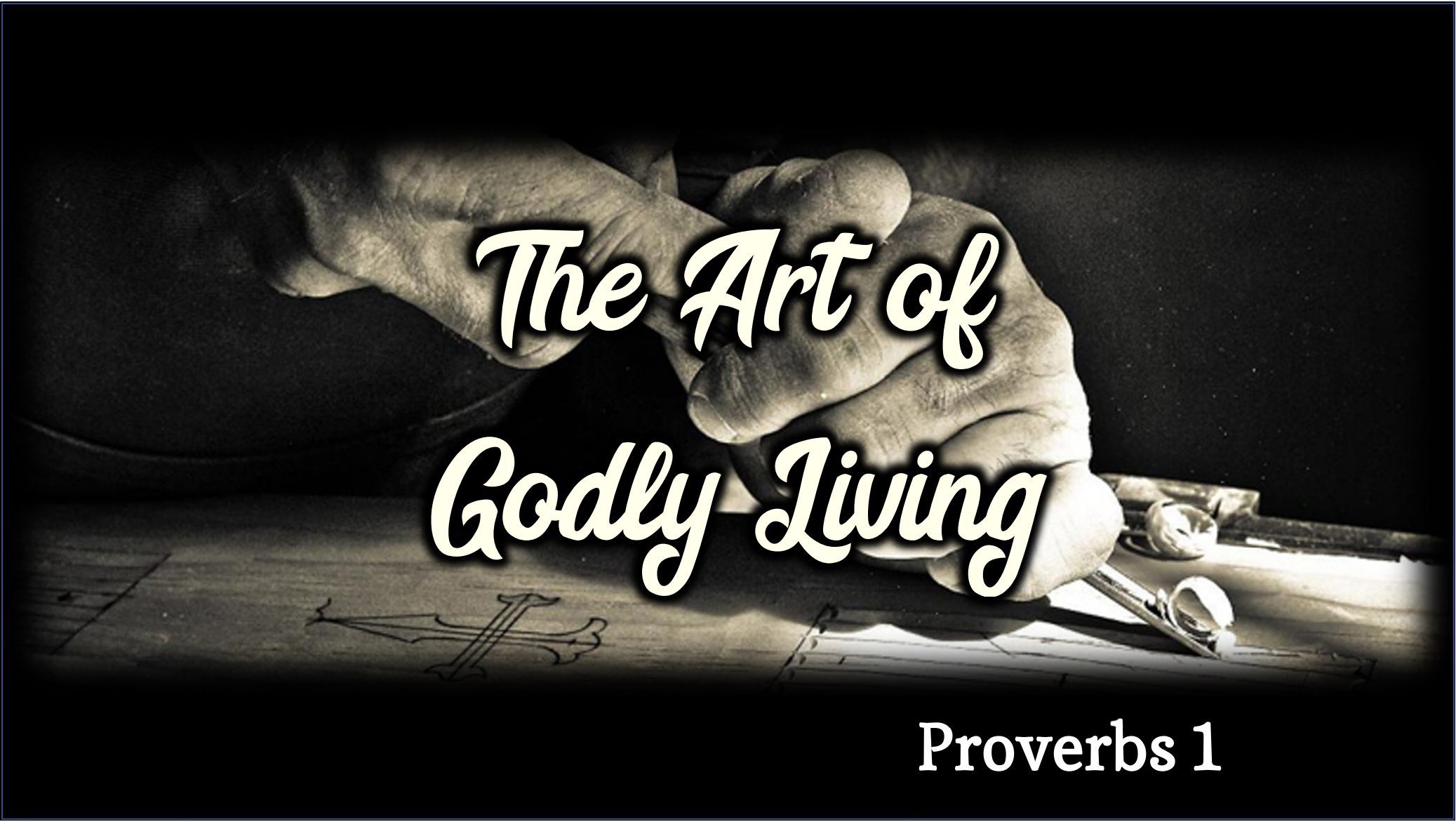
The Art of
Godly Living
Proverbs 1

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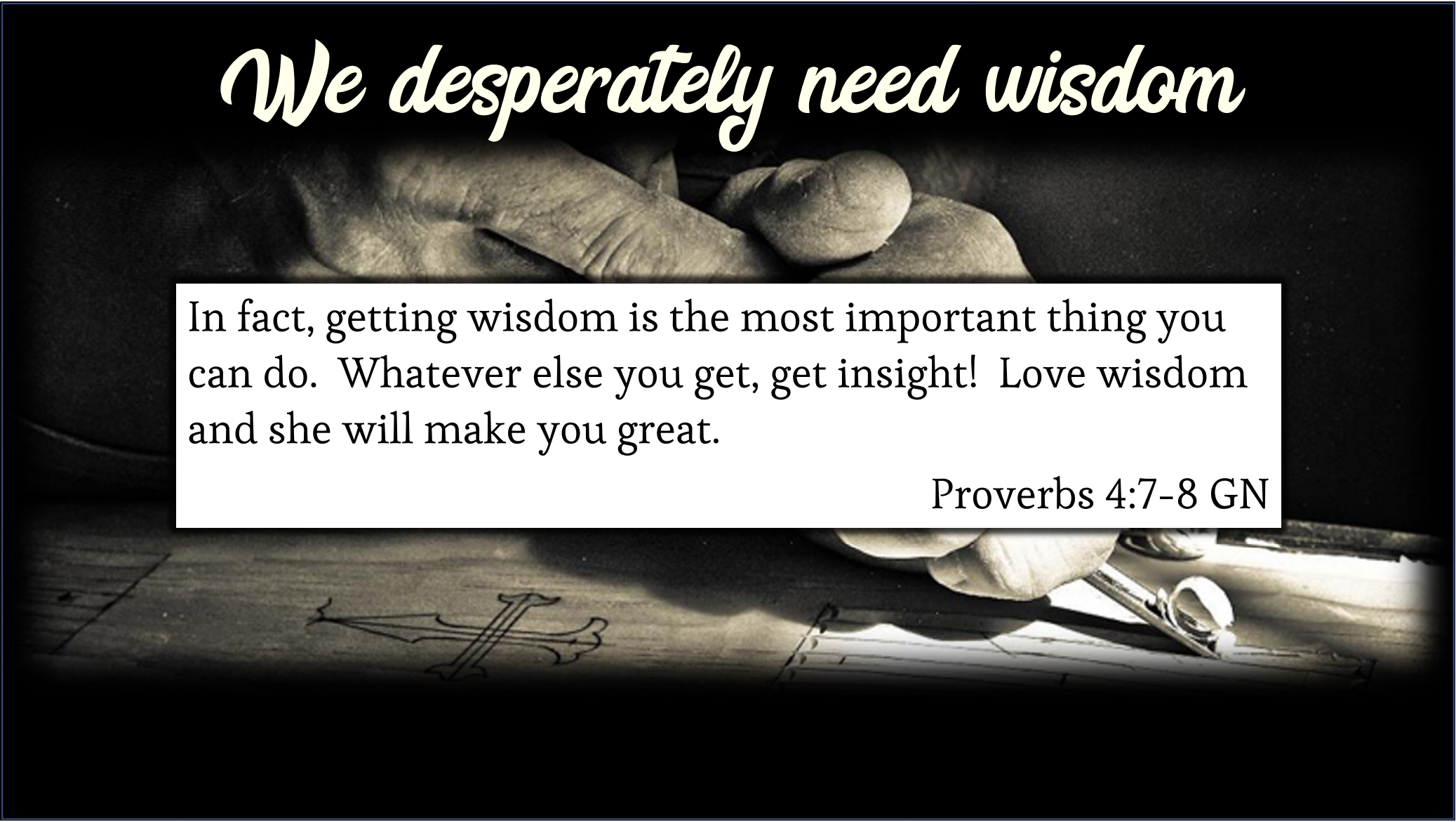

In fact, getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. Whatever else you get, get insight! Love wisdom and she will make you great.

