

GO TO THE ANT!!

Lessons in Diligence, Discipline,
and a Strong Work Ethic

— PROVERBS 6:6-8 —



THE PLANS OF THE
DILIGENT
Prosper

PROVERBS 13:4

The **sluggard** desires
but gets nothing,
while the **diligent**
are richly supplied.

NEHEMIAH

DILIGENT PLANNING AND EXECUTION

NEHEMIAH 2:11-18; 4:6; 6:15-16



INSPECTED
THE WALLS



DEVELOPED
A PLAN



ORGANIZED
THE WORKERS

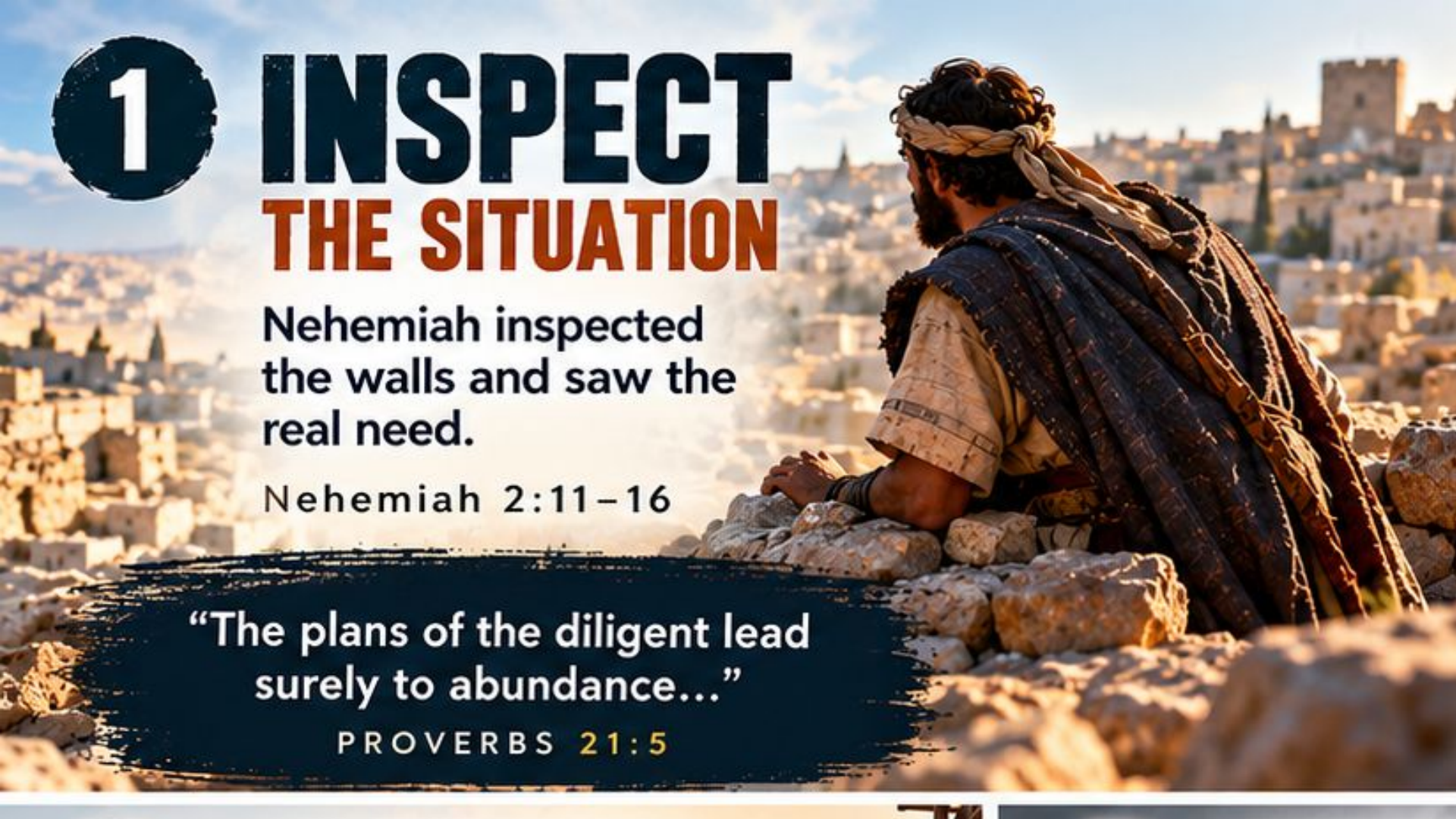


HANDLED
OPPOSITION



COMPLETED
THE WALL

Nehemiah inspected the walls, developed a plan, organized the workers, handled opposition, and completed Jerusalem's wall **in just 52 days.**

A man with a beard and a headband, wearing a dark robe over a light tunic, sits on a stone wall. He is looking out over a city with many buildings and a prominent tower in the distance. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with warm light illuminating the scene.

1

INSPECT THE SITUATION

Nehemiah inspected
the walls and saw the
real need.

Nehemiah 2:11–16

“The plans of the diligent lead
surely to abundance...”

PROVERBS 21:5

A person wearing historical clothing, including a turban and multiple metal armbands, is shown from the chest down. They are leaning over a large, unrolled scroll or parchment, using a quill pen to draw a detailed architectural plan. The plan features a rectangular structure with internal divisions and a central courtyard. The background is a warm, golden light, suggesting an indoor setting with a window. The overall tone is historical and focused on planning.

2

DEVELOP A PLAN

Nehemiah developed
a clear plan for what
needed to be done.

