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THORN IN THE FLESH



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In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.



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I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.



## 2 Corinthians 7:4

I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.



## 2 Corinthians 7:5

For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within.



## 2 Corinthians 7:6,7

But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.



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For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while.



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So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.



## 2 Corinthians 7:13

Therefore we are comforted. And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.



## 2 Corinthians 7:14

For whatever boasts I made to him about you, I was not put to shame. But just as everything we said to you was true, so also our boasting before Titus has proved true.



## 2 Corinthians 7:15,16

And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.



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# True Repentance





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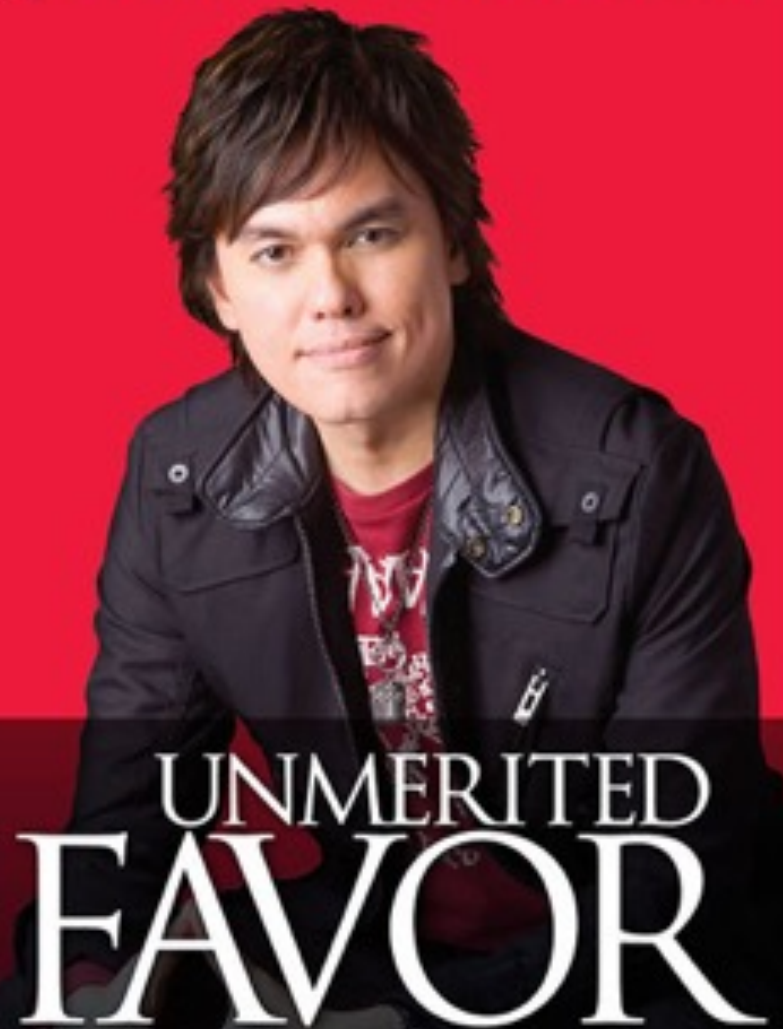




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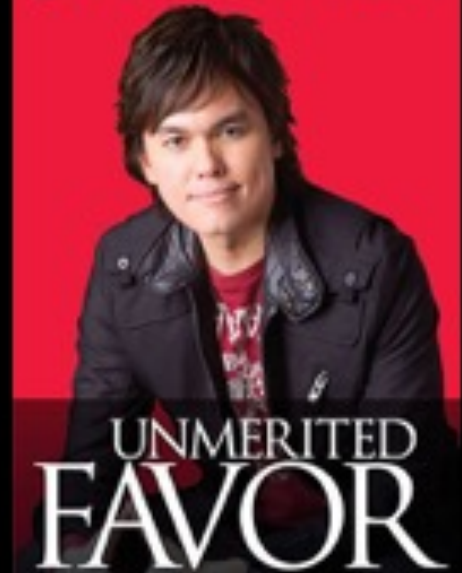


The constant, unceasing confession of my sins made me extremely sin-conscious. I became so aware of and troubled by every negative thought that I believed there was no more forgiveness for my sins. I even began to believe that I had lost my salvation and was going to hell! The enemy took advantage of my obsession with needing to confess every sin and placed me under constant condemnation.