Proverbs 4:7-8 GN

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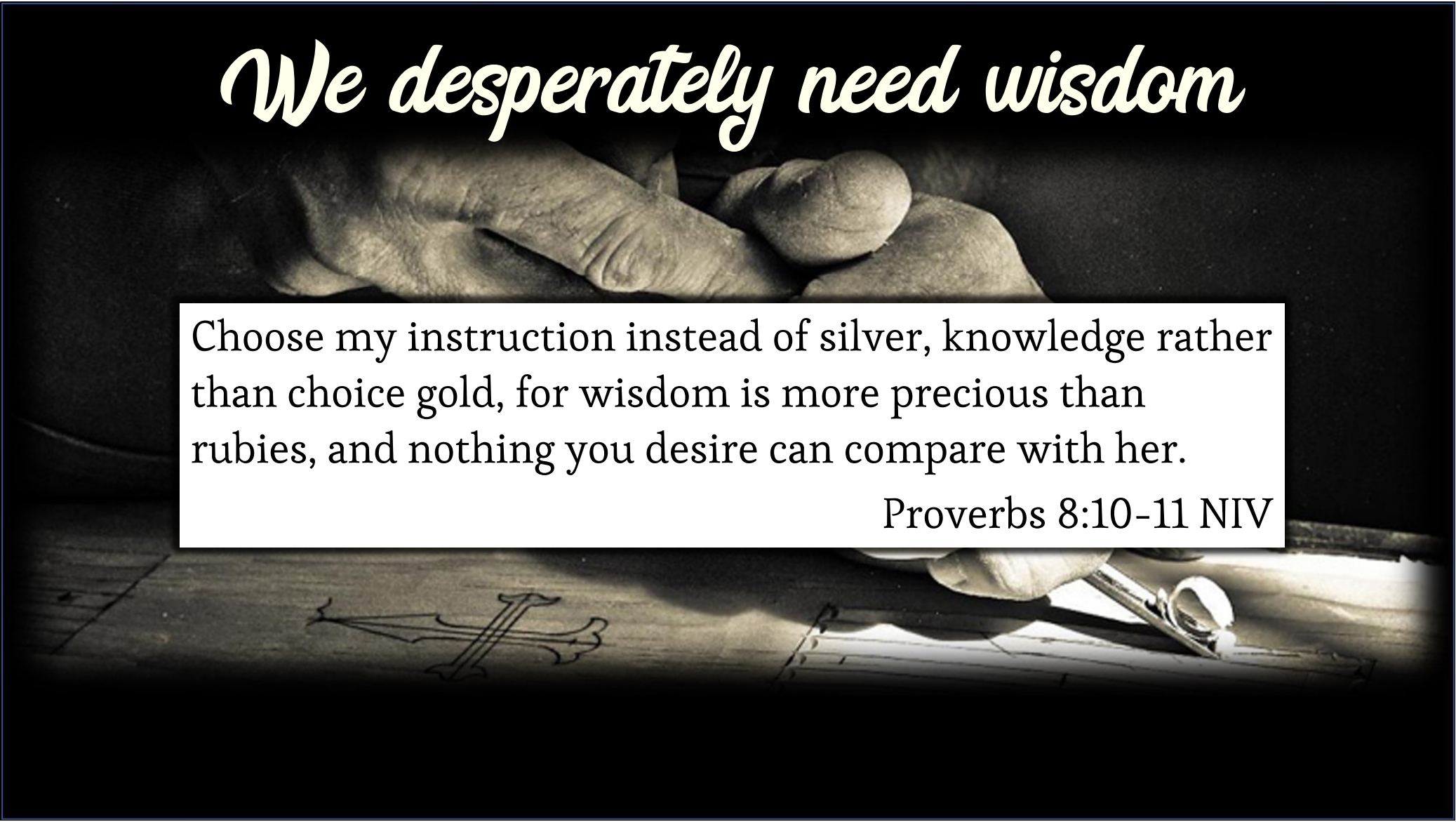

