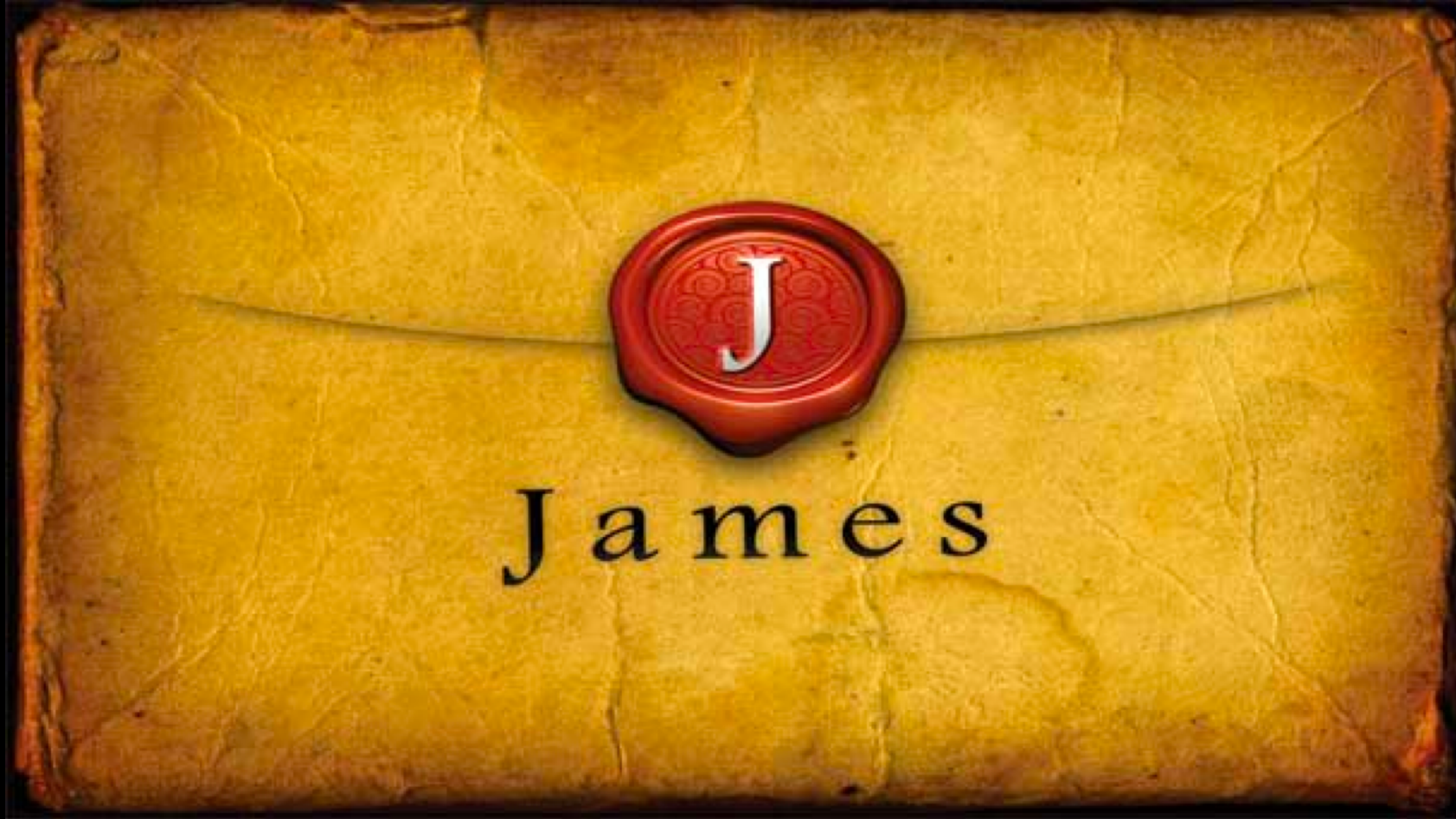


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The practice of practical faith

