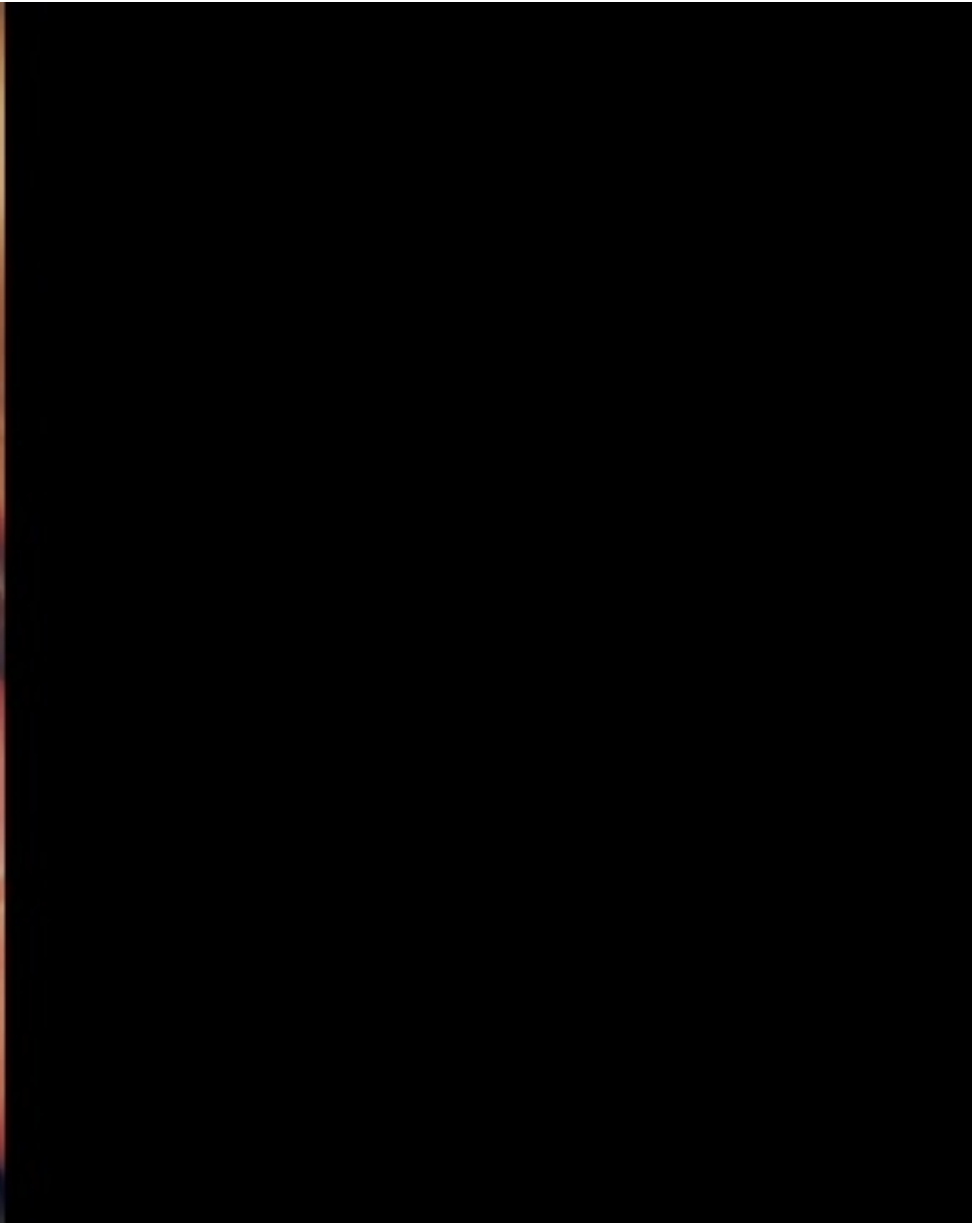




# 2 CORINTHIANS

THORN IN THE FLESH







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Finding bones in an egg



