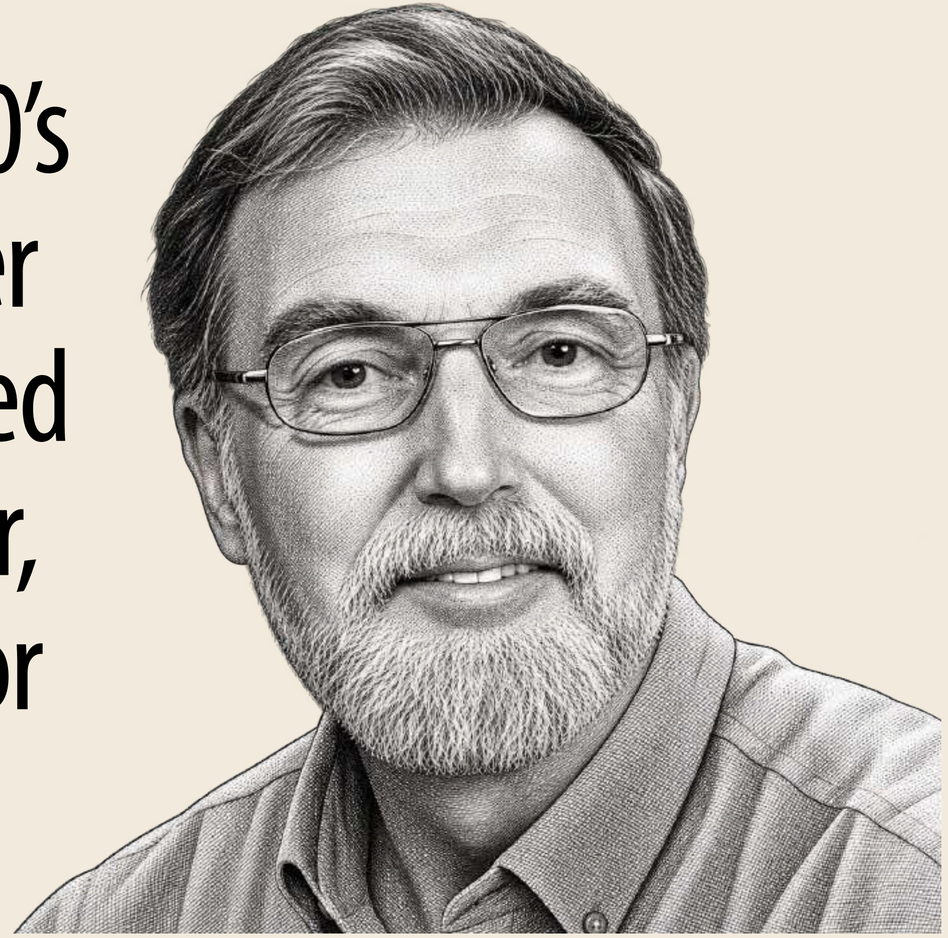

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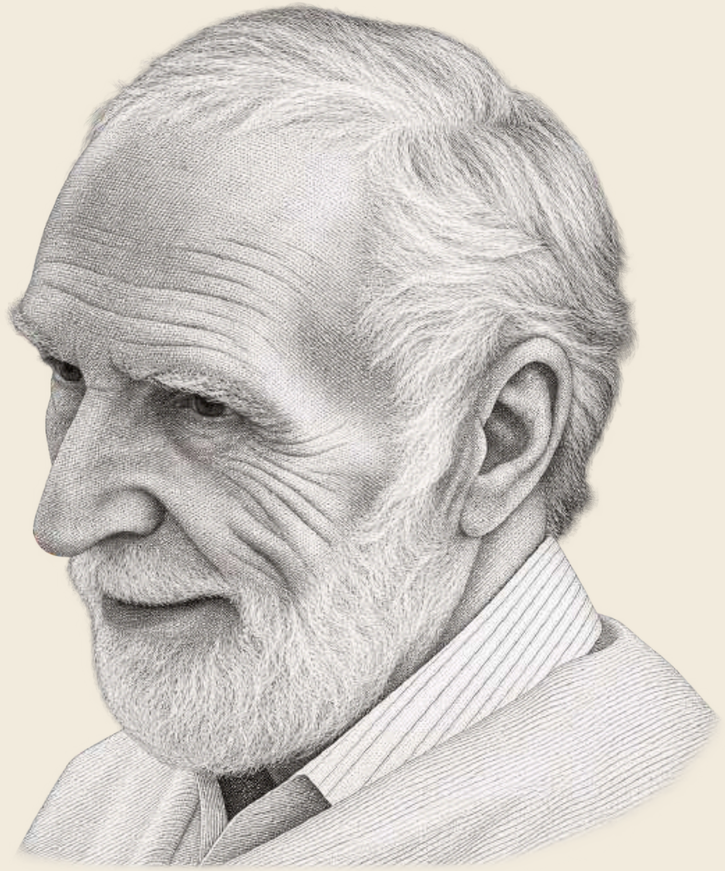
"The renewal began in the early 1960's as a small stream that became a river of nation-wide revival. It was preceded by a period of brokenness and prayer, of the common believer searching for God beyond the traditions."