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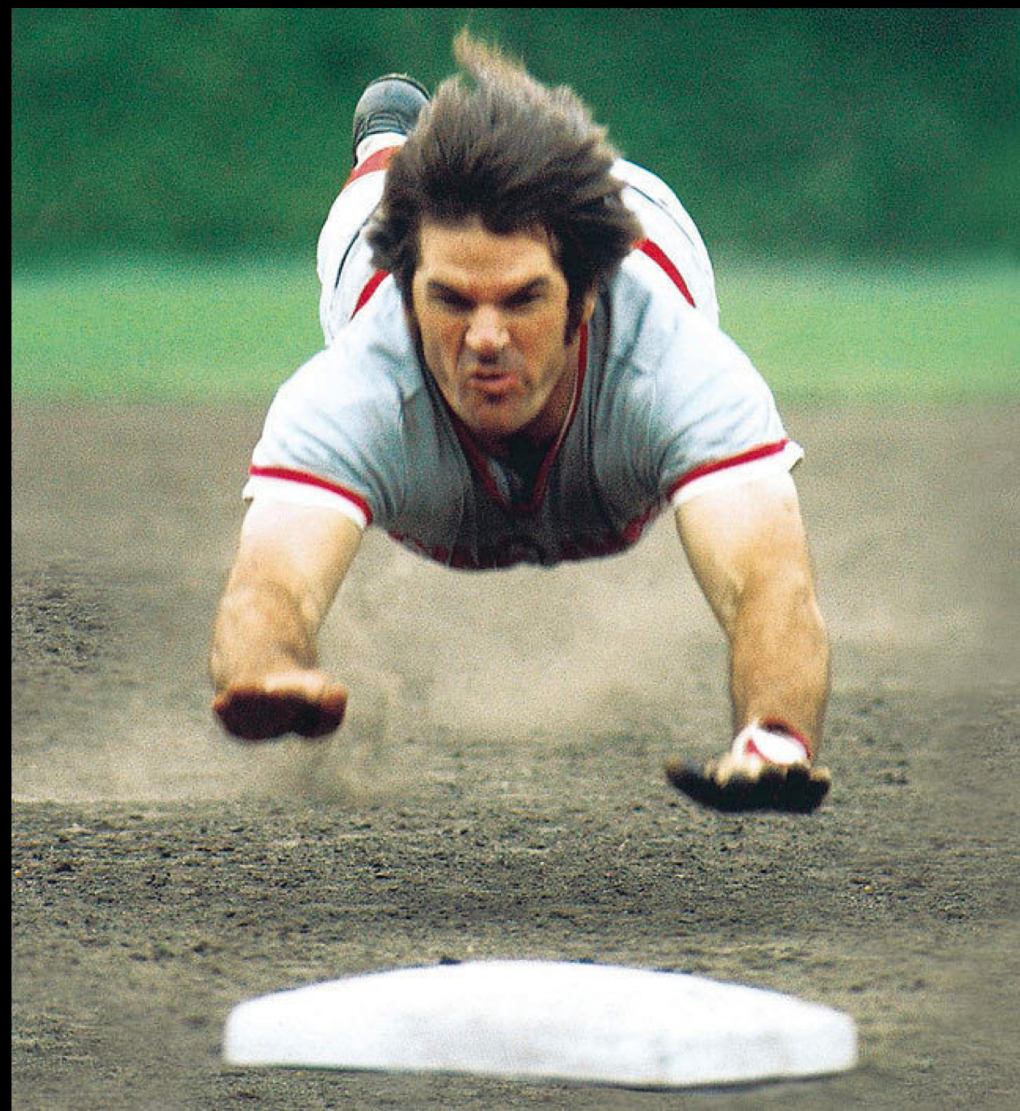