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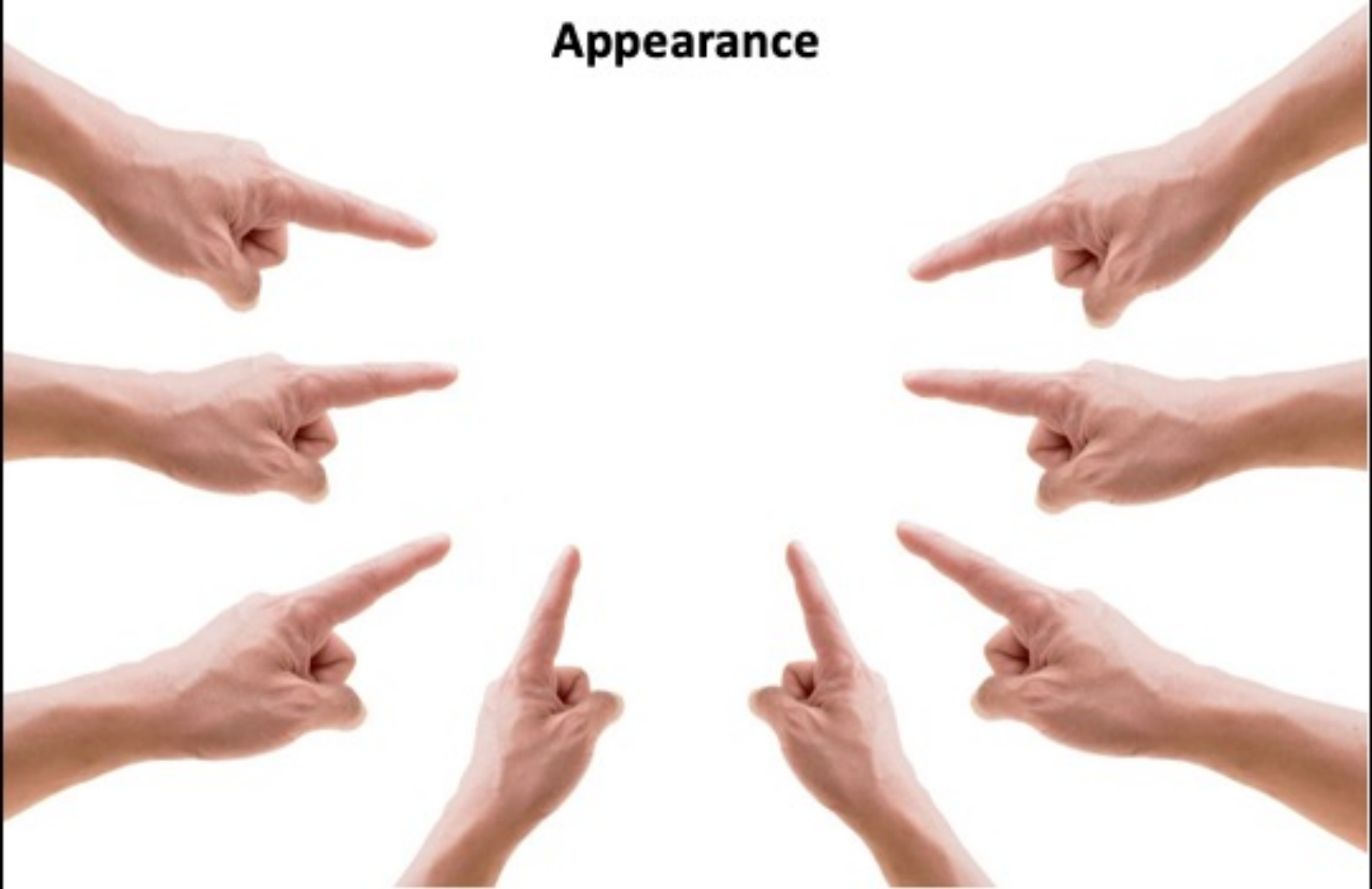
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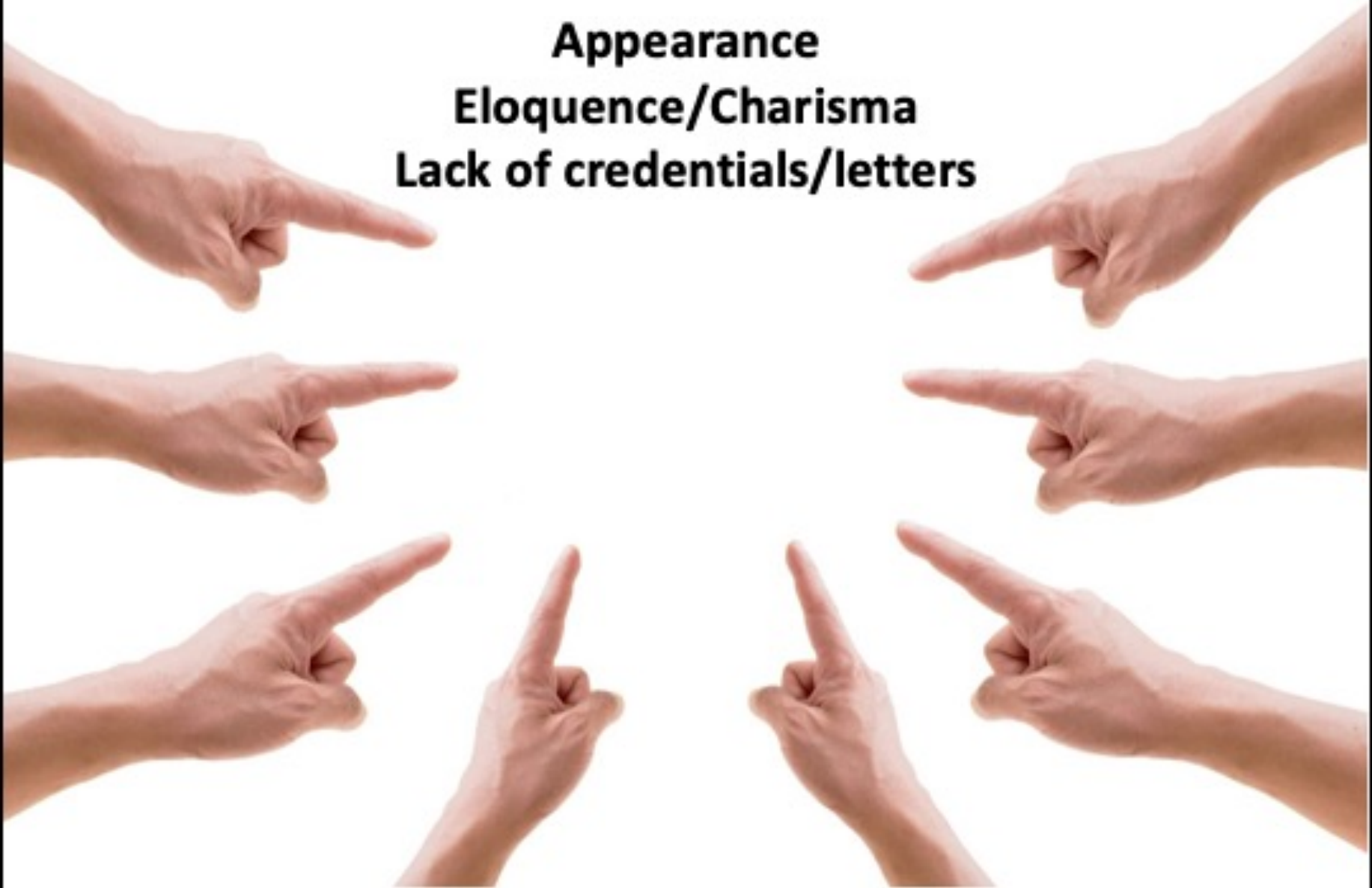


