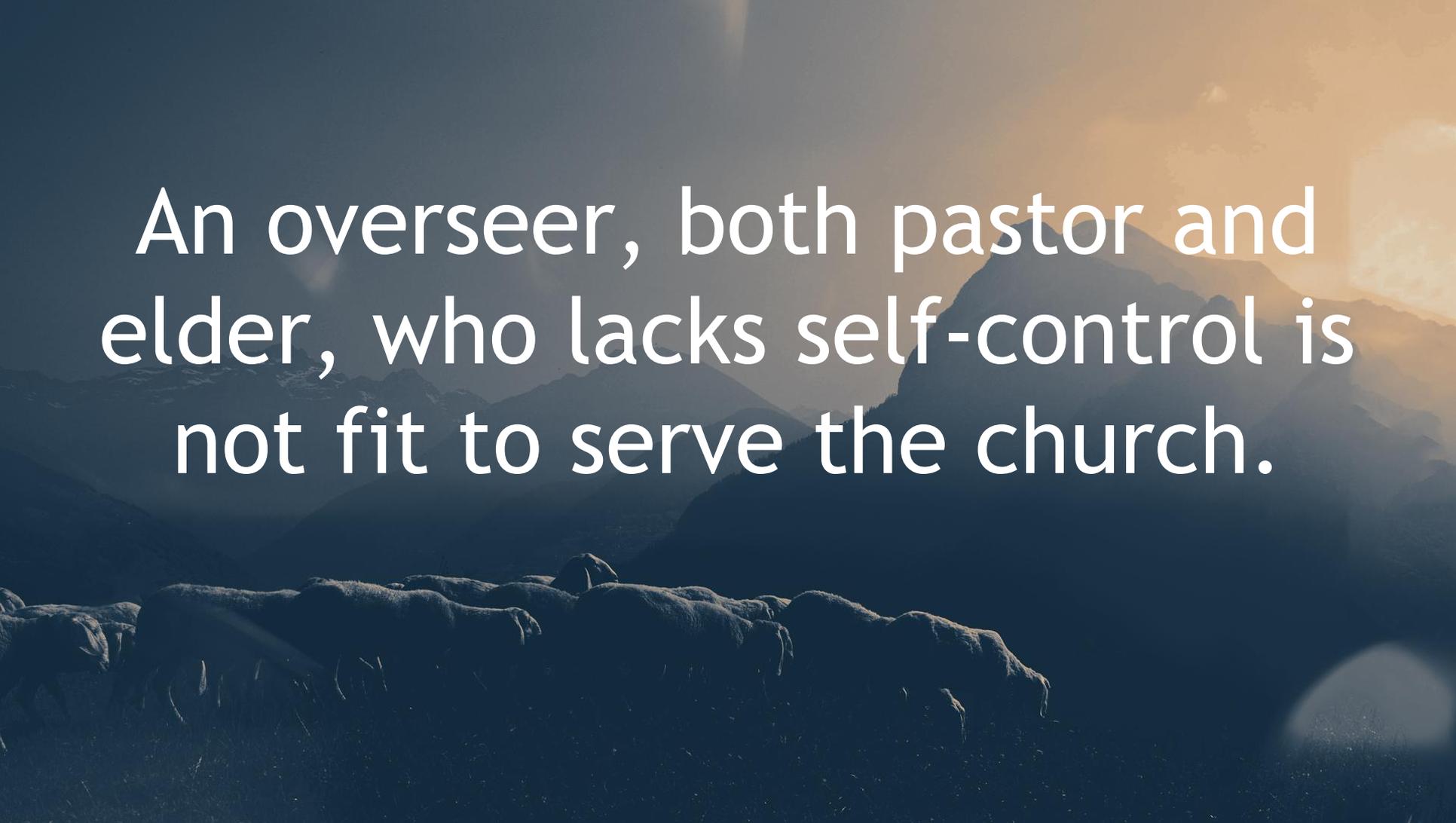
The Apostle Paul focused on
issues of self-control.