*<https://www.josephprince.com/bible-questions/sin-and-forgiveness/confession-of-sins>*



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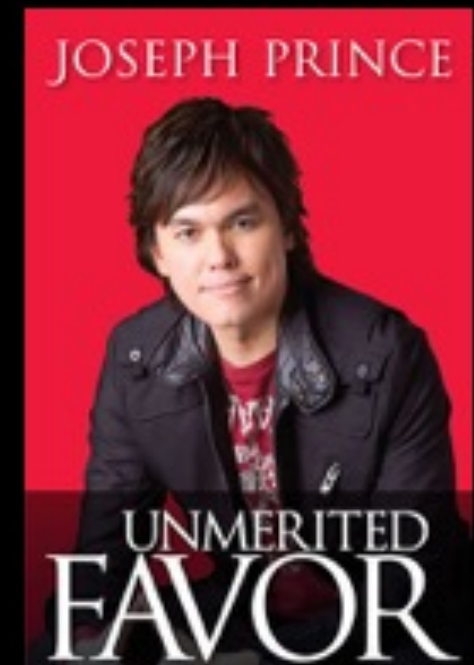


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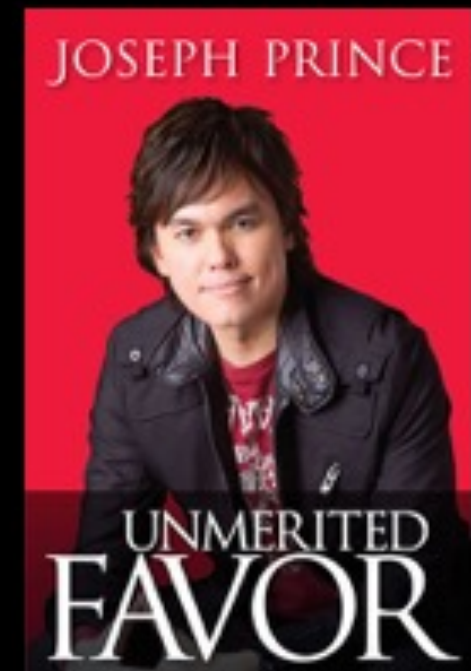
“Whenever we fail today, there is **no power in confessing our sins**, but there is power in confessing our righteousness in Christ...”

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“... instead of being sin-conscious,  
become righteousness-conscious...”

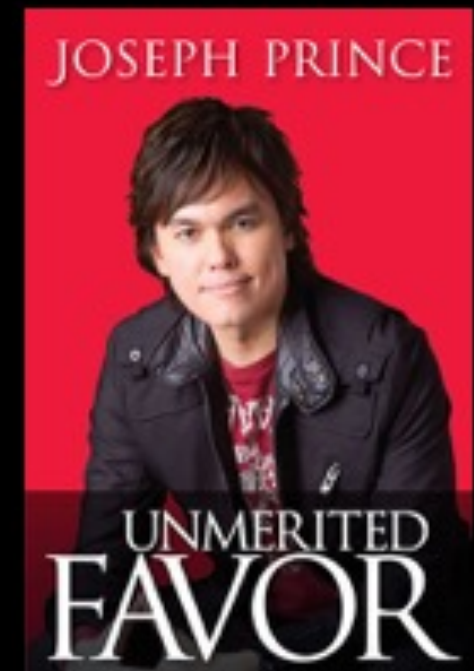
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“Jesus wants you to have no more consciousness of your sins.”

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Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.



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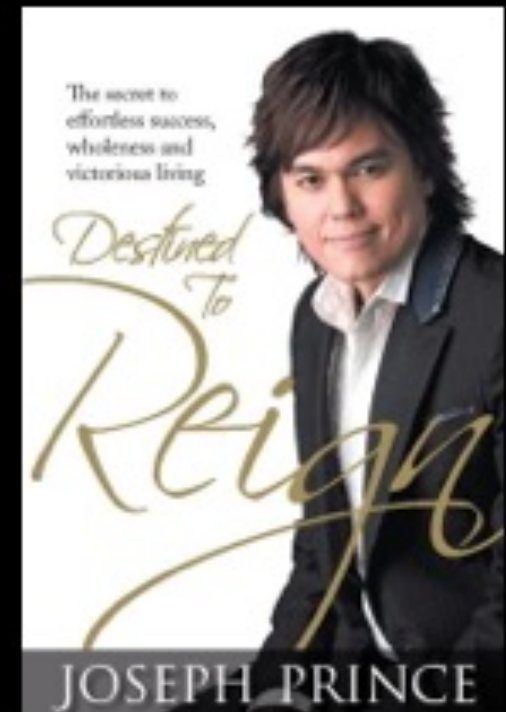
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'By the way, for all of you who feel that there should be more preaching on repentance, do you know what the word 'repent' means in the first place? The word 'repent' is the Greek word metanoeo, which according to Thayer's Greek Lexicon, simply means 'to change one's mind.'