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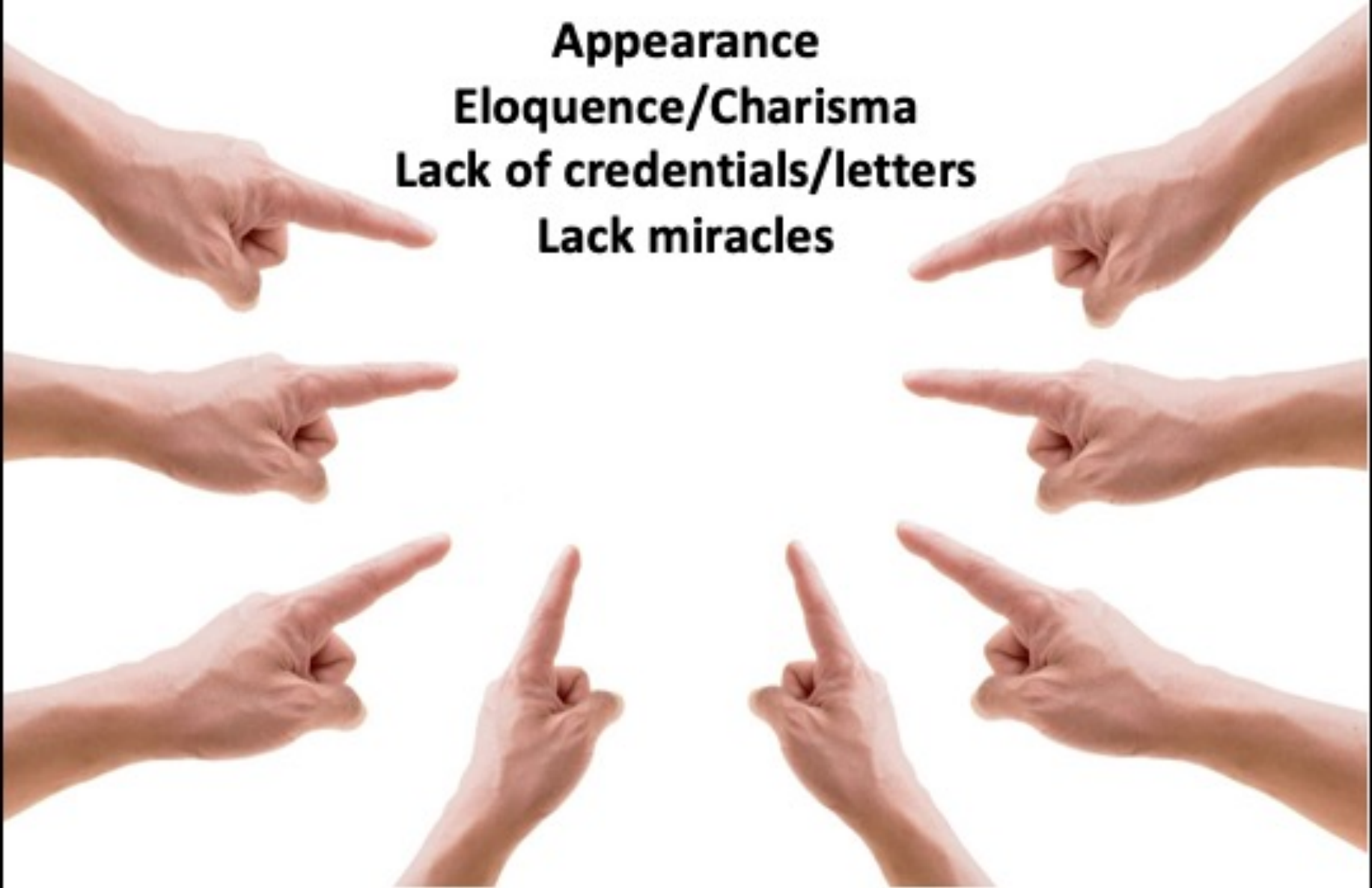