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 8:10-11 NIV

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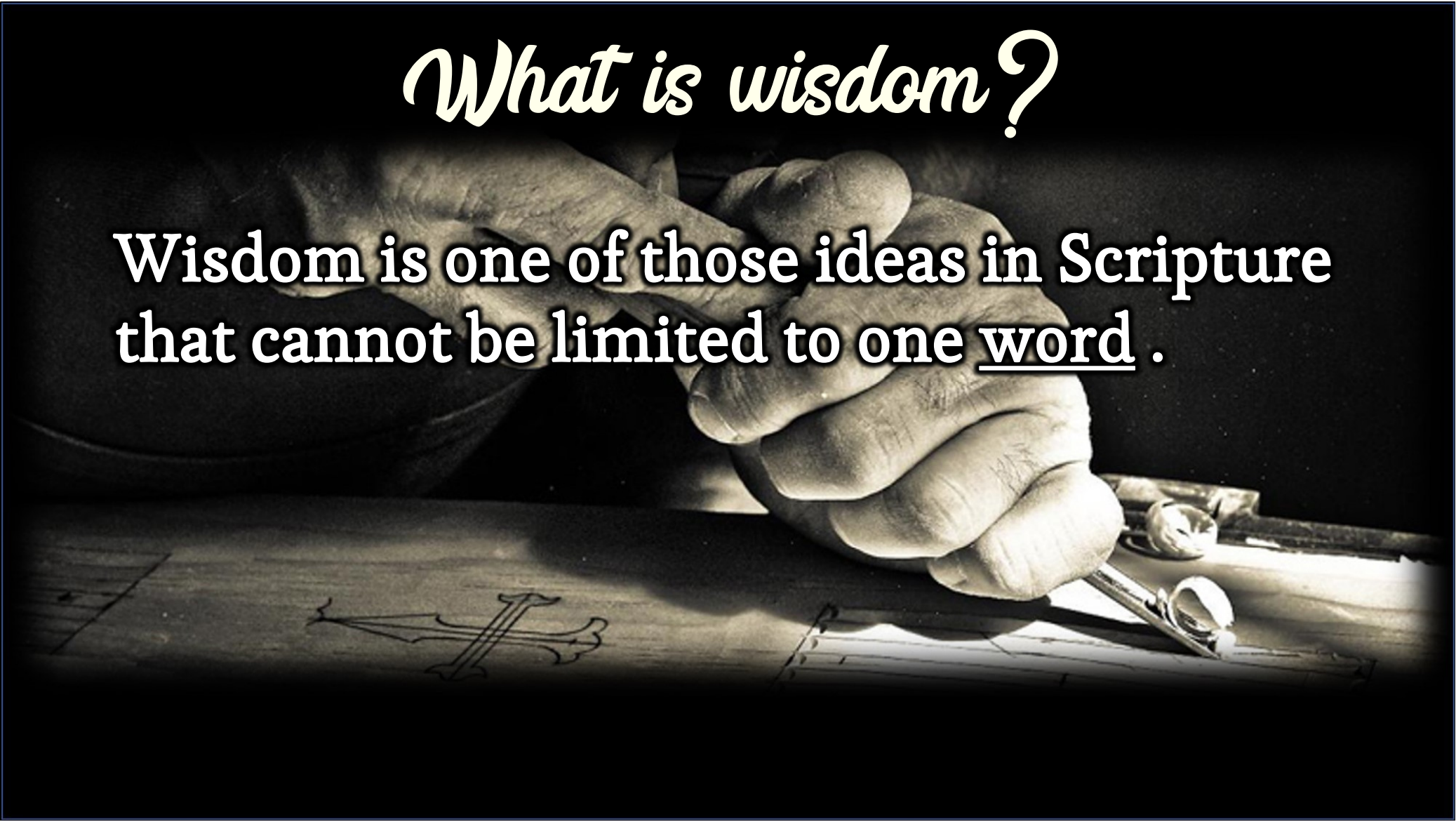

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"The book of Proverbs opens by breaking up the plain daylight of wisdom into its rainbow of constituent colors. These all shade into one another, and any one of them can be used to represent the whole." Derek Kidner

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"Wisdom is . . .
Knowing *how things really work.*
Knowing *how things really are.*
Knowing *what to do about it.*