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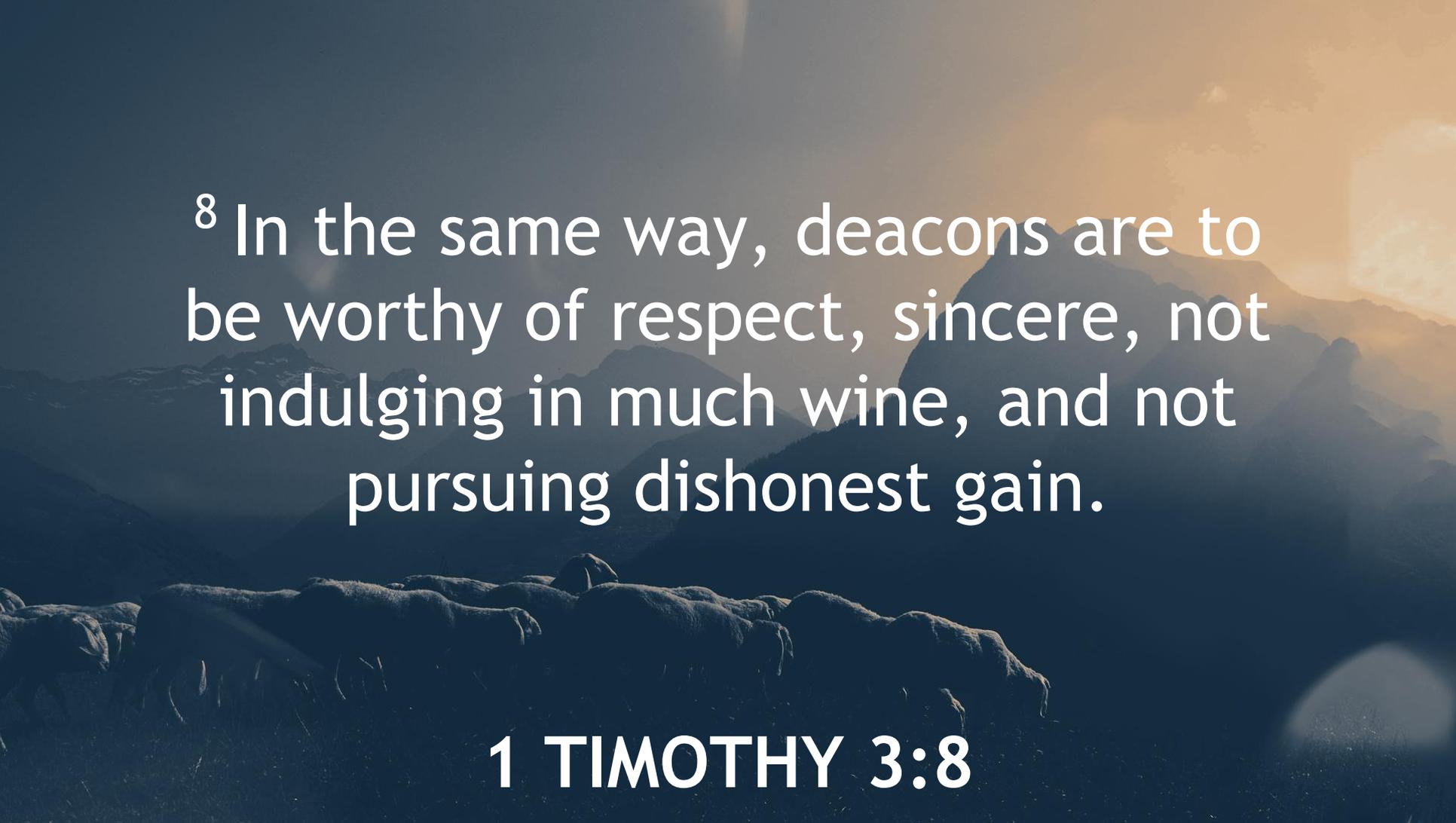
Drunkenness, violence and quarrelsomeness and the love of money are all issues that result from a lack of control.

A scenic mountain landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of deep blue and warm orange, with the sun partially visible on the right. In the foreground, a herd of sheep is grazing on a grassy slope. The background features rolling mountains and a prominent, dark mountain peak.

Temperate, respectable,
hospitable and gentle are all
evidence of the possession of
self-control.

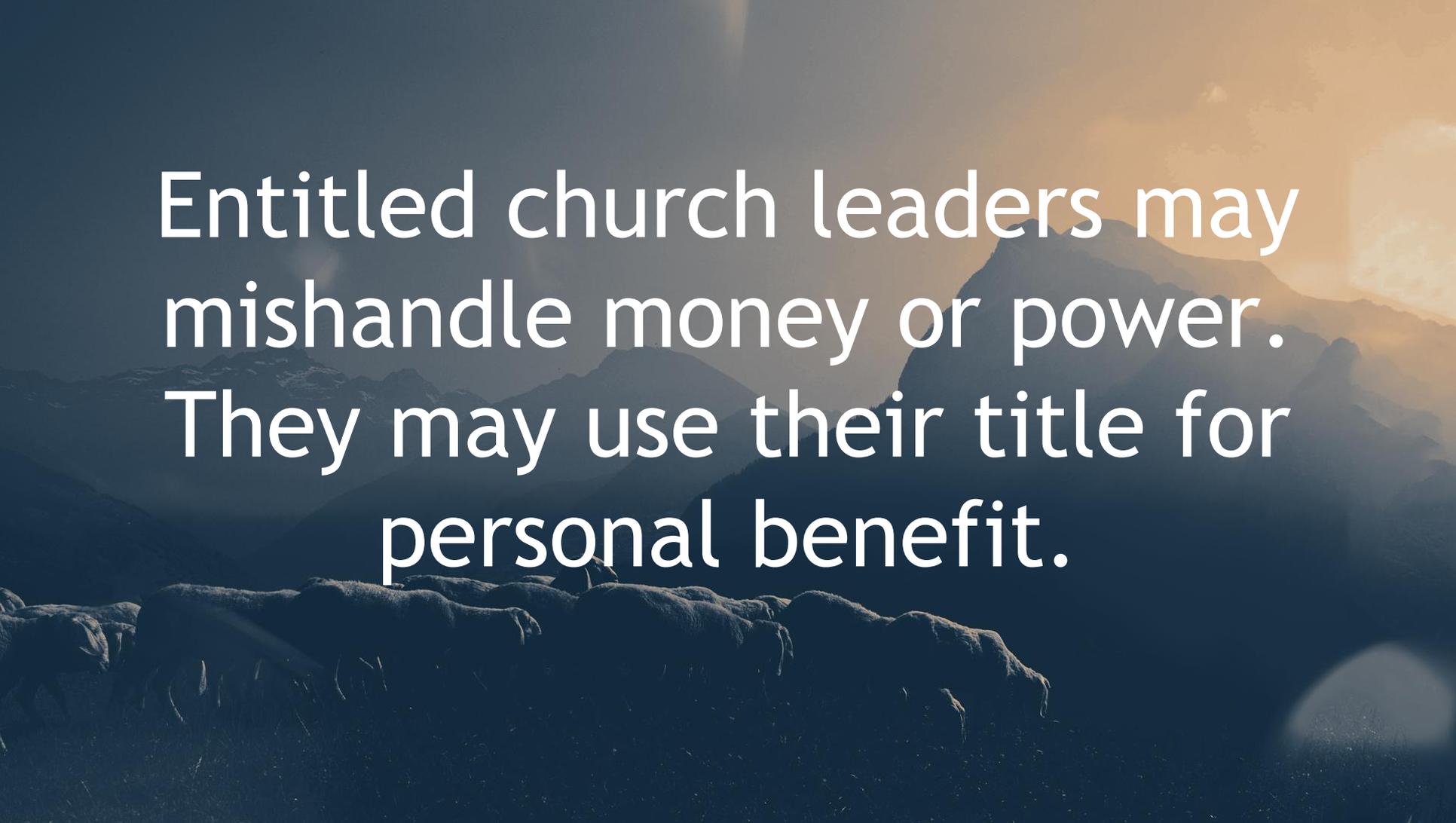
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An overseer, both pastor and elder, who lacks self-control is not fit to serve the church.