Vic Grigg



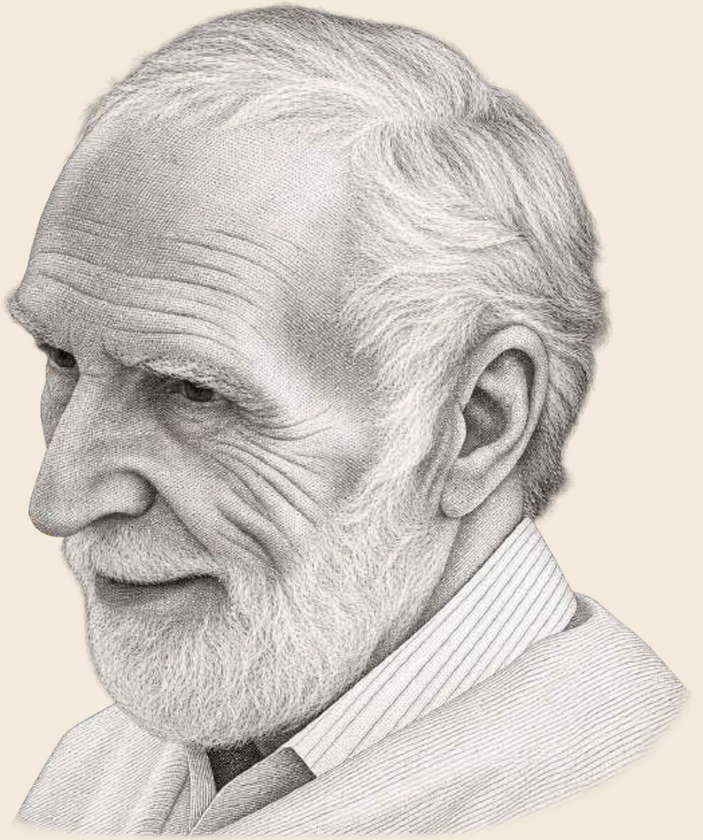


Arthur Wallis



Campbell McAlpine

Originally from Britain, highly respected Bible teacher and author Campbell McAlpine ministered in churches and conferences around the world. Shelagh, his wife, founded Lydia Fellowship International, tracing the roots of that ministry to a season of committed prayer with fasting for revival in the church and nation of New Zealand together with Campbell in the 1960s. Campbell prophesied that New Zealand was about to experience a great revival, and people were eager to be spiritually equipped in readiness for it. Prayer groups began to be established throughout the country by assembly members and other enquirers.