Rene Schlaepfer

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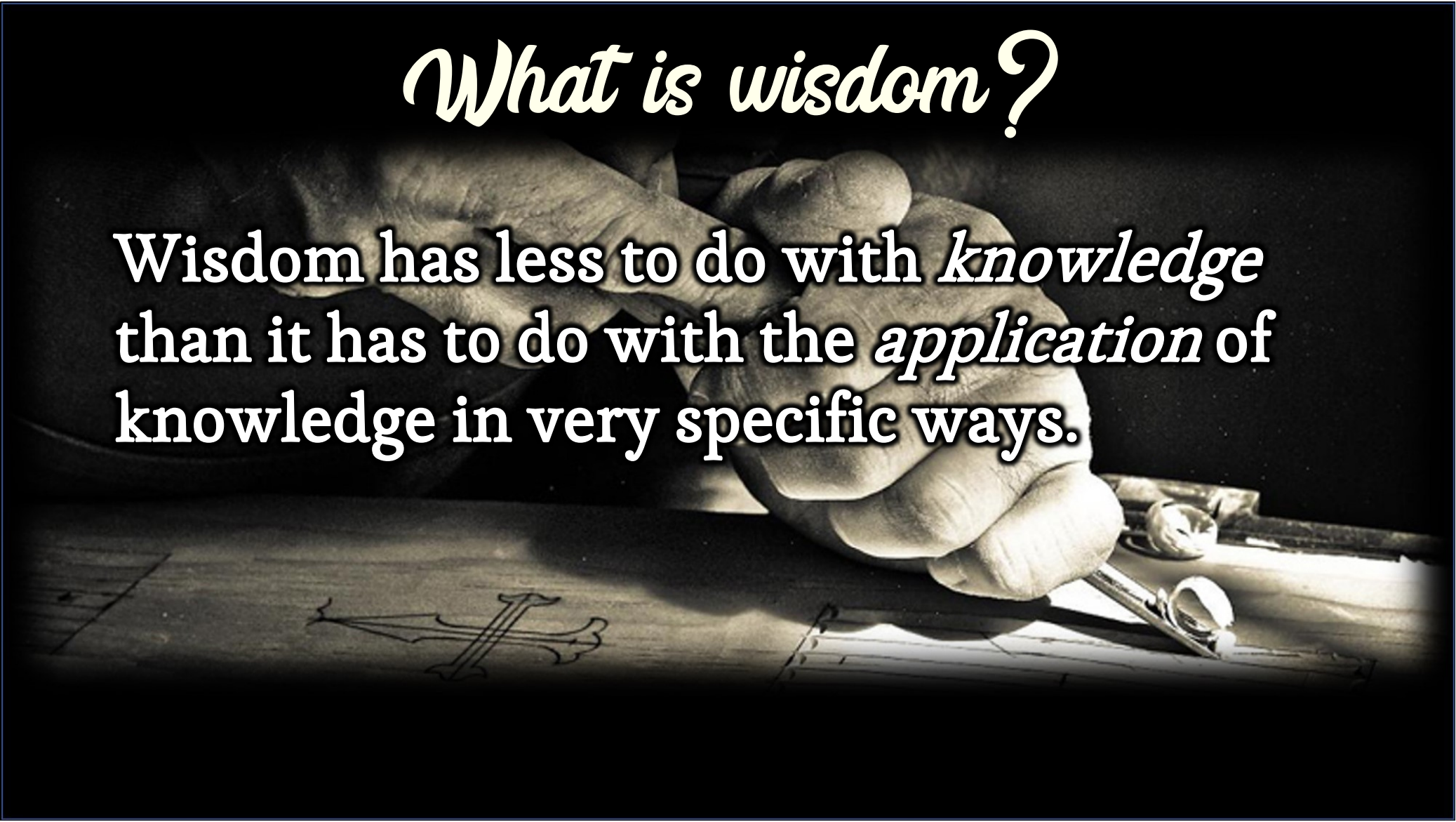
Wisdom has less to do with *knowledge* than it has to do with the *application* of knowledge in very specific ways.



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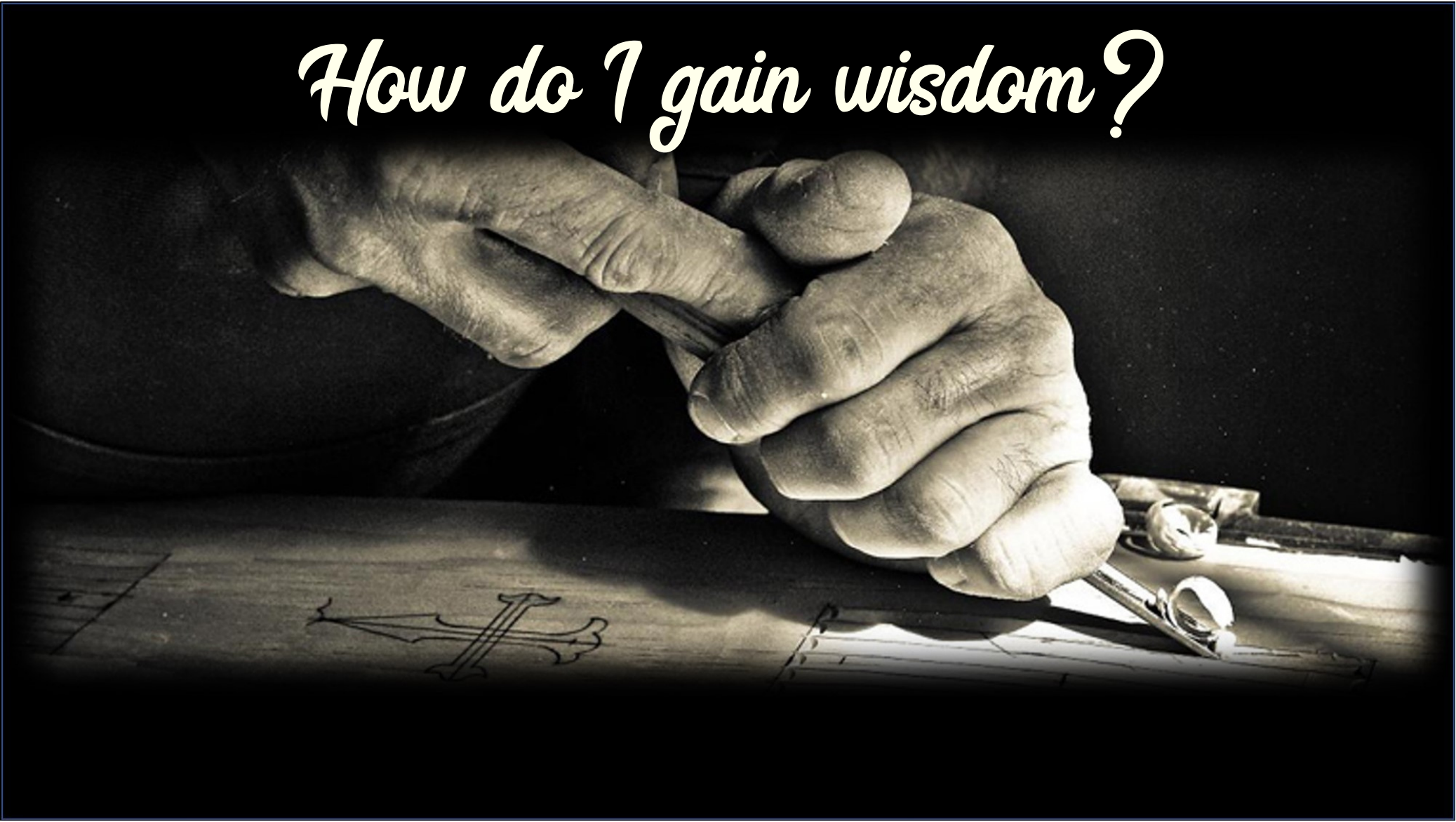