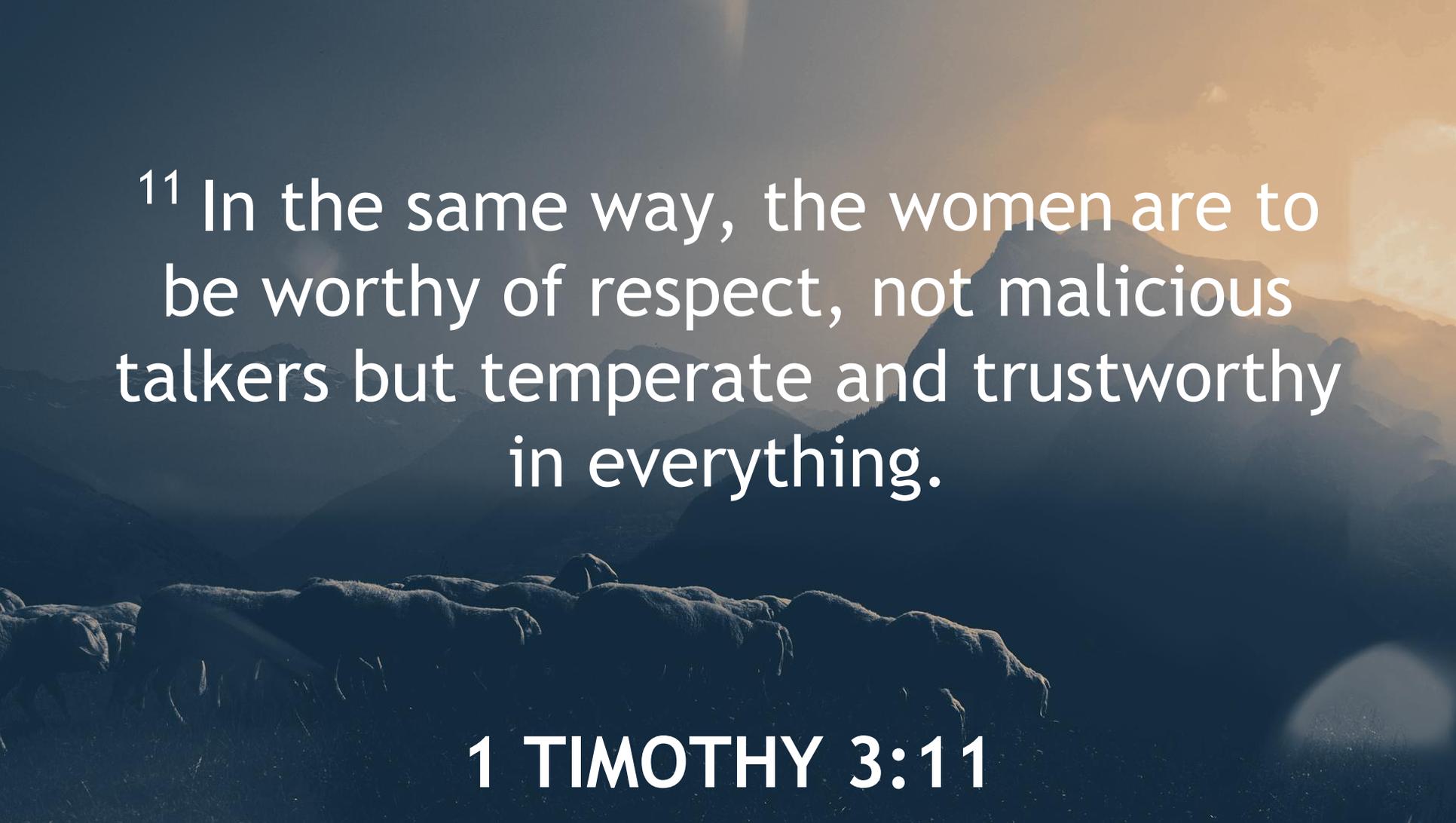
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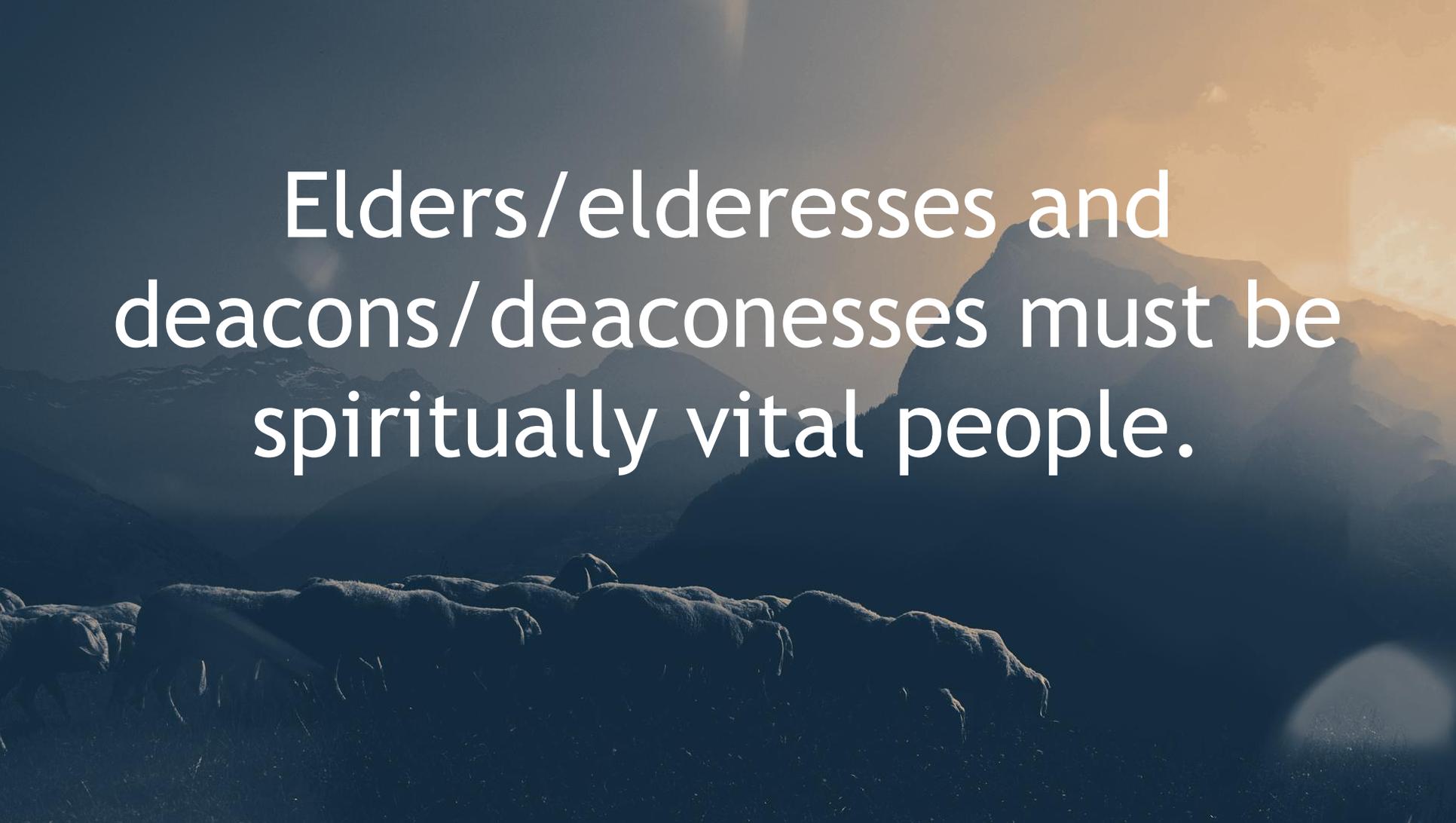
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Entitled church leaders