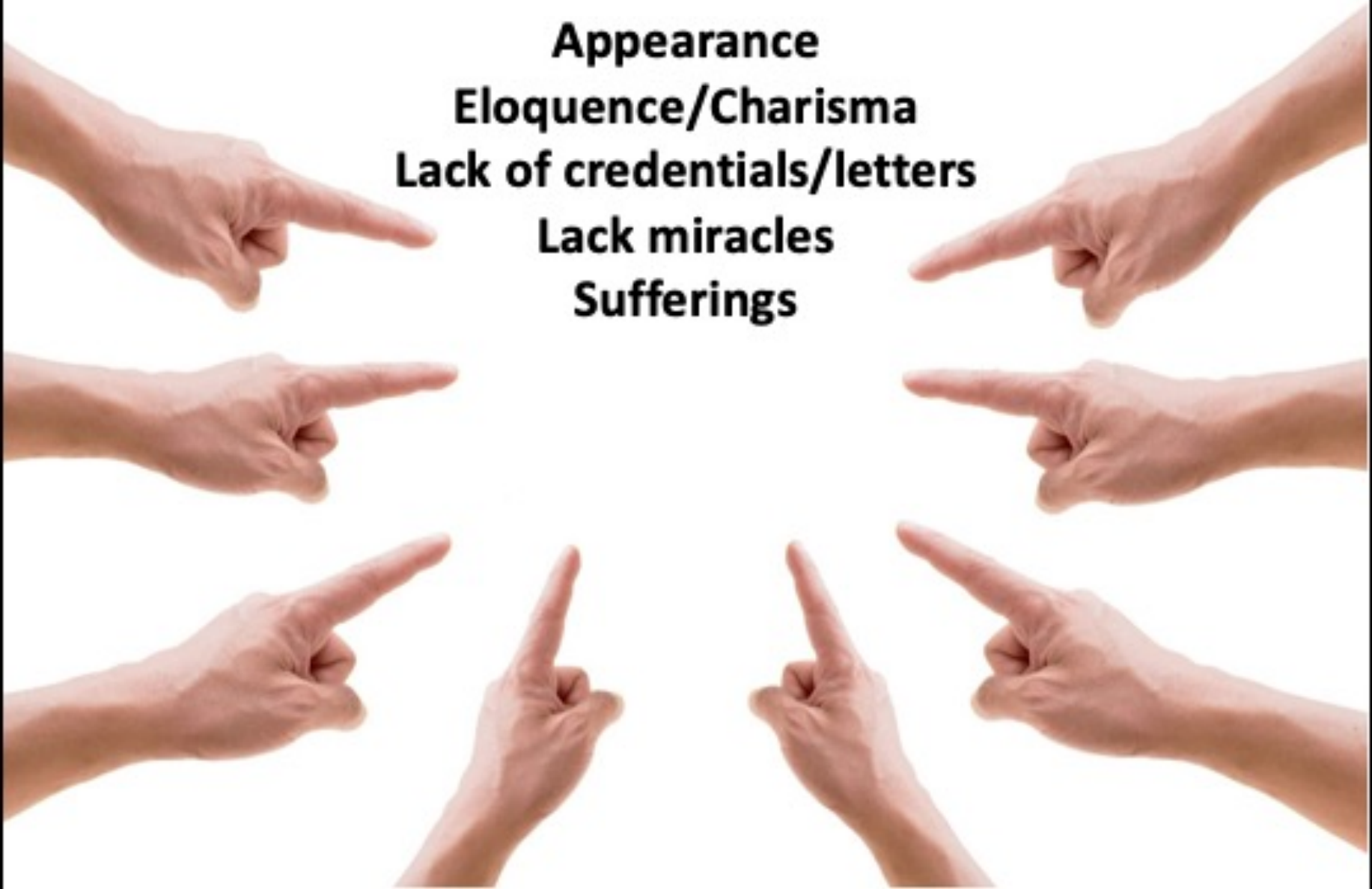
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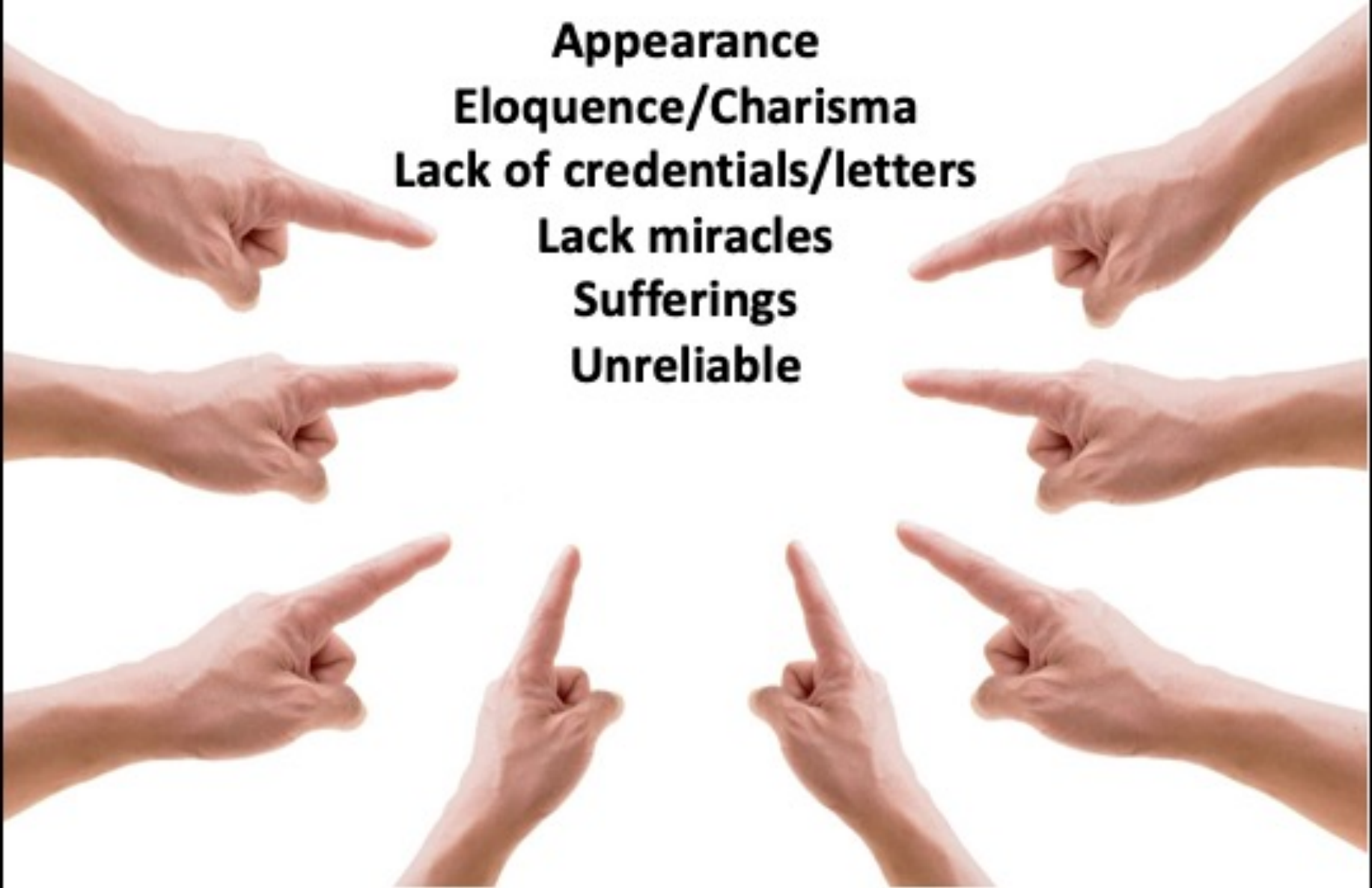




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# IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRITY

2CORINTHIANS 1:12-2:4

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# 1. The Defence of Integrity

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what you read and understand and I hope you will fully  
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[14] just as you did partially understand us—that on the day of our Lord Jesus you will boast of us as we will boast of you.



[15] Because I was sure of this,  
I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a  
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[16] I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and  
to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send  
me on my way to Judea.



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## **2. The Demonstration of Integrity**

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## 2. The Demonstration of Integrity

His Integrity is important  
because it reflects God in the gospel



[18] As surely as God is faithful,  
our word to you has not been Yes and No.



[19] For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we  
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[20] For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.