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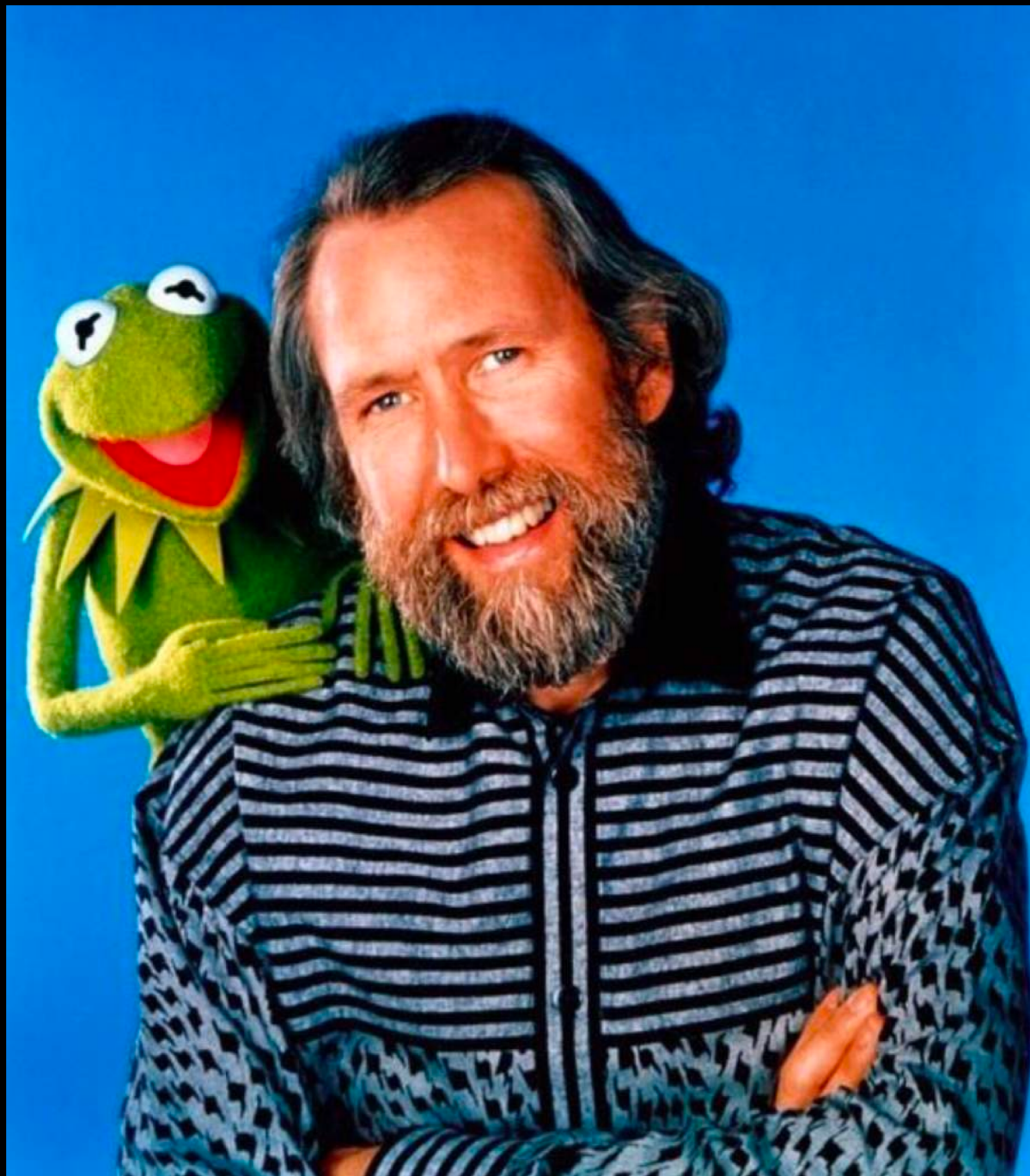