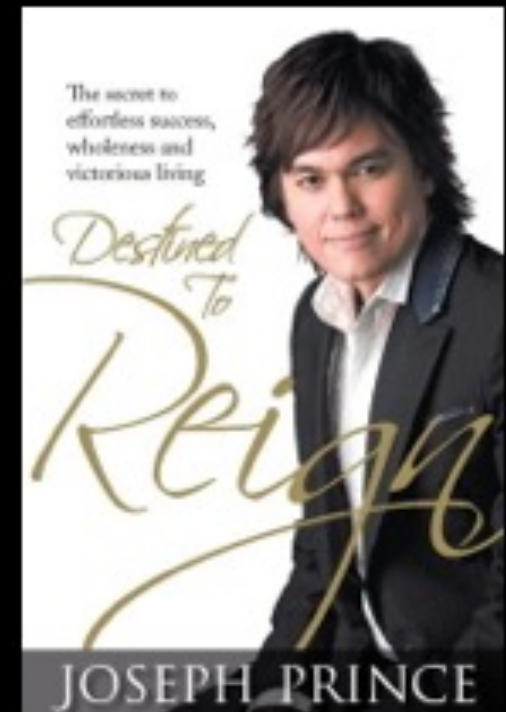
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But because we have been influenced by our denominational background as well as our own religious upbringing, many of us have the impression that repentance is something that involves mourning and sorrow. However, that is not what the Word of God says. Repentance just means changing your mind.”

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Matthew 5:4

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

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Luke 3:8

**Bear fruits** in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.



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Acts 26:20

... declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should **repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.**



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Mark 1:15

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
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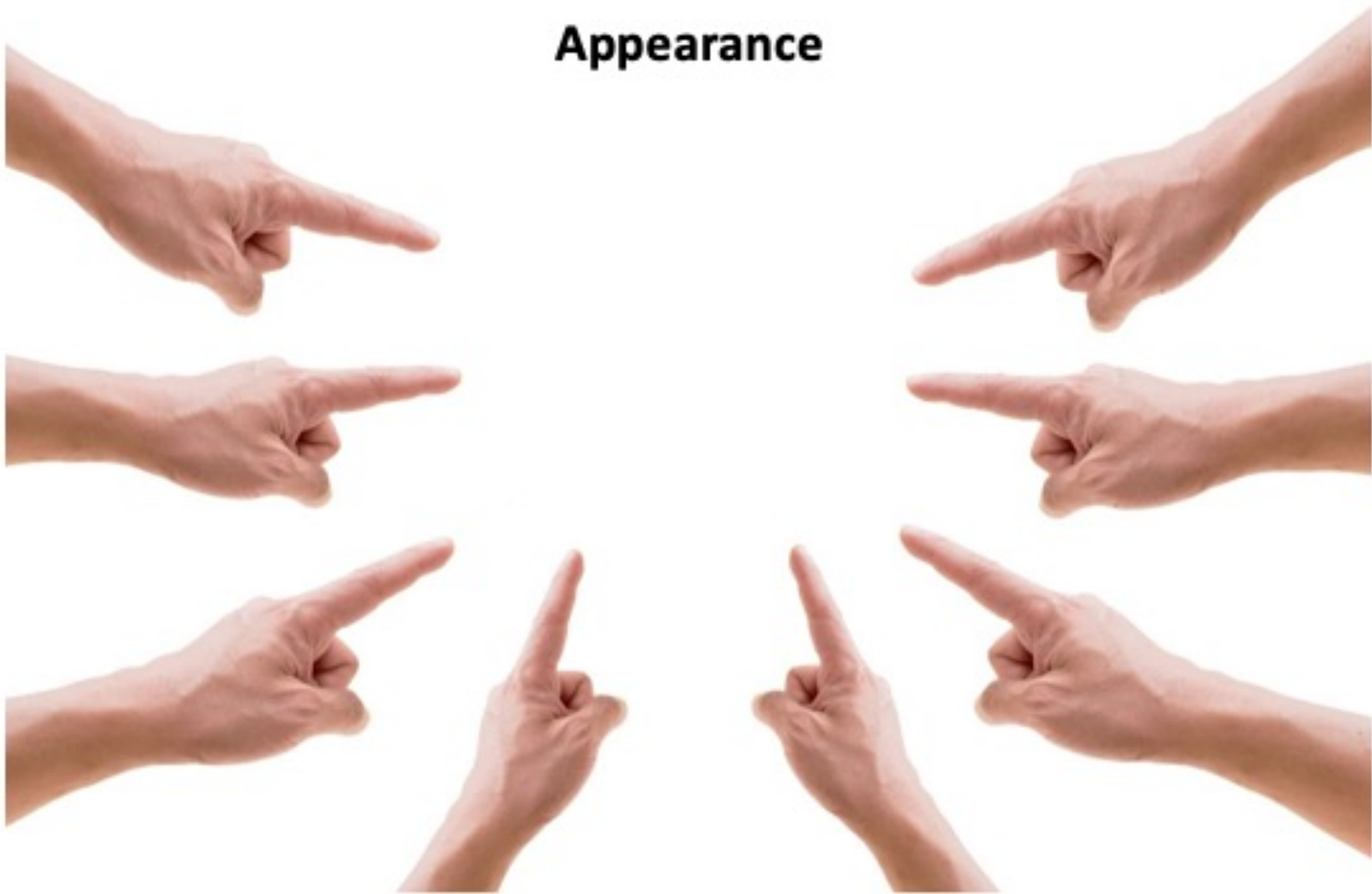