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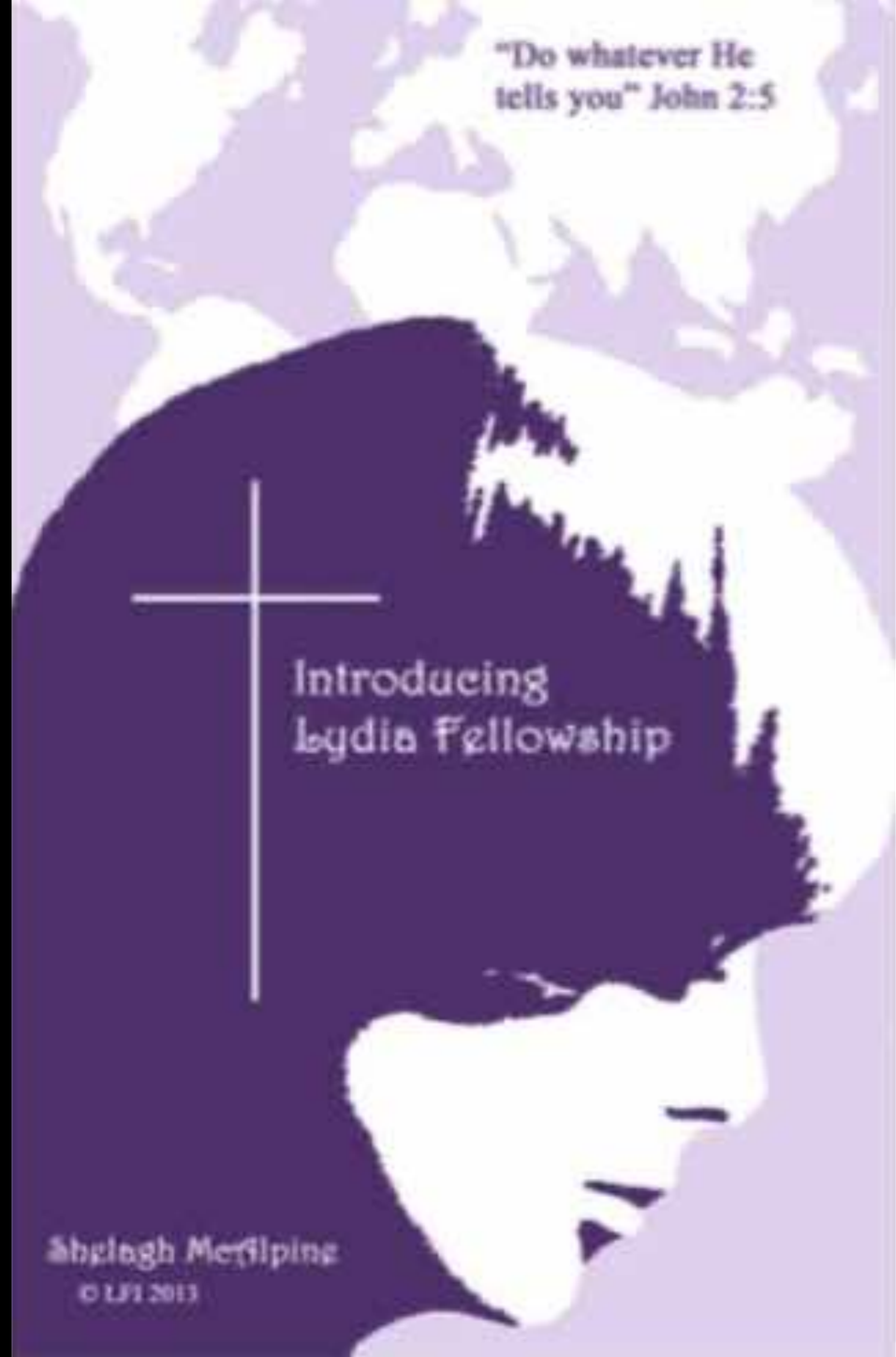
May God Bless you all in every season

The Lydia NZ National P & P Team & Trust Board

Michelle, Julie, Barbara, Nancy, Beth & Lesley



The core mission of Lydia Fellowship International is to call Christian women into small groups to seek God's presence, listen to His heart through biblical meditation, and engage in Holy Spirit-led intercessory prayer and fasting.



REVIVAL

God Dealing With False Assurances of Salvation

The Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount begins with the marks of those who have truly been brought into the kingdom of God and ends with a warning to those who profess allegiance to the King but have never been transformed by His saving grace.

The Beatitudes describe the evidence of genuine new birth; Matthew 7:21-23 reveals the tragedy of false assurance.

The sermon opens with citizens of the kingdom and closes with those who claim the kingdom without ever having entered it.

13. Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide
and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and
there are many who enter through it.
14. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that
leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

15. Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
16. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from
thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?
17. So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.
18. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce
good fruit.
19. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown
into the fire.
20. So then, you will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:15-20

21. Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.
22. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’
23. And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

Matthew 7:21-23

24. So, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on bedrock.
25. The rain fell, the rivers flooded, the winds blew and beat against that house, but it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on rock.
26. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand.
27. The rain fell, the rivers flooded, the wind blew and beat against that house, and it collapsed — and its collapse was horrendous!"

Matthew 7:24-27

28. When Jesus had finished these words,
the crowds were amazed at His teaching;
29. for He was teaching them as one having
authority, and not as their scribes.

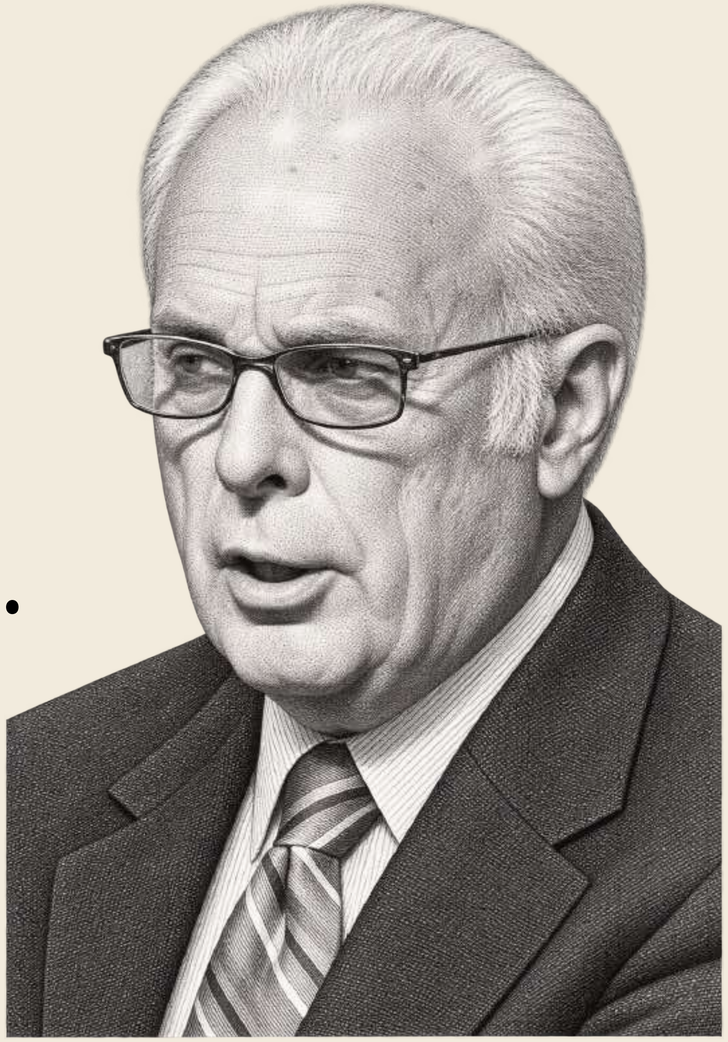
Matthew 7:28-29

- The two gates and two roads (narrow vs. wide)
- The two types of trees and fruit (good vs. bad trees)
- The two claims of salvation (those who have a false assurance of salvation vs. those who have been born again)
- The two foundations (building on the Rock of a truly transformed heart vs. building on the shifting sand of a false assurance)

“Evangelical phrases such as:

- accept Jesus as your personal Saviour
- ask Jesus into your hear
- make a decision for Christ

are not biblical expressions and can contribute to a watered-down understanding of conversion. The biblical emphasis is on believing, repenting, following Christ, and being reconciled to God rather than merely "accepting" an offer.”



John MacArthur

“The most dangerous spiritual condition is not rebellion; it’s false assurance.”