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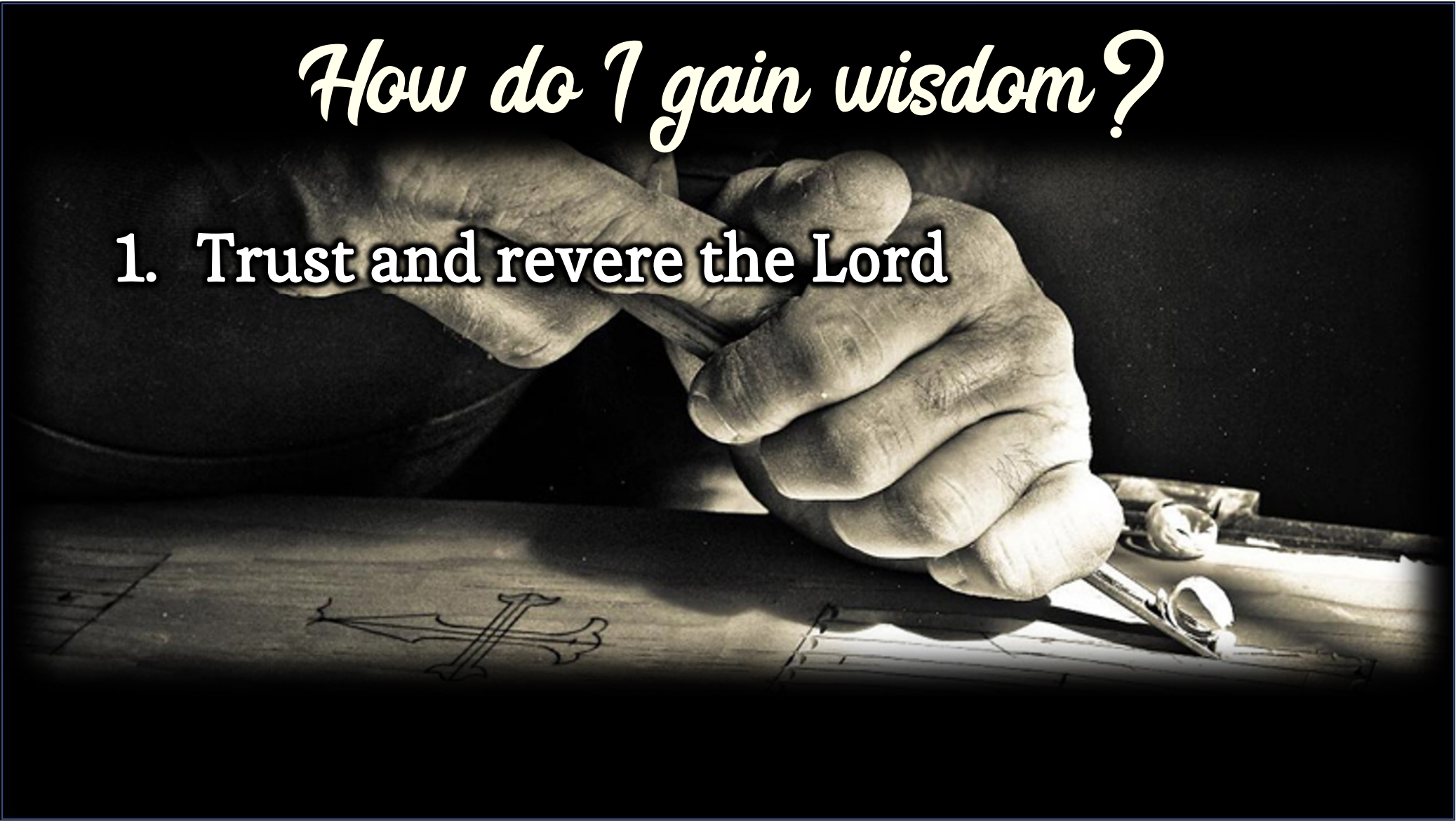