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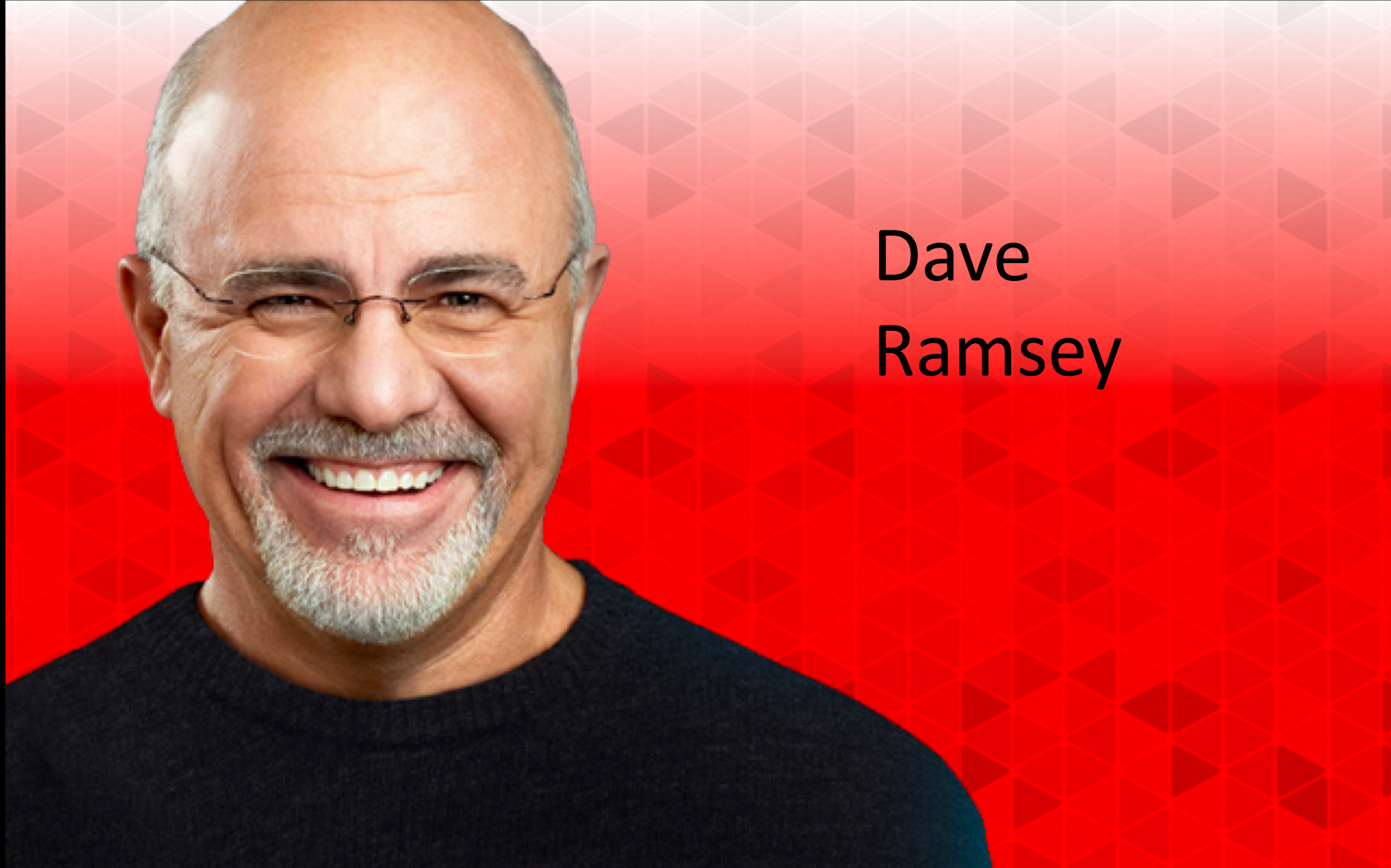
Today:

God's **BIG** **Book**

and the **EXPERIENCE** of
Wisdom.







Dave
Ramsey



Psalm 119 is the longest chapter
in the Bible.

Big Idea:

The Bible provides the **wisdom** we need to **joyfully** live out the **purpose** for which we were **created**.

The Goal:

Guilt → ***Gift***

Have to → ***Get to***

Information → ***Application***

Three Questions:

What is the Bible?

Why do we need wisdom?

How do we become wise?

“Get wisdom. Though it cost you
all you have, get understanding.”

Proverbs 4:7

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The Bible?

1. It is the **revelation** of God.

“In the past **God spoke** to our ancestors through the prophets at **many times** and in **various ways**, but in these last days he has **spoken** to us by his son.”

Heb. 1:1-2

The Bible?

1. It is the **revelation** of God.

“The **revelation** of Jesus Christ...”

Rev. 1:1

The Bible?

2. It is the **revelation** of reality.

Jesus – ‘your Word is **truth**’

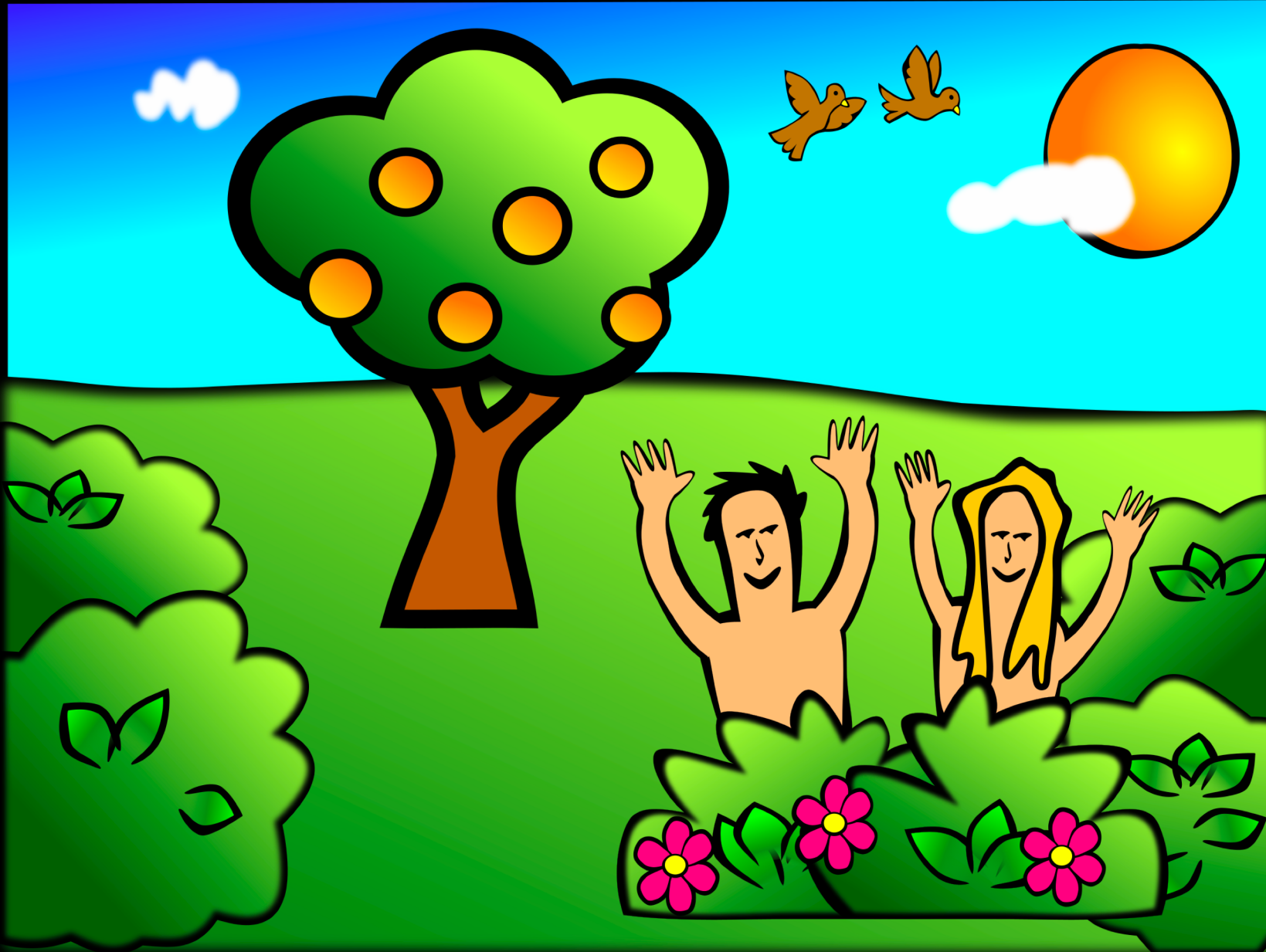
John 17:7

The Bible?

3. It is the **revelation** of us.

“So God created **mankind** in his own image, in the **image** of God he created them; **male and female** he created them.”

Gen 1:27



The Bible?

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“**He brought** them to the man **to see** what he would **name them**; and whatever the man called each living creature, **that was its name.**”