[21] And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
and has anointed us, [22] and who has also put his seal  
on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.



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### **3. The Decisions of Integrity**

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### **3. The Decisions of Integrity**

Integrity is important,  
but it doesn't mean our plans will never change.



[23] But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth.



[24] Not that we lord it over your faith,  
but we work with you for your joy,  
for you stand firm in your faith.



[1] For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. [2] For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained?



[3] And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all.



[4] For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.




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My plans to come to you changed  
But my love for you is unchanged



“Paul is fickle”





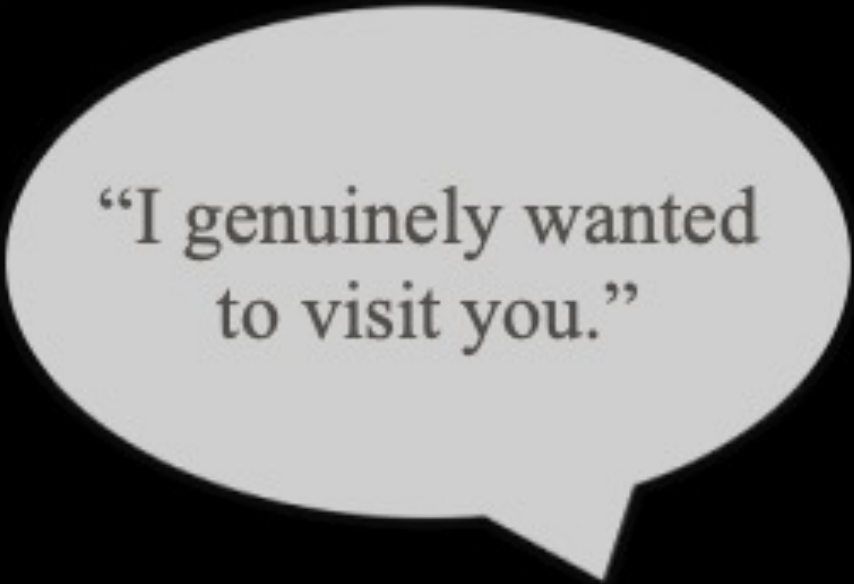
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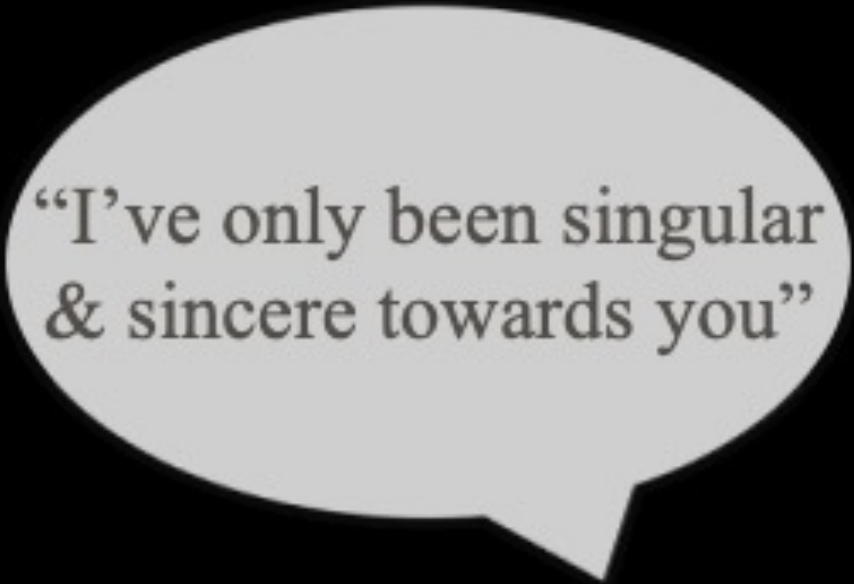


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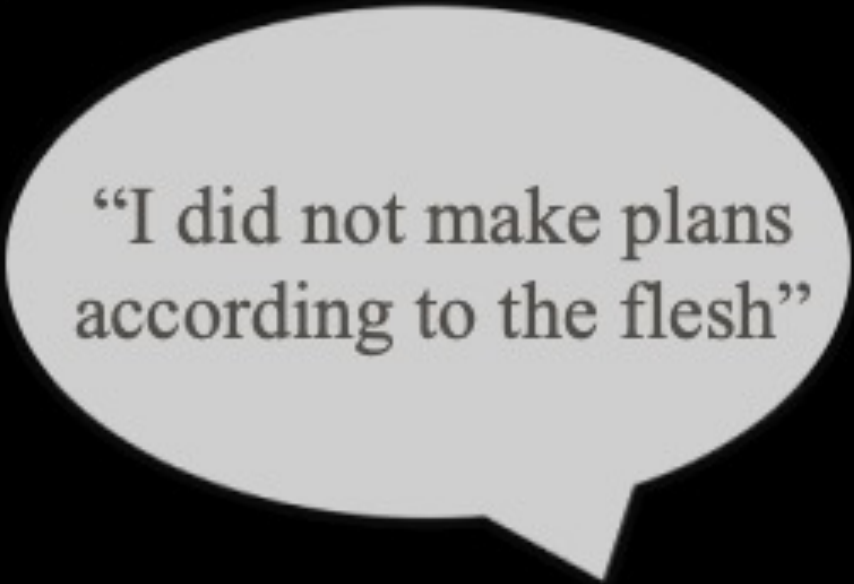
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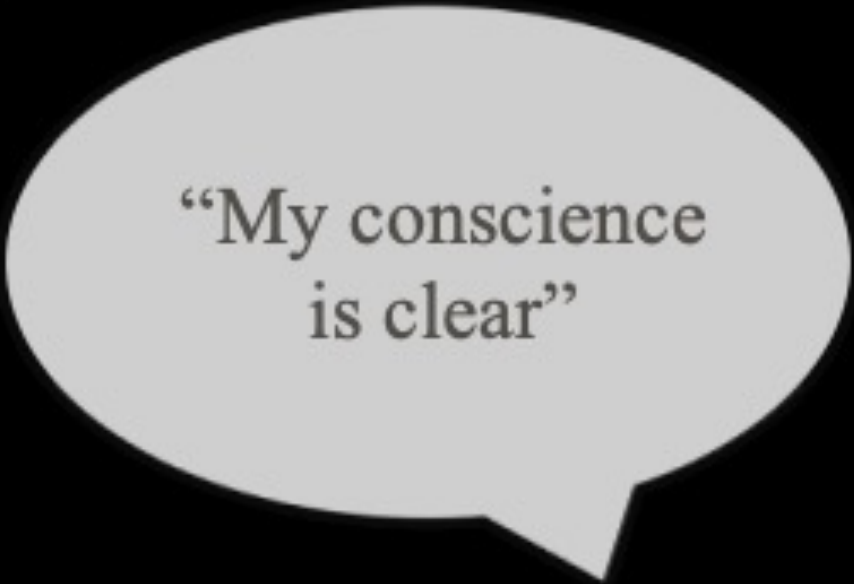