Nehemiah 2:17-18

**“Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.”**

PROVERBS 16:3

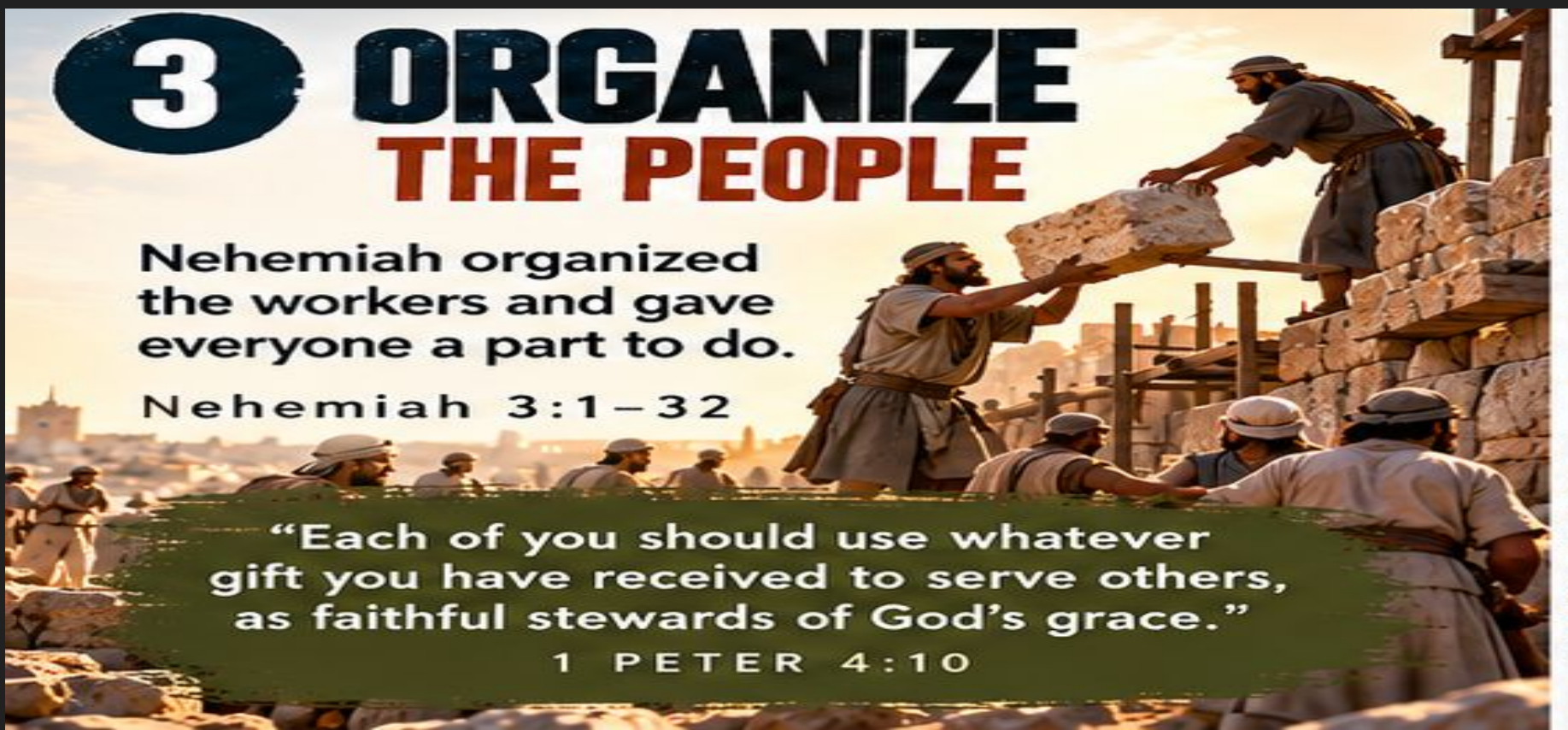
3 ORGANIZE THE PEOPLE

**Nehemiah organized
the workers and gave
everyone a part to do.**

Nehemiah 3:1–32