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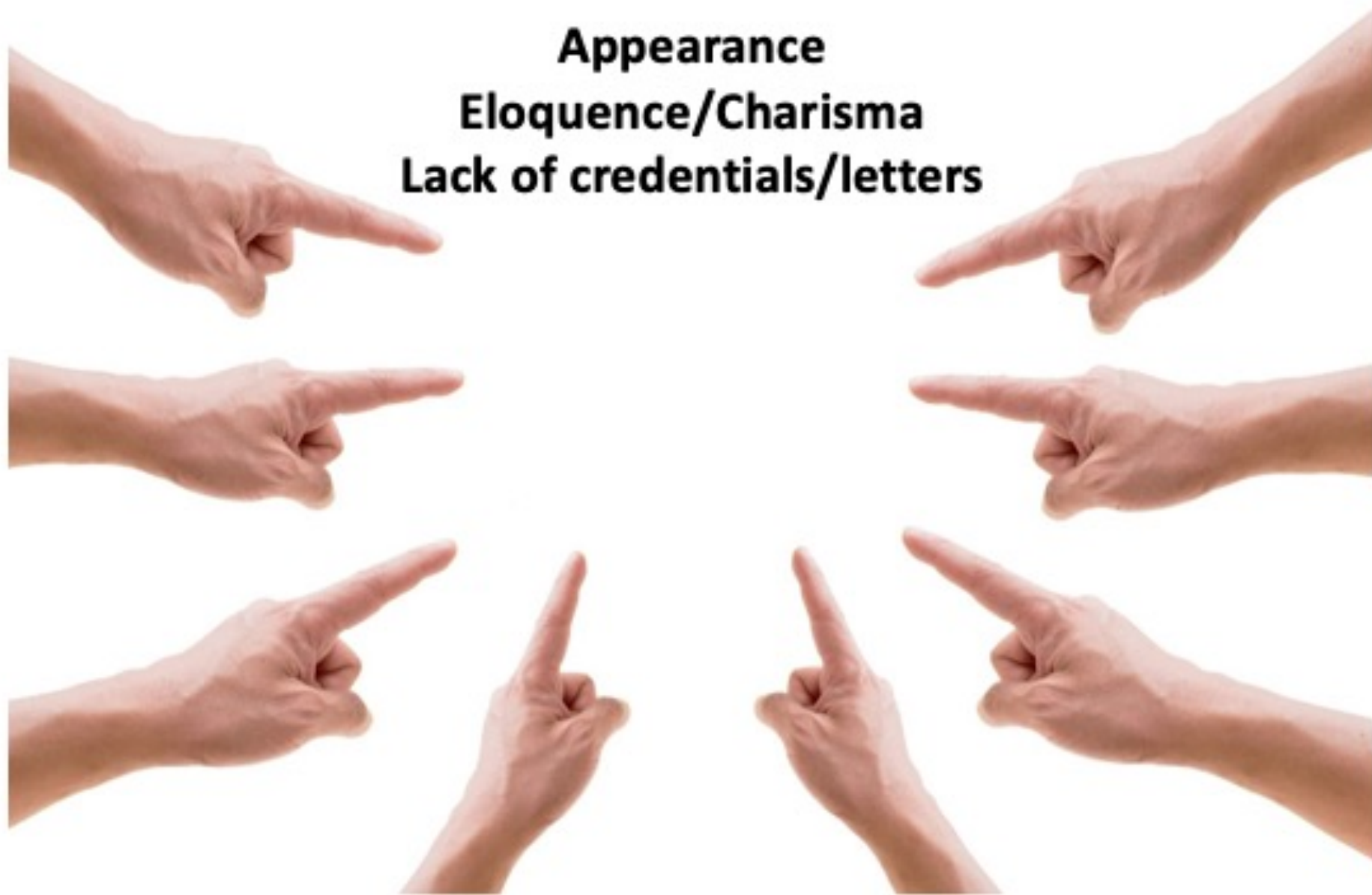