may mishandle money or power. They may use their title for personal benefit.

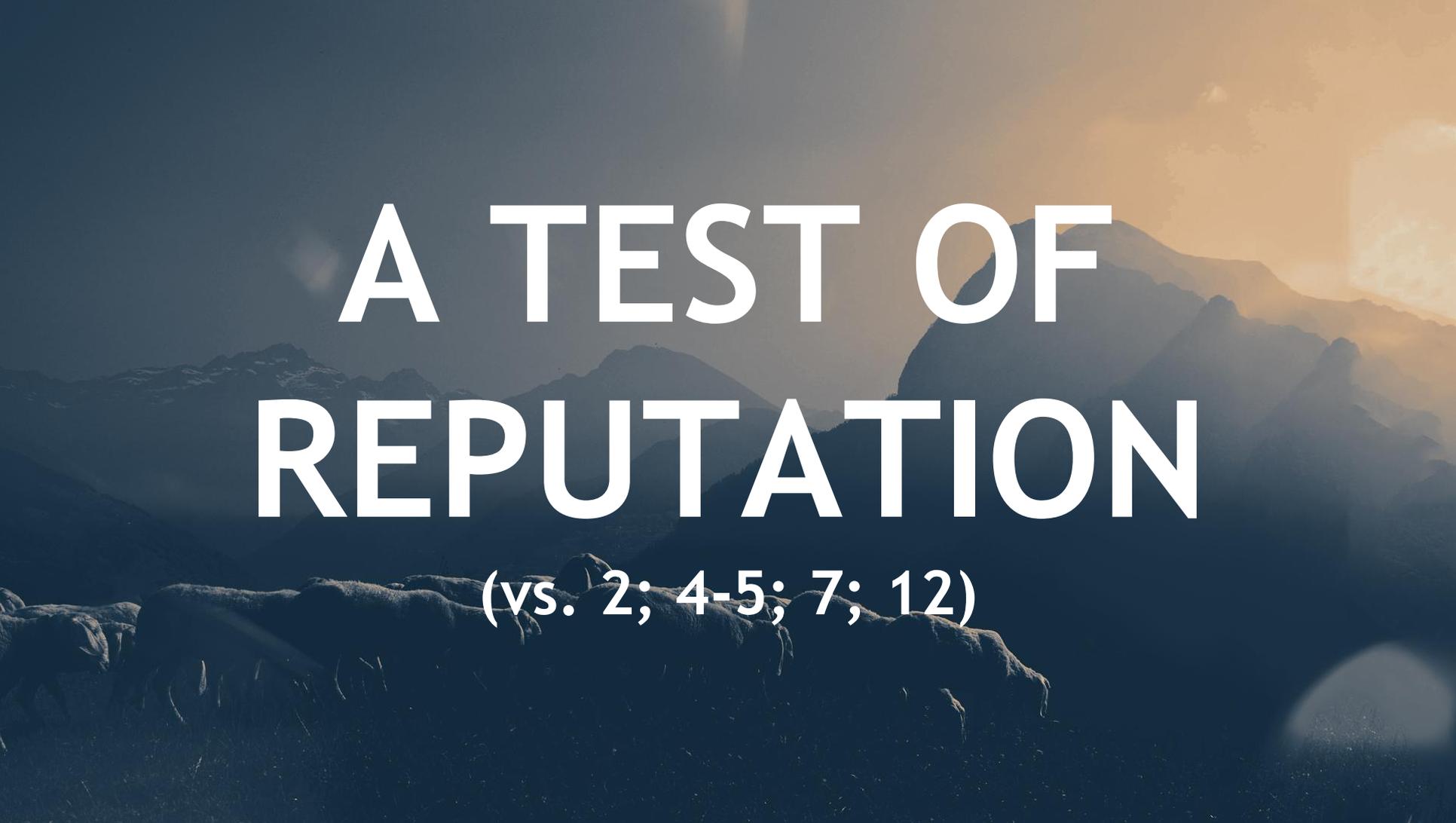
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spiritually vital people.