Bill Watkins



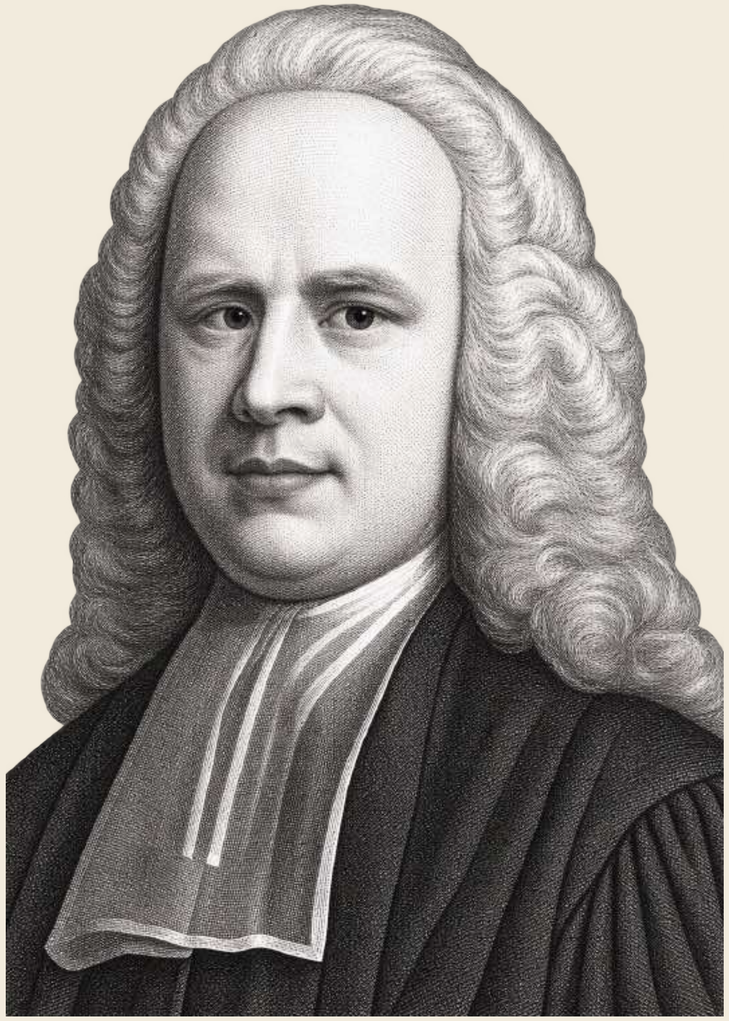
3. Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**.”
4. Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”
5. Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
6. “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7. “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You **MUST BE** born again.’

John 3:3-7

A woman came to George Whitefield and said, "Every time I've heard you preach, all you say is ye must be born again. Why don't you say anything else?"

Whitefield looked at her and said "because ye must be born again."

George Whitefield



Our position OUTSIDE of new birth

Dead in sin
Following **the world**
Under **Satan's** influence
In the domain of **darkness**
Child of **wrath**
Outside the covenant
Without hope
Enemy of God

BORN AGAIN

Our position BECAUSE of new birth

Alive in Christ
Following **Christ**
Under **Christ's** authority
In the kingdom of **light**
Child of **God**
Inside the New Covenant
Have a **living** hope
Reconciled to God

The promises of the New Covenant

- Forgiveness of sins - complete & lasting pardon through the blood of Christ
- A new heart
- A new spirit within
- The indwelling Holy Spirit
- God's law written on the heart
- Power to walk in holiness

The promises of the New Covenant

- A personal relationship with God
- A true knowledge of God: not merely knowing about God, but knowing Him personally & for salvation
- Cleansing from impurity and idolatry
- A gathered and restored people
- An eternal covenant relationship
- Direct access to God through Christ