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 9:10 NIV

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7 NIV

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If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all . . .

James 1:5

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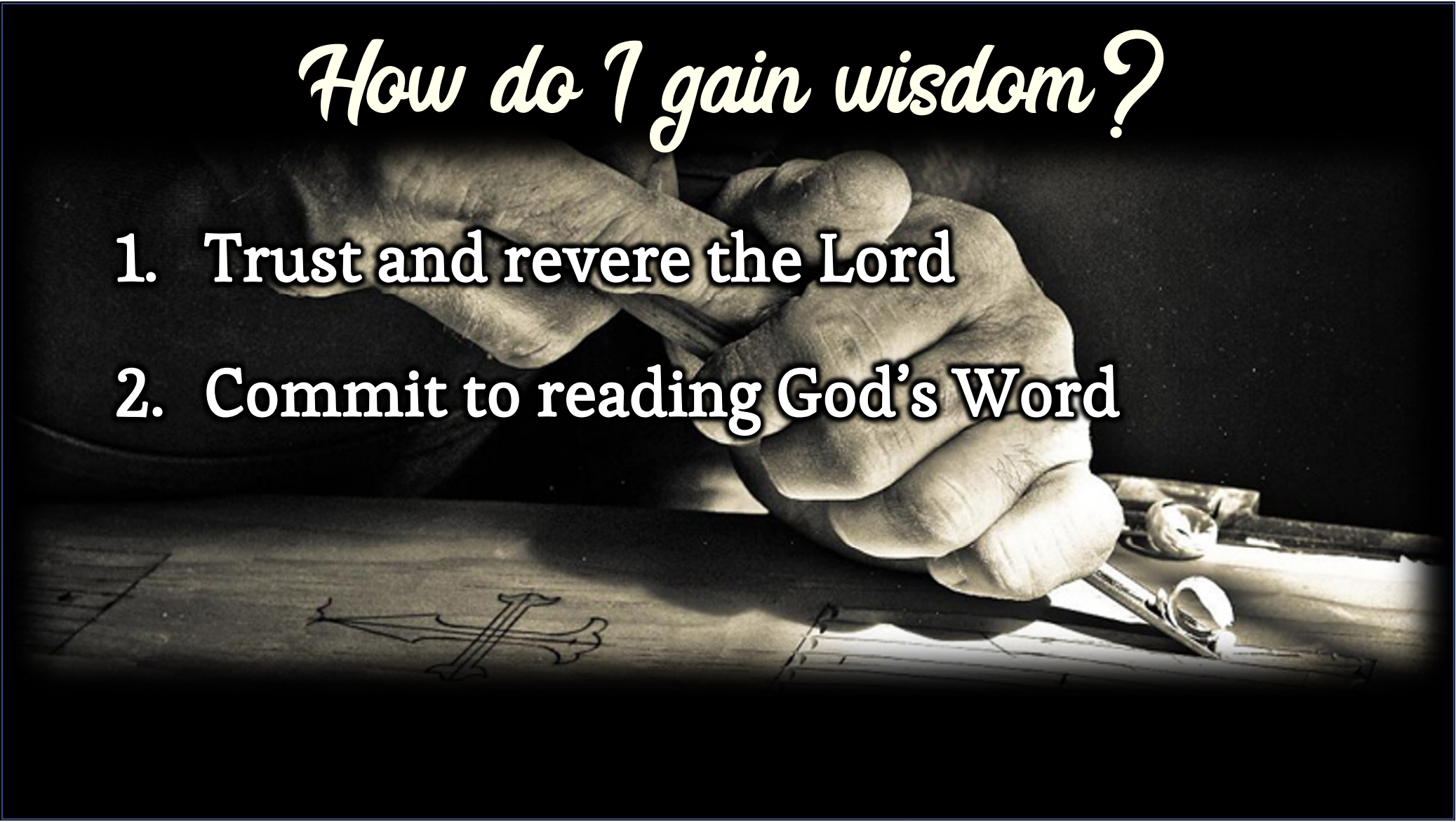