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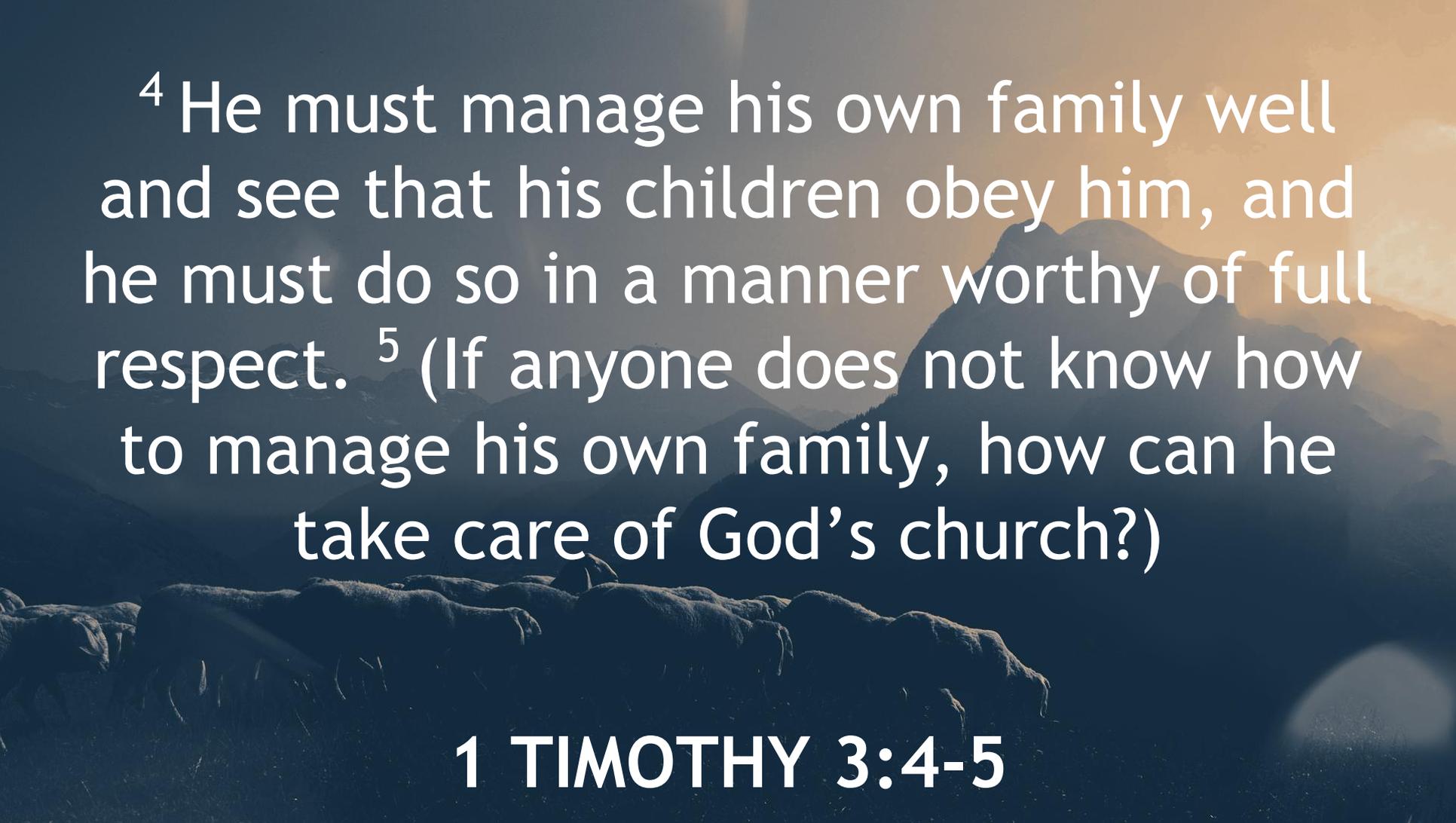
A TEST OF REPUTATION

(vs. 2; 4-5; 7; 12)

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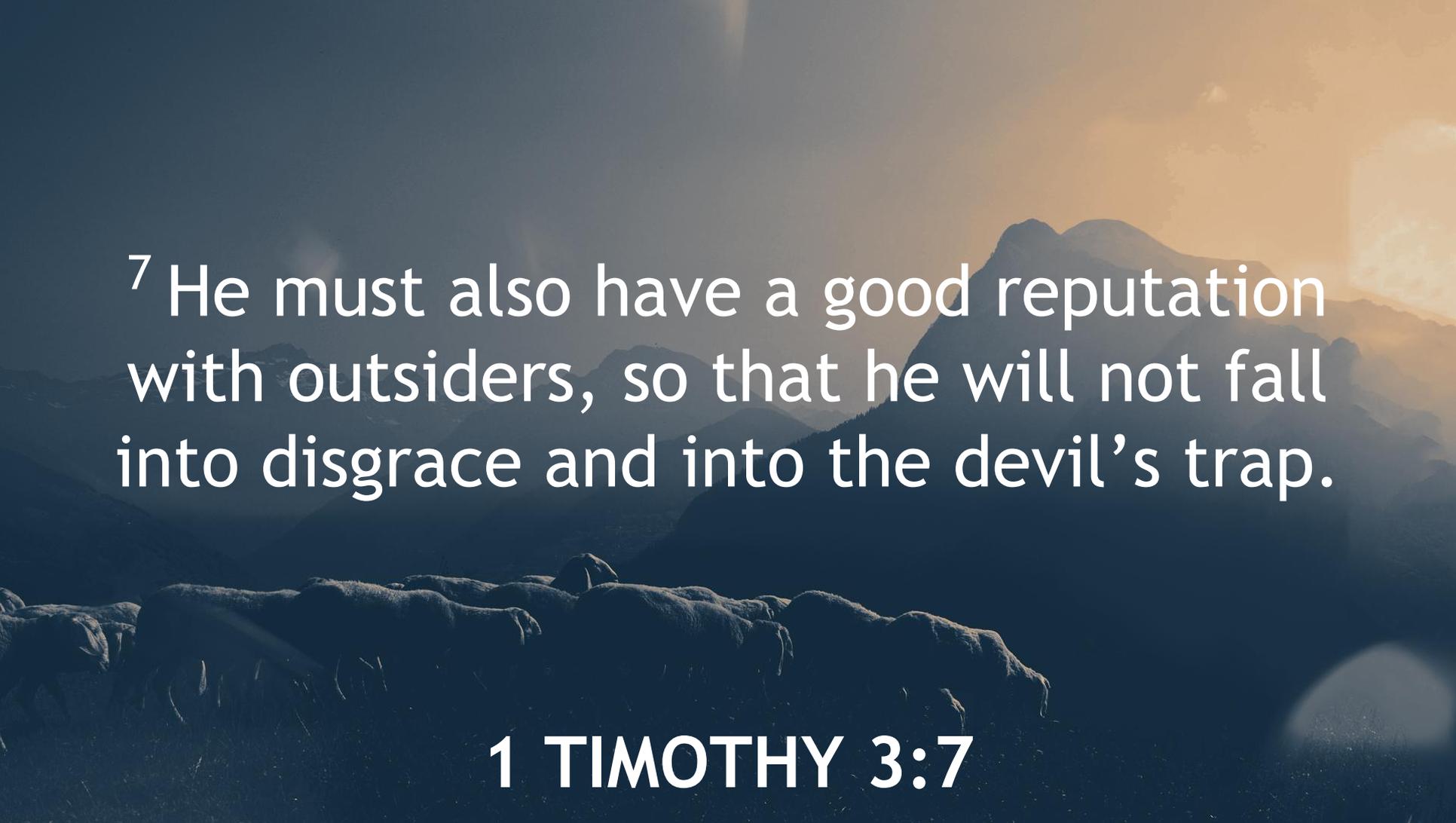