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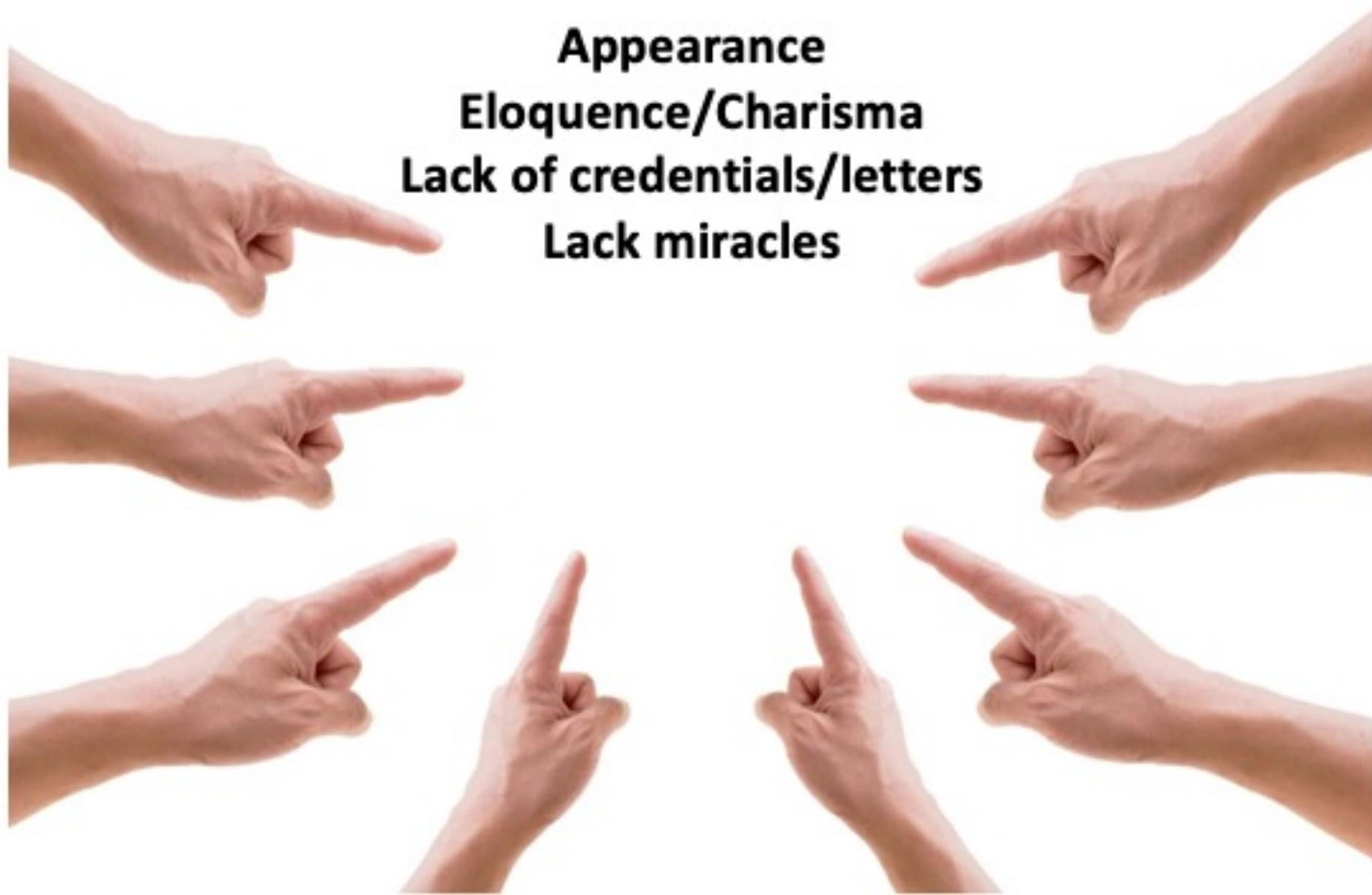