**“Each of you should use whatever
gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God’s grace.”**

1 PETER 4:10





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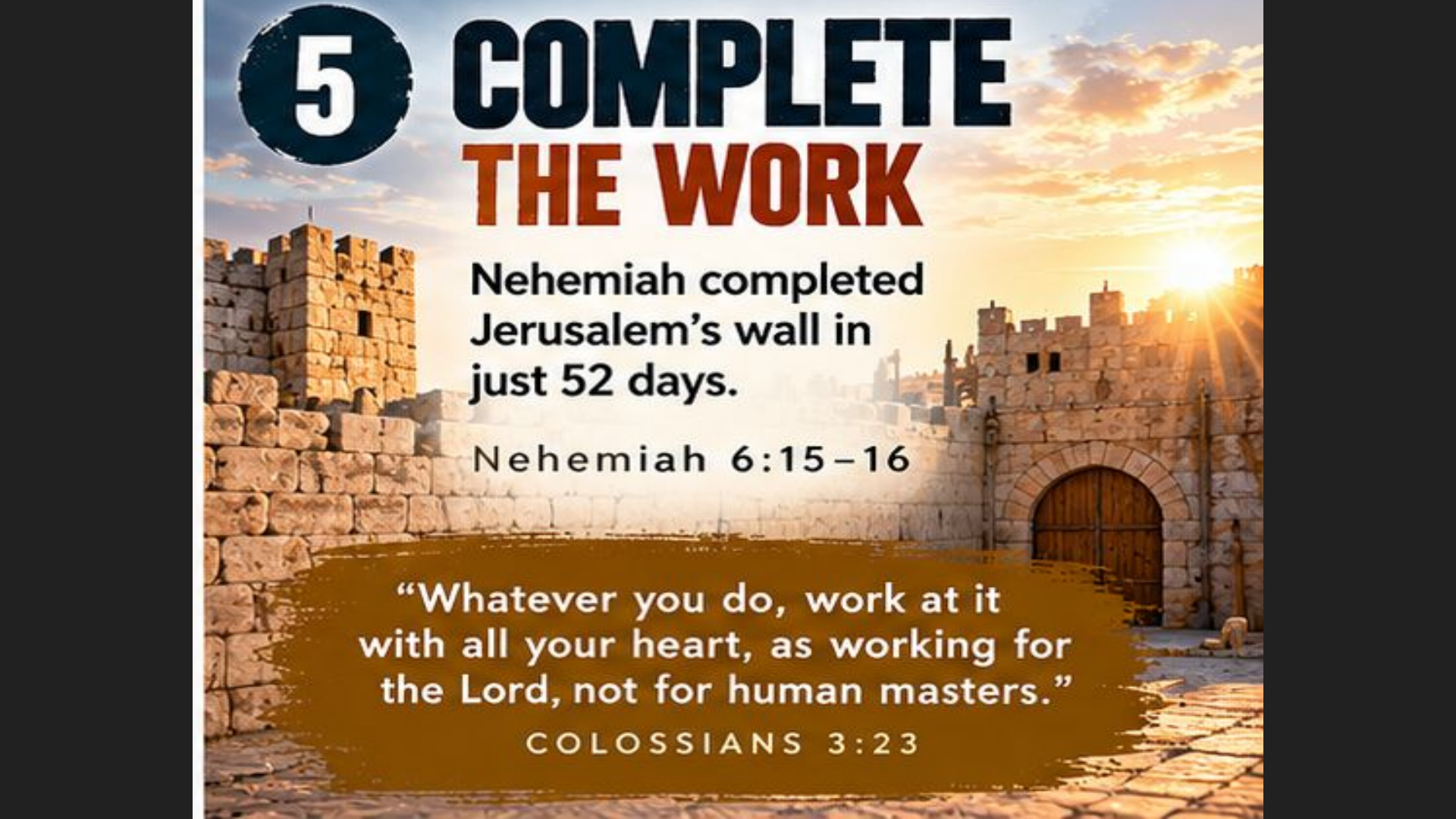
HANDLE OPPOSITION