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1 TIMOTHY 3:2

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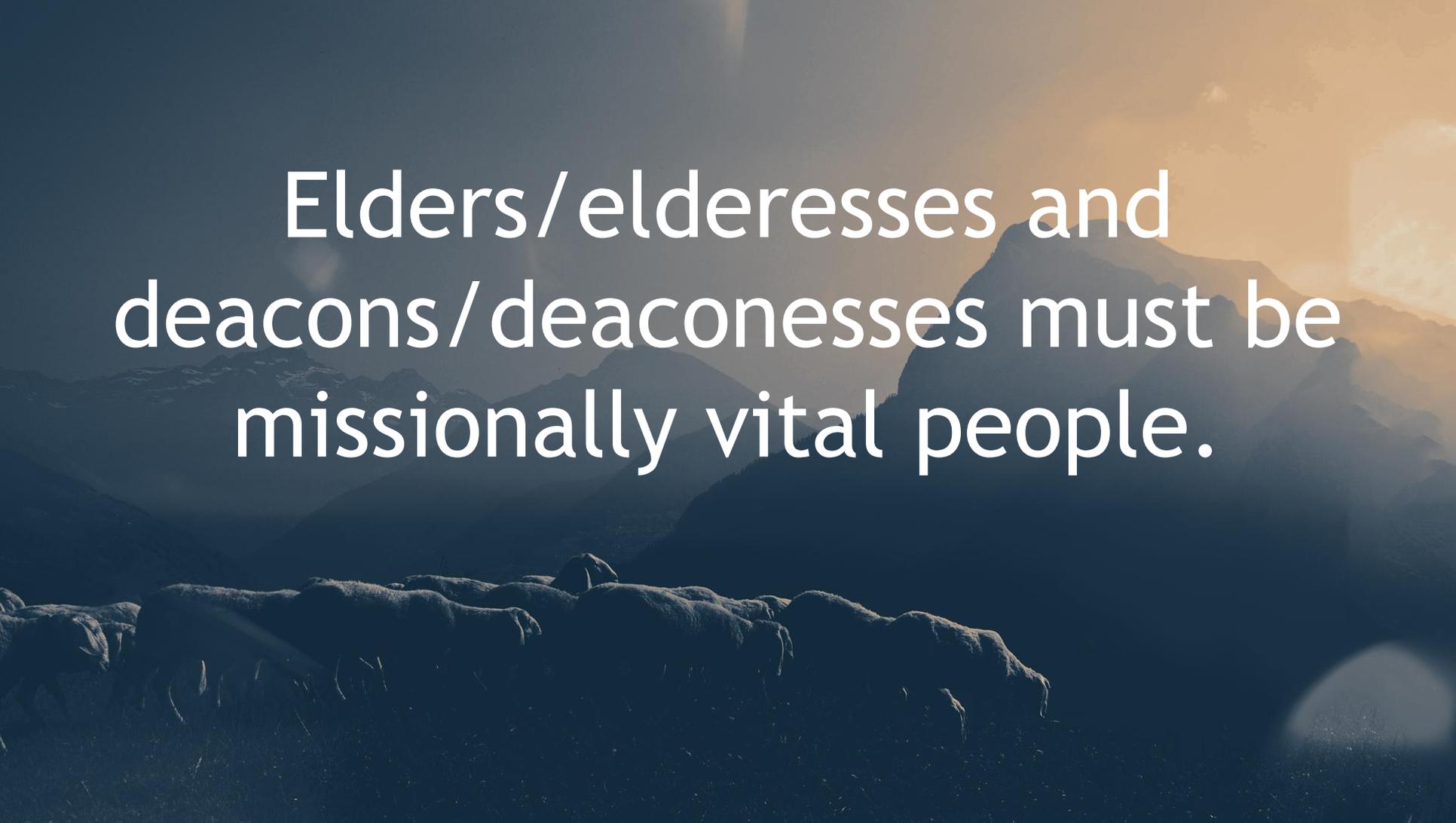
⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