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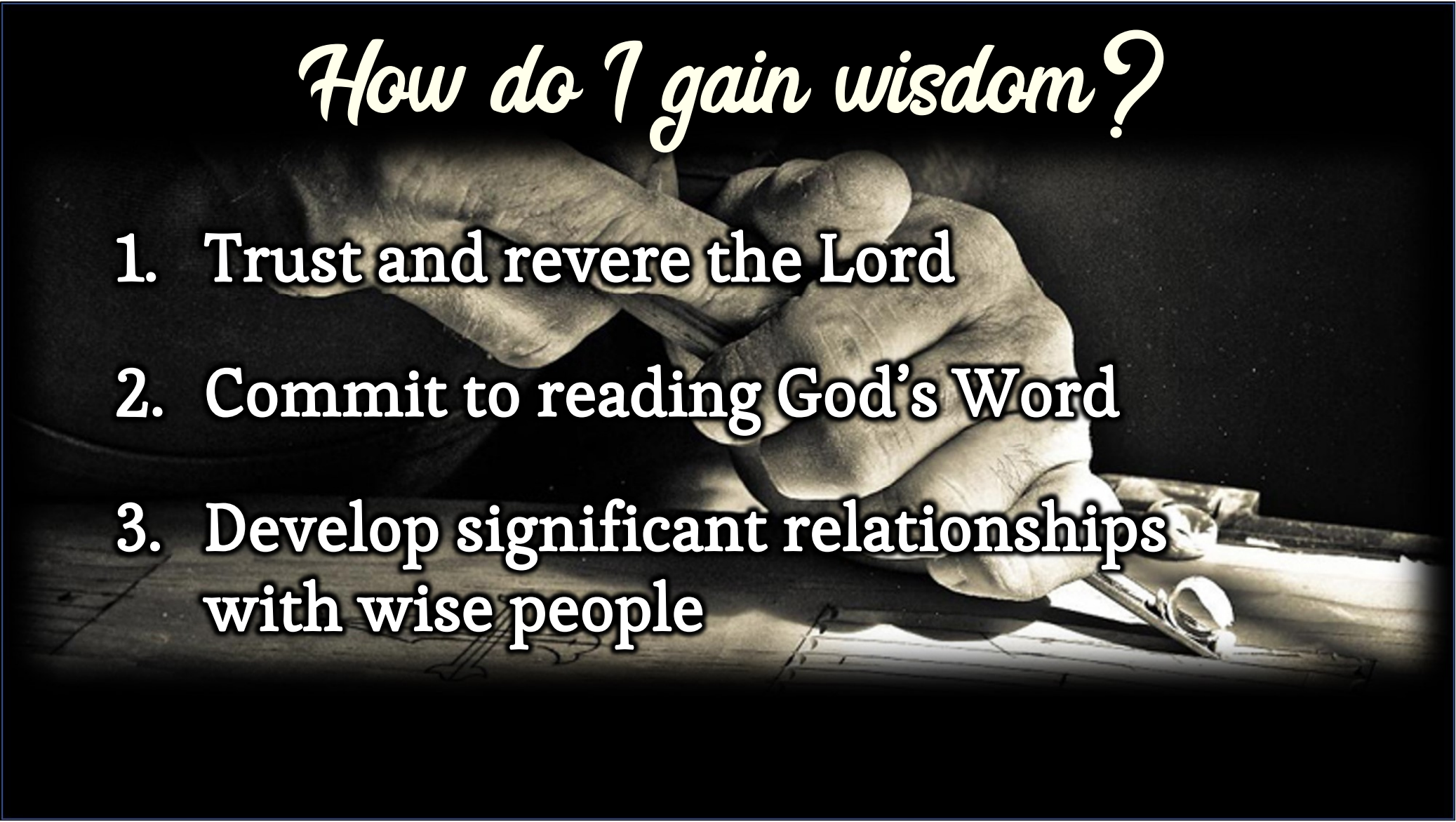

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3. Develop significant relationships with wise people

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Blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
the man who gains understanding . . .

Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.

Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who embrace her;
those who lay hold of her will be blessed.

Proverbs 3:13, 16-18 NIV