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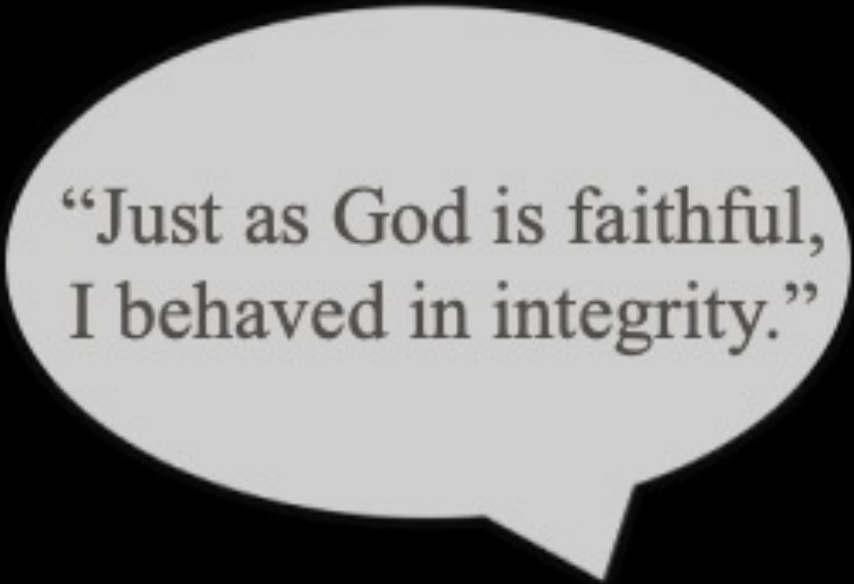
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“My conscience  
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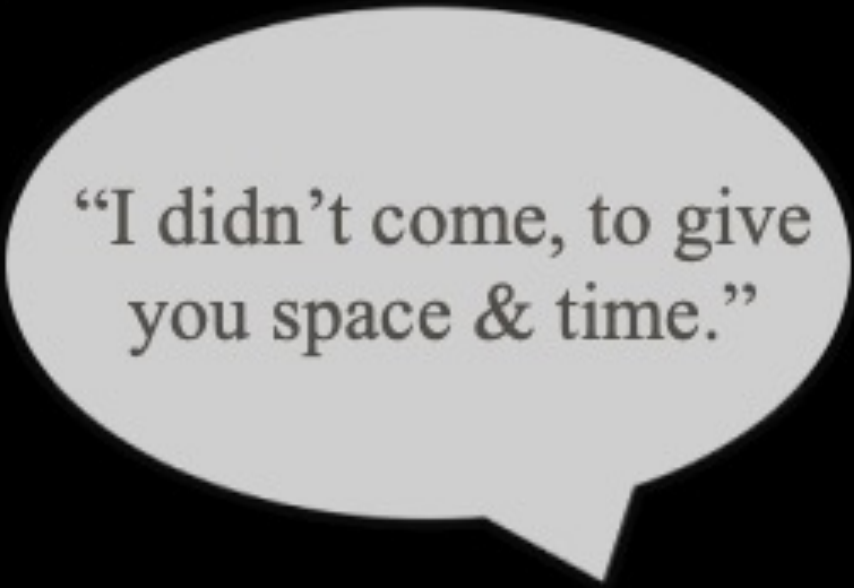


“Just as God is faithful,  
I behaved in integrity.”






“Paul is fickle”



“I didn’t come, to give  
you space & time.”



“Paul is fickle”

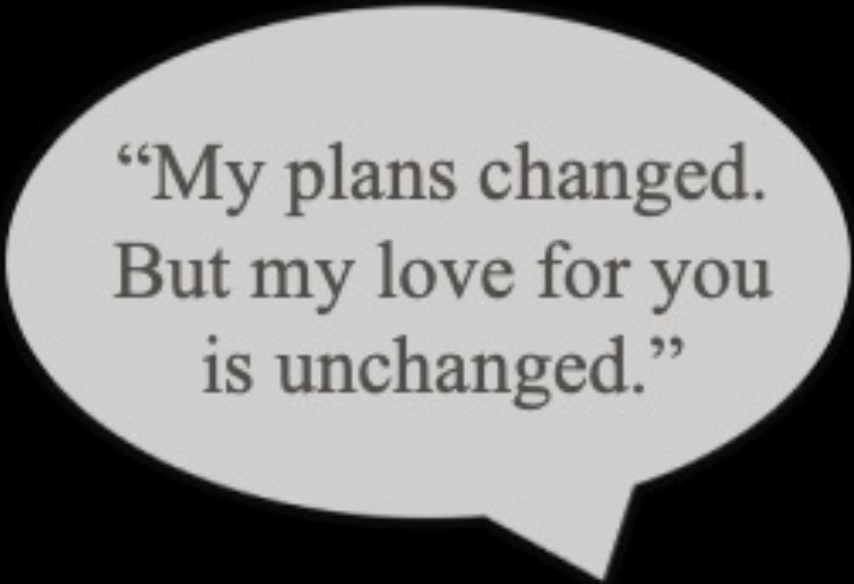


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1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise you for your youth,  
but set the believers an **example in speech, in conduct,  
in love, in faith, in purity.**





But let your communication be,  
Yes, yes; No, no: for whatever  
is more than these comes of evil.