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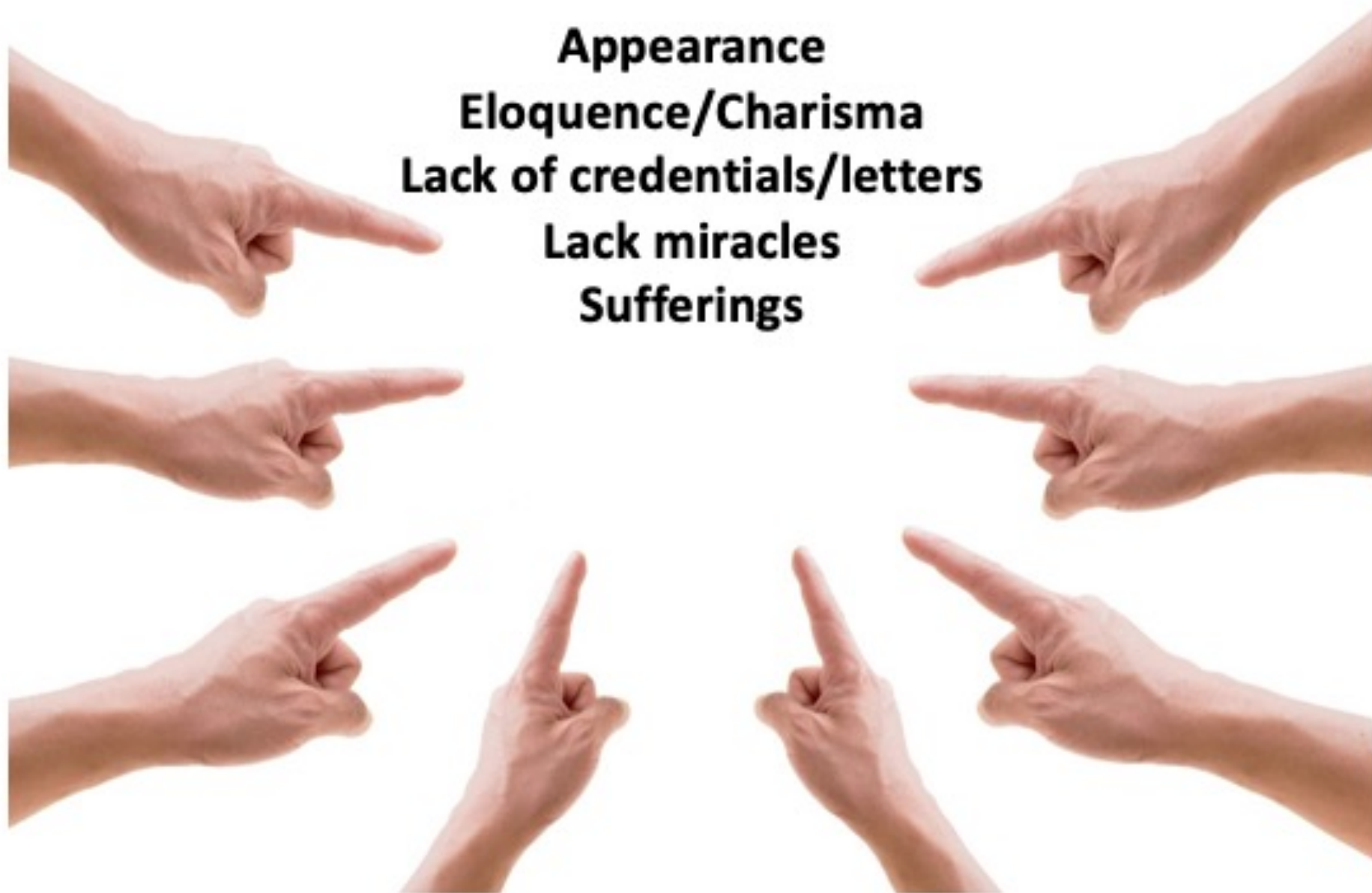