Nehemiah faced
opposition but kept
working and stayed
focused.

Nehemiah 4:6; 6:15–16

**“Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up.”**

GALATIANS 6:9

The background of the entire graphic is a photograph of the Temple Mount wall in Jerusalem. The wall is constructed from large, light-colored stone blocks. On the right side, there is a large, arched wooden gate. The sun is setting behind the wall, creating a bright, golden glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds.

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COMPLETE THE WORK

Nehemiah completed
Jerusalem's wall in
just 52 days.

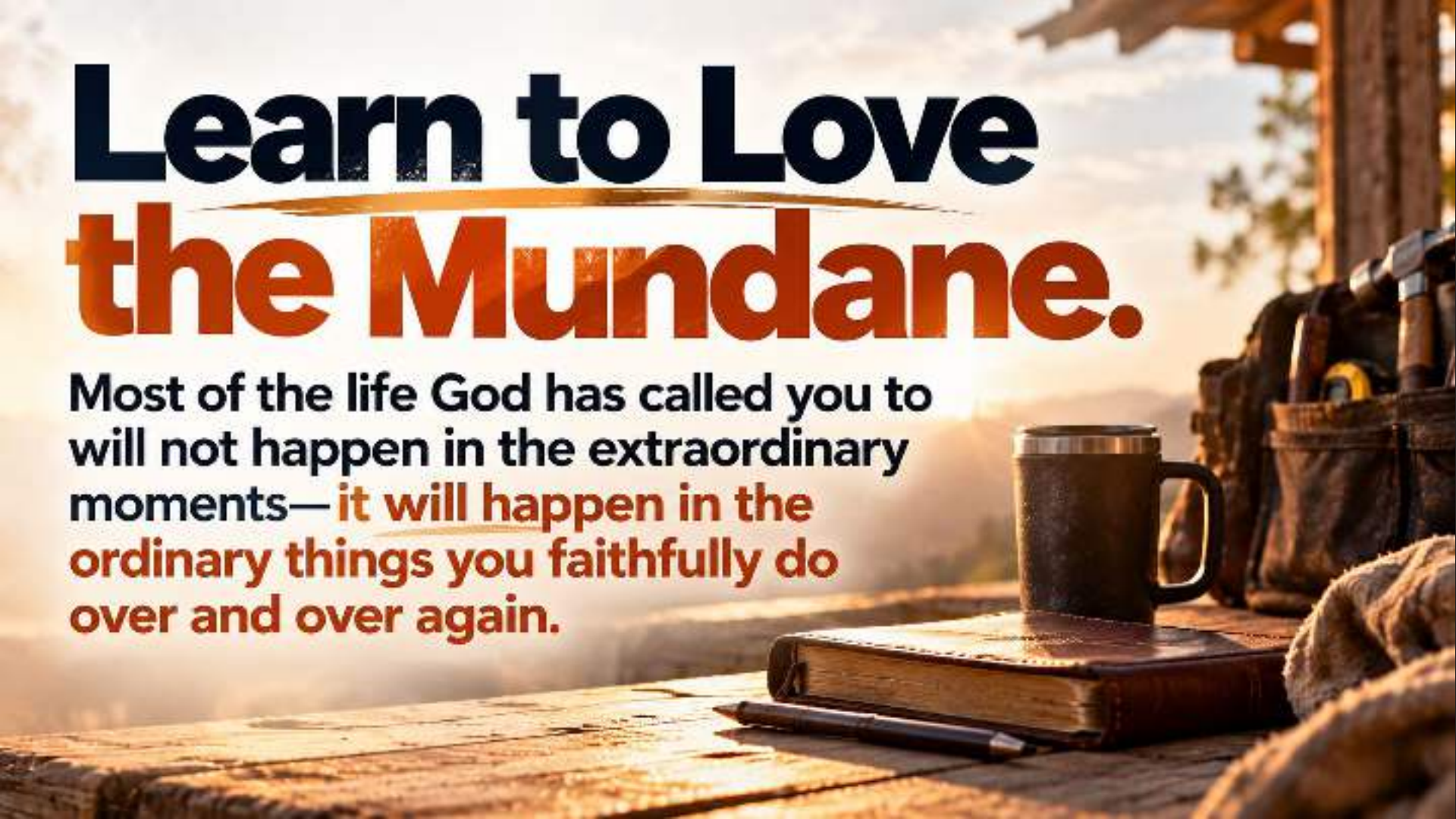
Nehemiah 6:15-16

**"Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as working for
the Lord, not for human masters."**

COLOSSIANS 3:23

Learn to Love the Mundane.

Most of the life God has called you to will not happen in the extraordinary moments—it will happen in the ordinary things you faithfully do over and over again.



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THE FIRE ANTS
ARE THE
PENTECOSTALS



The image is a promotional graphic for a parody of the movie 'The Ant Bully'. It features several ants on a wooden structure, with one ant holding a hammer. In the background, a white church with a steeple is visible. The text is a pun on the movie title.

The
**CARPENTER
ANTS**
— ARE THE —
METH⁺DISTS



Remember
lots wife



**WHY DID GOD
TELL US TO**

GO TO THE ANT?



- ⁶ **Go to the ant**, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!
- ⁷ It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,
- ⁸ yet **it stores its provisions** in summer
and **gathers its food** at harvest.

— PROVERBS 6:6-8 —





Ants are
INTRINSICALLY
MOTIVATED

**STOP WAITING
FOR A LEADER**

AND BE ONE!



LEADERS MOVE ON
GET SICK, FALL AWAY AND DIE
BUT THE STORY GOES ON



And I will put *my Spirit* in you
and *move you* to follow my decrees
and be careful to keep my laws.

— EZEKIEL 36:27 —



WHAT IF JOSHUA AND JESUS WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED THEIR LEADERS?



— 1 JOHN 2:27 (NIV) —

But as for you, you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know the truth. *You need no one to teach you,* but as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.



TRUE FASTING

"If you do away with the yoke
of oppression,
with the pointing finger and
malicious talk,
¹⁰ and if you spend yourselves
on behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday."

— ISAIAH 58:9-10 —



A close-up photograph of a line of ants marching up a dark, textured mound. The lead ant is carrying a large, bright green leaf fragment on its back. The background is a soft-focus landscape at sunset, with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over rolling hills and a body of water.

EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are **God's**
HANDIWORK,
created in Christ Jesus
to do **good works,**
which God prepared in advance
for us to do.

A detailed illustration of ants on a hill. In the foreground, a large pile of golden-brown seeds sits on a dark, textured mound of soil. Several ants, with reddish-brown bodies and black heads, are seen moving across the mound. One ant is prominently shown carrying a green leaf fragment. The background features a vast landscape with rolling hills, a winding river, and a bright sunset sky with warm orange and yellow hues. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a long, golden glow over the entire scene.

ANTS PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

A detailed illustration of ants carrying gold coins and nuggets up a dirt hill. In the background, a golden city with spires and a winding river is visible under a bright, hazy sky. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

Do not store up for yourselves

TREASURES ON EARTH,

where moths and vermin destroy,
and where thieves break in and steal.

But store up for yourselves

TREASURES IN HEAVEN,

where moths and vermin do not destroy,
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

— MATTHEW 6:19-20 —

A line of ants is shown marching up a dark, textured mound. Each ant is carrying a small, bright green fragment of a leaf on its back. The scene is set against a dramatic sunset sky with warm orange and yellow light, and a blue sky with white clouds is visible above. The sun is a bright orb on the right side of the frame, casting a long, soft glow over the landscape and the ants.

JOHN 9:4

As long as it is day,
we must do the works
of him who sent me.



ANTS
ARE PERSISTENT.
They always find a way
AND THEY ALWAYS REBUILD.



A line of ants carrying large clumps of soil up a steep, dark mound. The scene is set against a bright sunset sky with a low sun on the right, casting a warm glow over the landscape and the ants. The background shows a hazy horizon with distant hills and a body of water.

PROVERBS 24:16

For though the
RIGHTEOUS
FALL SEVEN TIMES,
THEY RISE AGAIN,
but the wicked stumble
when calamity strikes.

A close-up photograph of several ants on a dark, textured surface, likely a rock or piece of wood. The ants are reddish-brown with black abdomens. One ant in the foreground is carrying a large, dark, irregularly shaped object (possibly a piece of food or a small rock) on its back. The background is a soft-focus landscape of rolling hills and a body of water, bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with wispy clouds.

MICAH 7:8

Do not gloat over me, my enemy!
Though I have fallen,

I WILL RISE.

Though I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be my light.

ANTS DON'T TAKE
FOR GRANTED
THE LITTLE THINGS!



A close-up photograph of several ants on a dark, textured tree trunk. The ants are red and black, and they are carrying various items: one carries a large green leaf fragment, another carries a small brown seed, and another carries a small green leaf. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green foliage and a bright sunset or sunrise sky with orange and yellow light. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

PROVERBS 30:24-25

**Four things on earth are small,
yet they are extremely wise:**

ANTS are creatures
of little strength,
yet they **store up**
their food in the summer.

A close-up photograph of several ants working on a dark, textured mound of soil. One ant is carrying a small green leaf fragment, another is carrying a piece of wood, and two others are carrying large, light-colored seed pods. The background is a soft-focus sunset with warm orange and yellow light. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

BE

FAITHFUL
IN THE LITTLE THINGS...

**"Whoever can be trusted
with very little can also be
trusted with much..."**

LUKE 16:10

THAT'S HOW MOST MEANINGFUL THINGS IN LIFE ARE **BUILT.**



A HEALTHY MARRIAGE

isn't built on one
romantic weekend.

It's built through
years of **daily kindness,**
forgiveness, and
faithfulness.



SPIRITUAL MATURITY

isn't built through
one powerful
Sunday service.

It's developed through
consistently
following Jesus.



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**ANTS ARE
INTRINSICALLY
MOTIVATED**

They work hard without
needing to be told.



**ANTS
PREPARE FOR
THE FUTURE**

They store up food
in the summer.



**ANTS ARE
PERSISTENT**

They always find a way
and always rebuild.



**ANTS DON'T TAKE
THE LITTLE THINGS
FOR GRANTED**

They value the small
things and make them count.