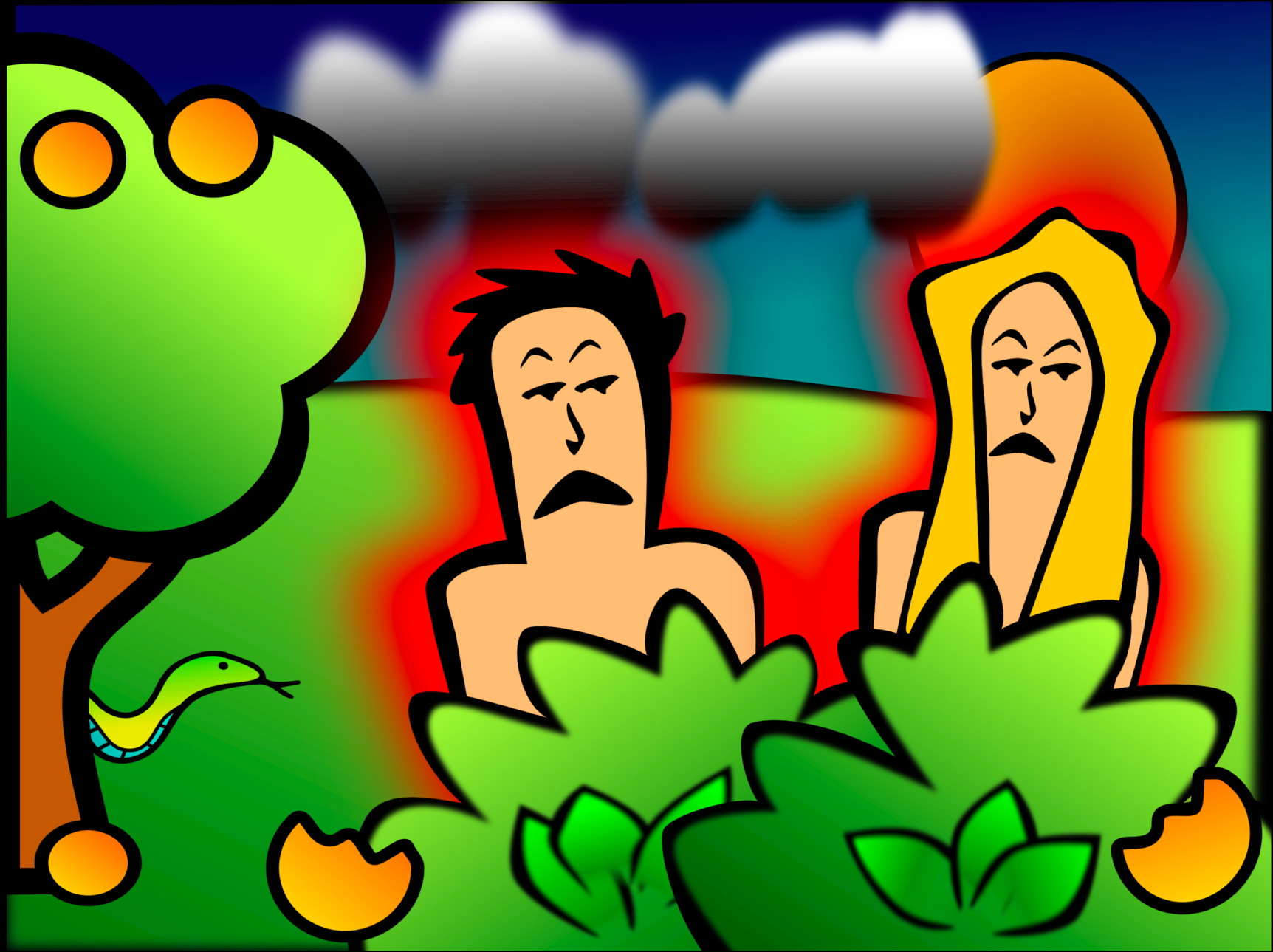
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Key point:

God made mankind in his image, with the ability make **decisions**, so that we could fulfill our **created purpose**.

“God made mankind not to be just order obey-ers, he made us to be great decision makers!”

John Ortberg



We are decision makers
who can be easily
deceived, thus, our great
need for God's **WISDOM!**

“Why Wisdom? We make decisions, and then decisions we make make us: what I say, what I think, what I eat, what I read, where I go, who I am with, what I do, how I work, when I rest. Add up an average of 1,788,500 little decisions, and what you get is life. By deciding we go through doors, and we find out on the other side the person we have become.”

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Why Wisdom?

Wisdom is taking **God's Word** and applying it in **practical ways** so we live out God's purposes for our lives.

“Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.”

Prov. 3:13

Honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. Know also that **wisdom is like honey** for you: If you find it, there is a future hope, a hope that will not be cut off.


Prov. 24:13-14

“How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!”

Prov. 16: 16

“He who gets wisdom loves himself.”

Prov. 19: 8

A man with short brown hair and a light beard is shown from the chest up, wearing a light grey polo shirt. He has a thoughtful expression, looking slightly to the right with his hand resting on his chin. A large blue thought bubble is positioned to his left, containing the text. The background is plain white.

Why do I need to
take the time
to dig into the
Bible?

“from infancy you have known
the Holy Scriptures, which are
able to make **you wise** for
salvation.”

2 Tim. 3:15

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for **every** good work.”

2 Tim. 3:16

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How do I get Wisdom?

1. Value it.

“Seek wisdom like silver, and search for it like hidden treasure.”

Prov. 2:4

How do I get Wisdom?

2. Memorize it.

“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making the wise the simple.”

Ps. 19:7

How do I get Wisdom?

3. Ask for it.

“If any of you **lack wisdom**, let him ask God who gives it generously to everyone without finding fault.”

James 1:5

How do I get Wisdom?

4. Look to Jesus.

“For Christ is the power of God and is **the wisdom** of God.”

1Cor. 1:24



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Prov.9:10

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