*Matthew 5:37*











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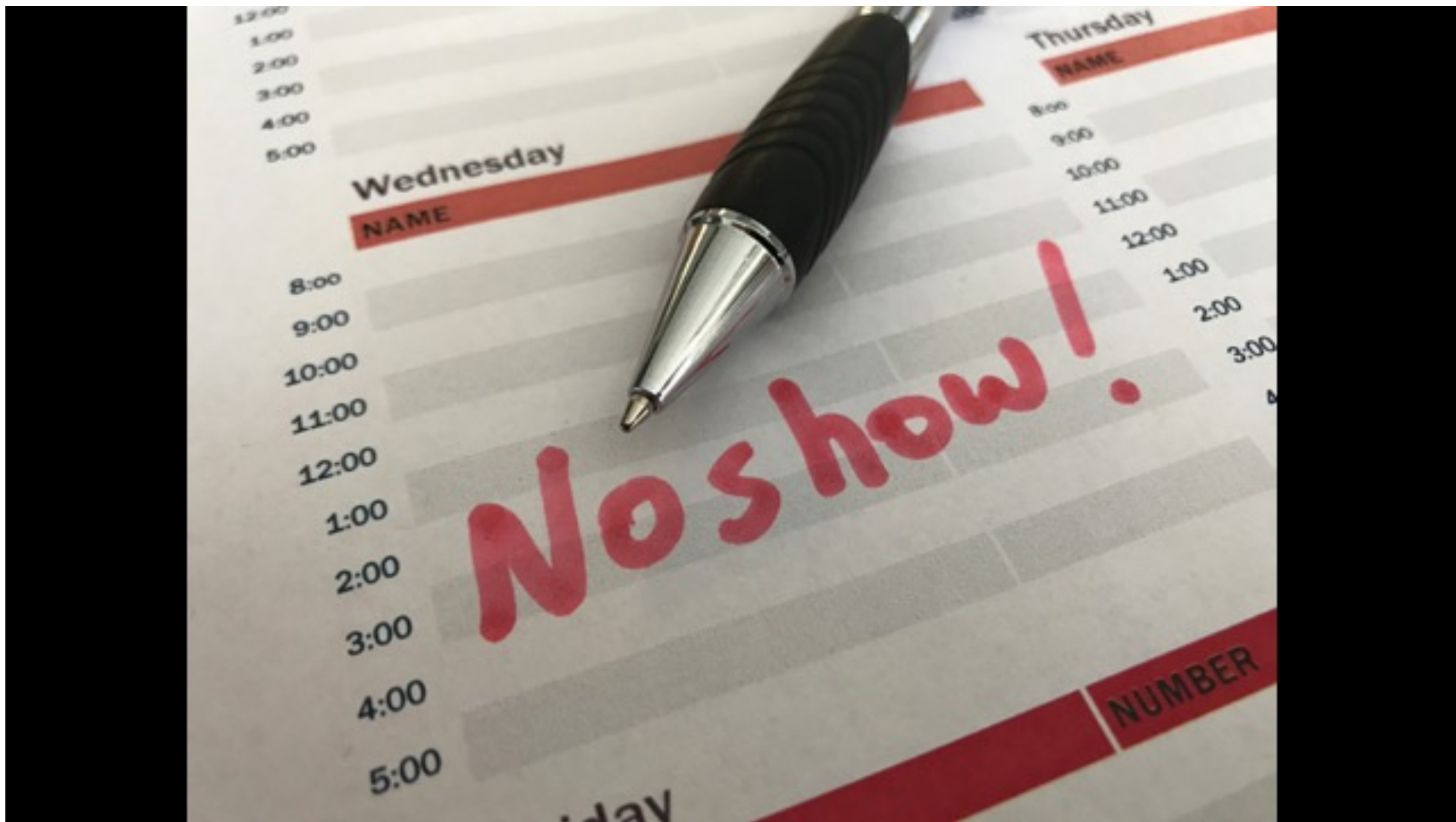
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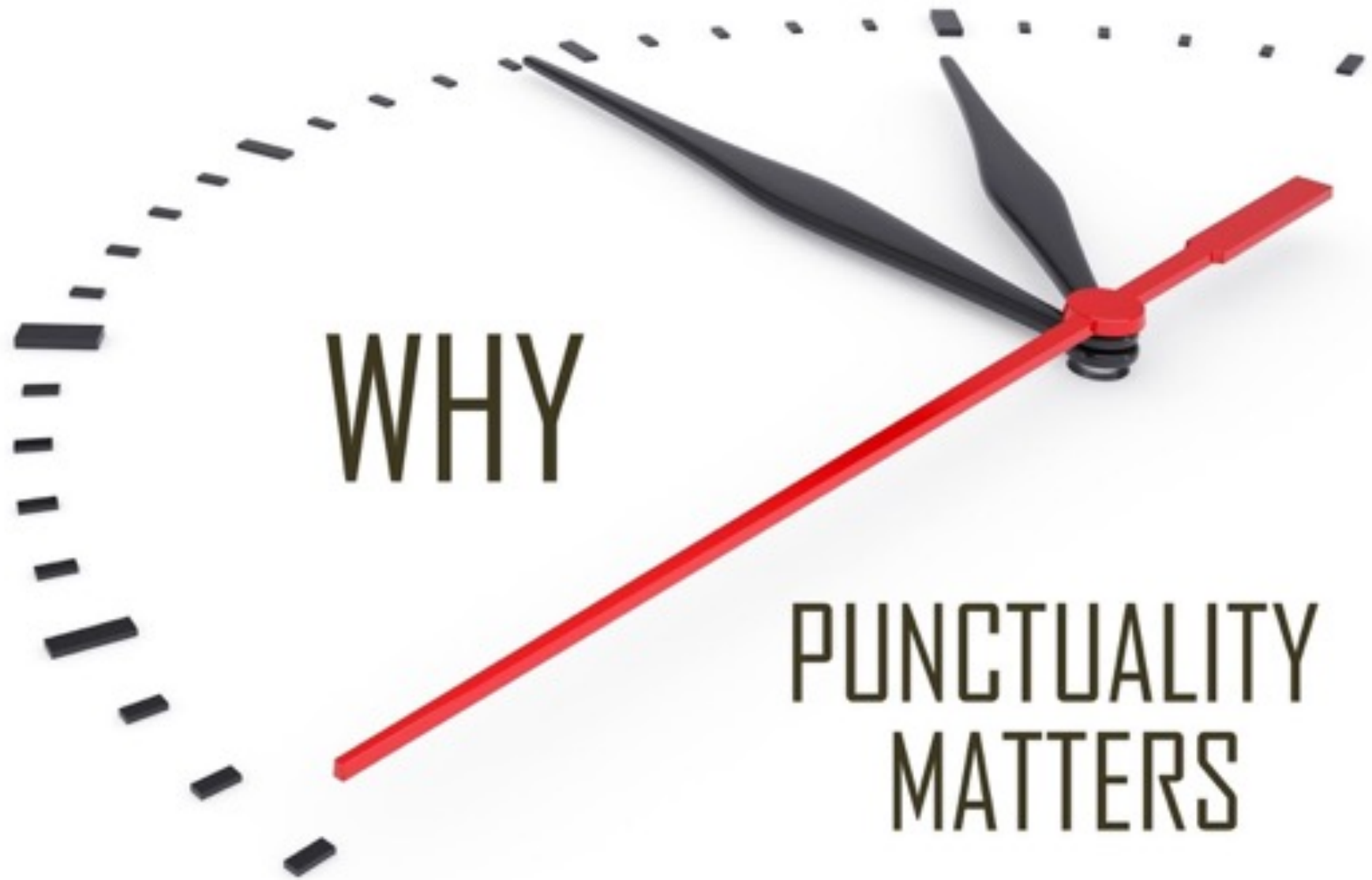