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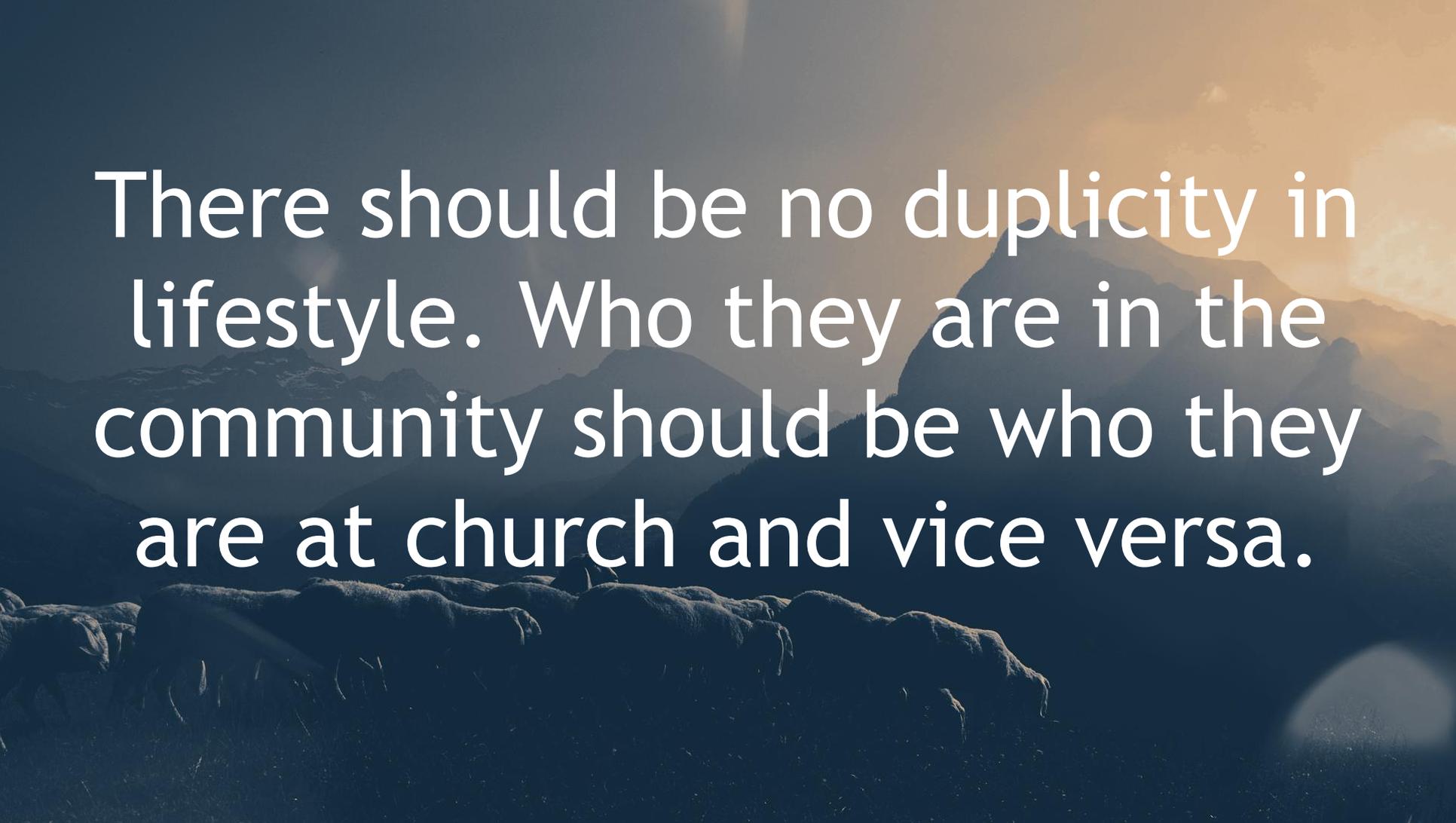
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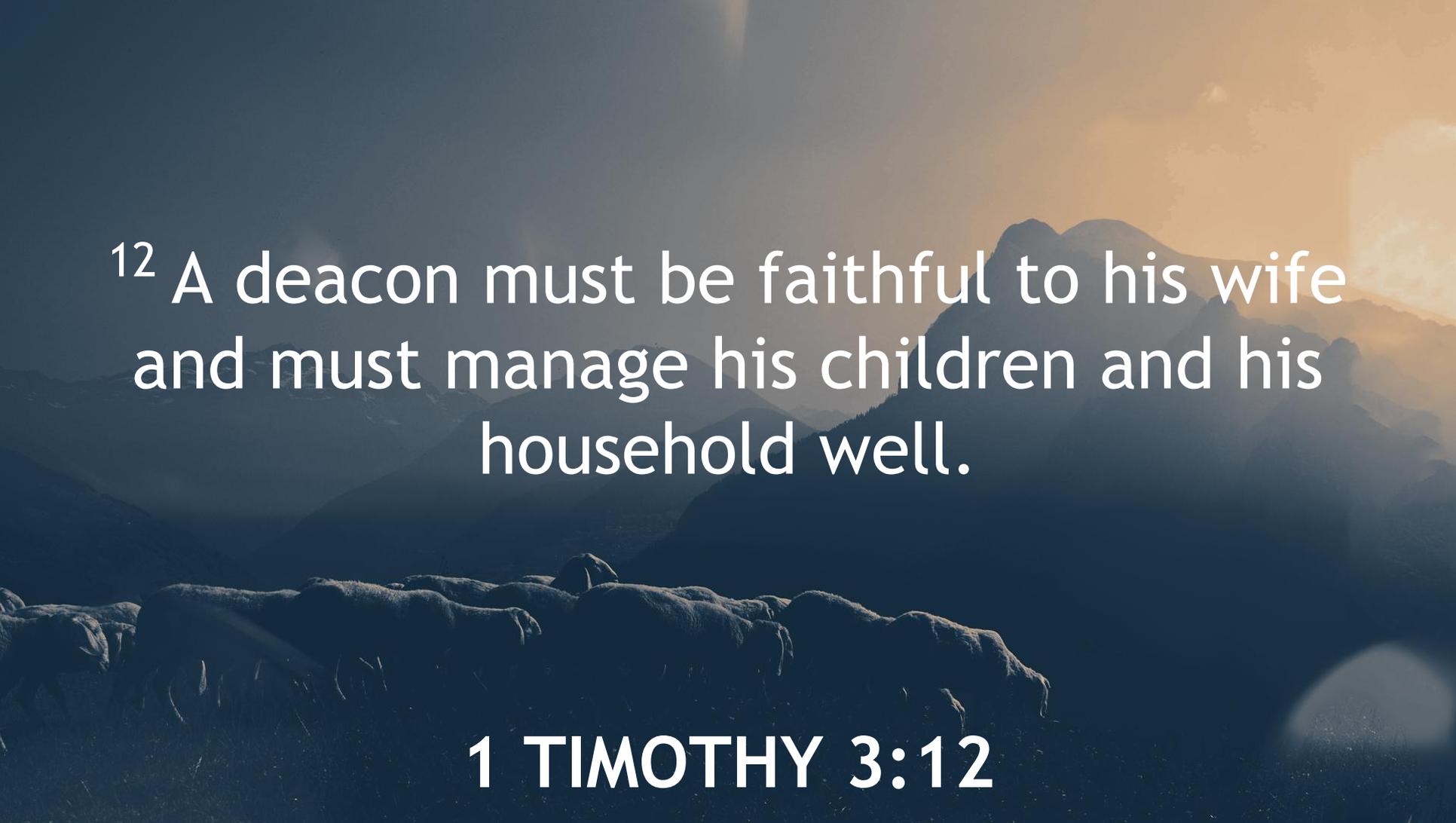
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There should be no duplicity in lifestyle. Who they are in the community should be who they are at church and vice versa.

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