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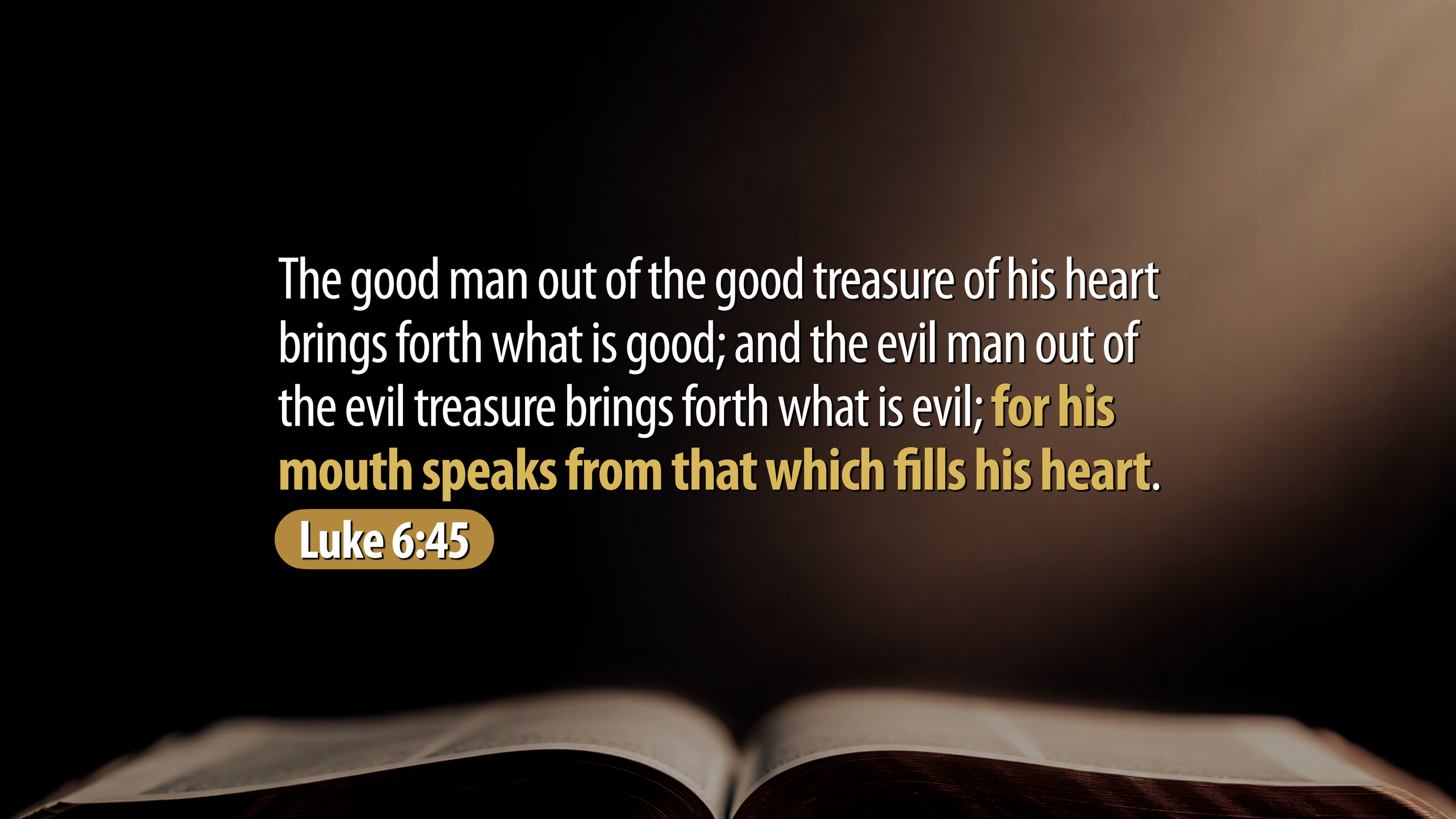
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Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?

2 Corinthians 13:5 (Amplified Bible)




The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.
Luke 6:45

“We know many persons who have never made any profession of being Christ’s followers. They that are without, God judgeth; but let those who are within, those who have come into the fellowship of the church, and have said, “Lord, Lord,” judge themselves, lest they should be deceived into a false security. It is not every one who has been called by the name of Christ whom He will own “in that day.” There has been many a loud profession that will count for nothing in that heart-searching time.”



Charles Spurgeon

“O my brethren, I am speaking to myself
as I speak to every member of this church,
and every member of any other Christian church,
and I beseech you to see to it that you have
something more than a mere profession,
for these condemned ones
had made an open profession of religion,
yet Christ will say to them, “I never knew you.””



Charles Spurgeon

Start Here, Lord

“Revive everything inside this circle.”

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
Psalm 139:23



Revival begins with me.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven …”
2 Chronicles 7:14