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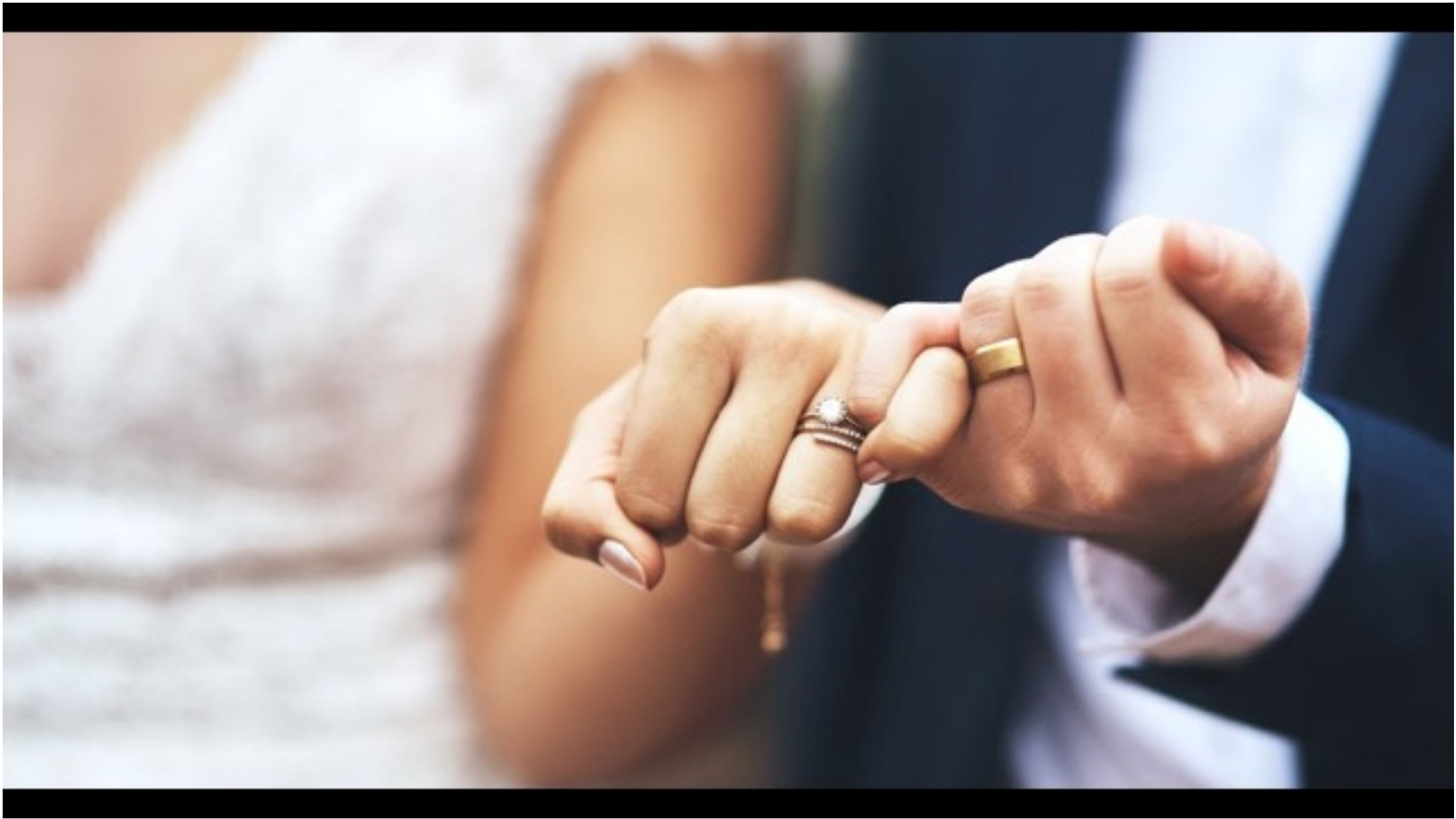
— *Austin O'Malley* —




**“WHITE LIES ALWAYS INTRODUCE OTHERS OF A  
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**WILLIAM S. PALEY**

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