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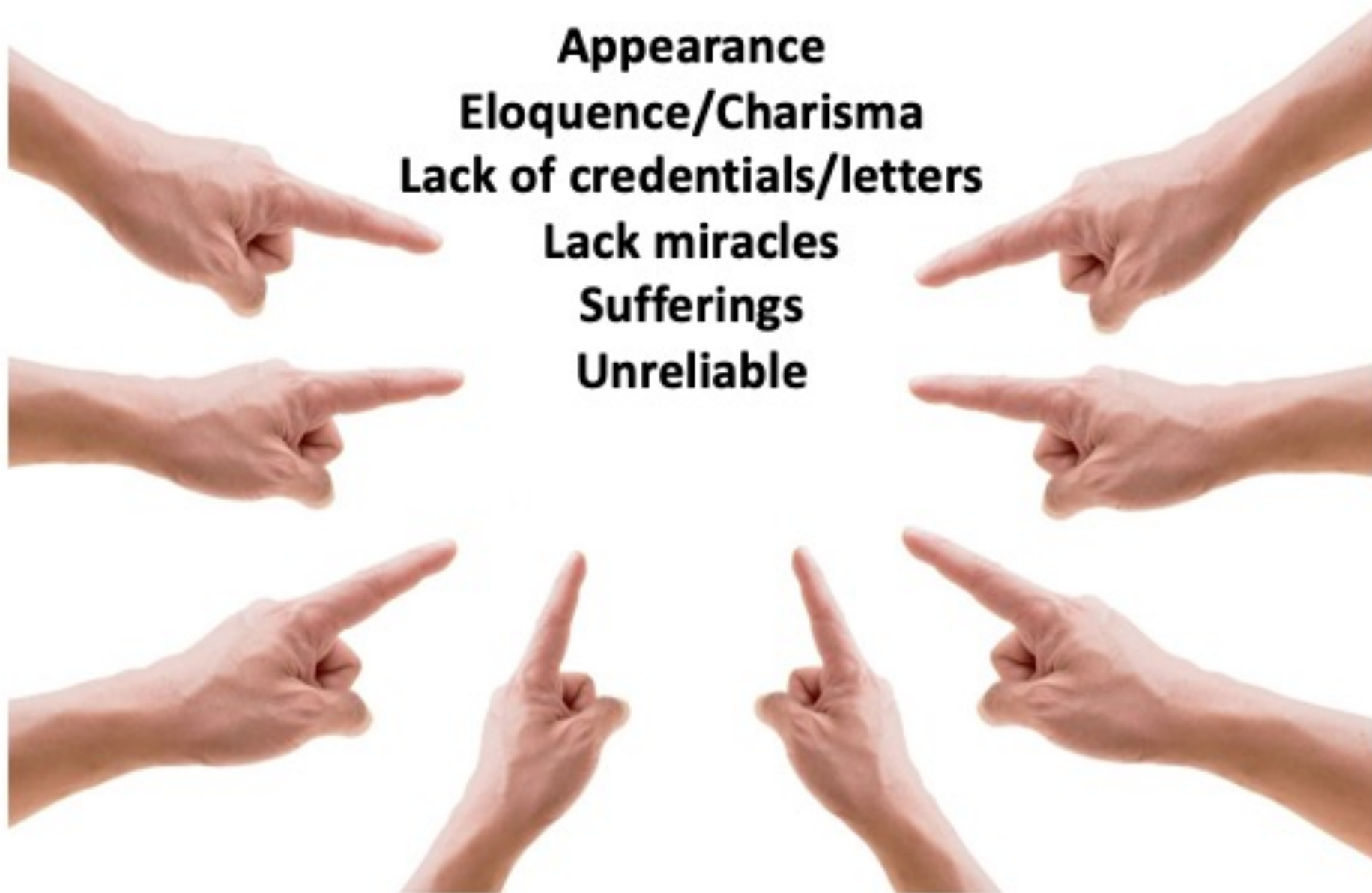




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Above all, **keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.**



John 13:34–35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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