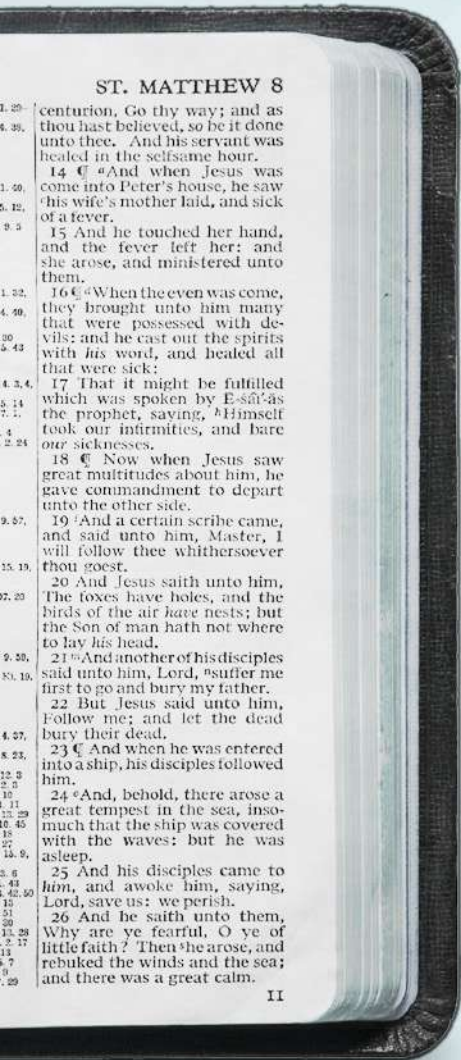




When Stuff Reigns Supreme

No Other Gods

Luke 12:13-21 – Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."



And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

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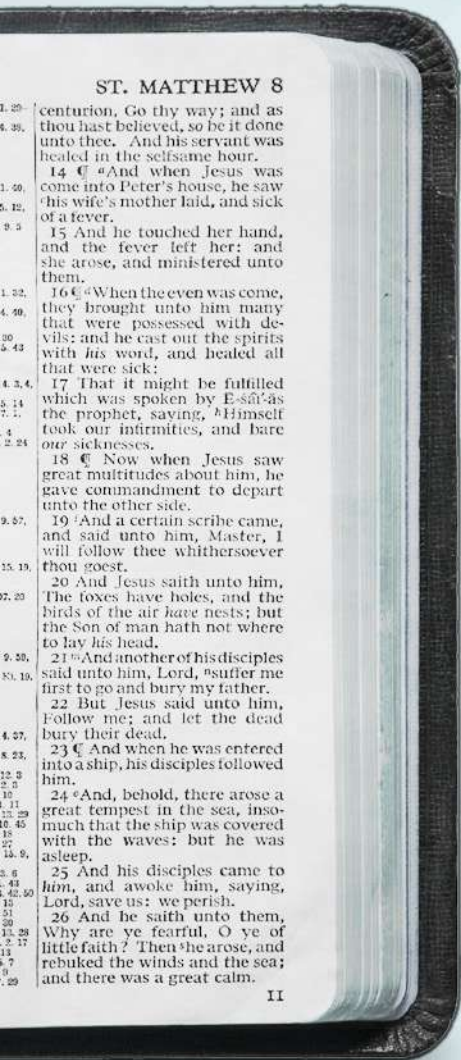
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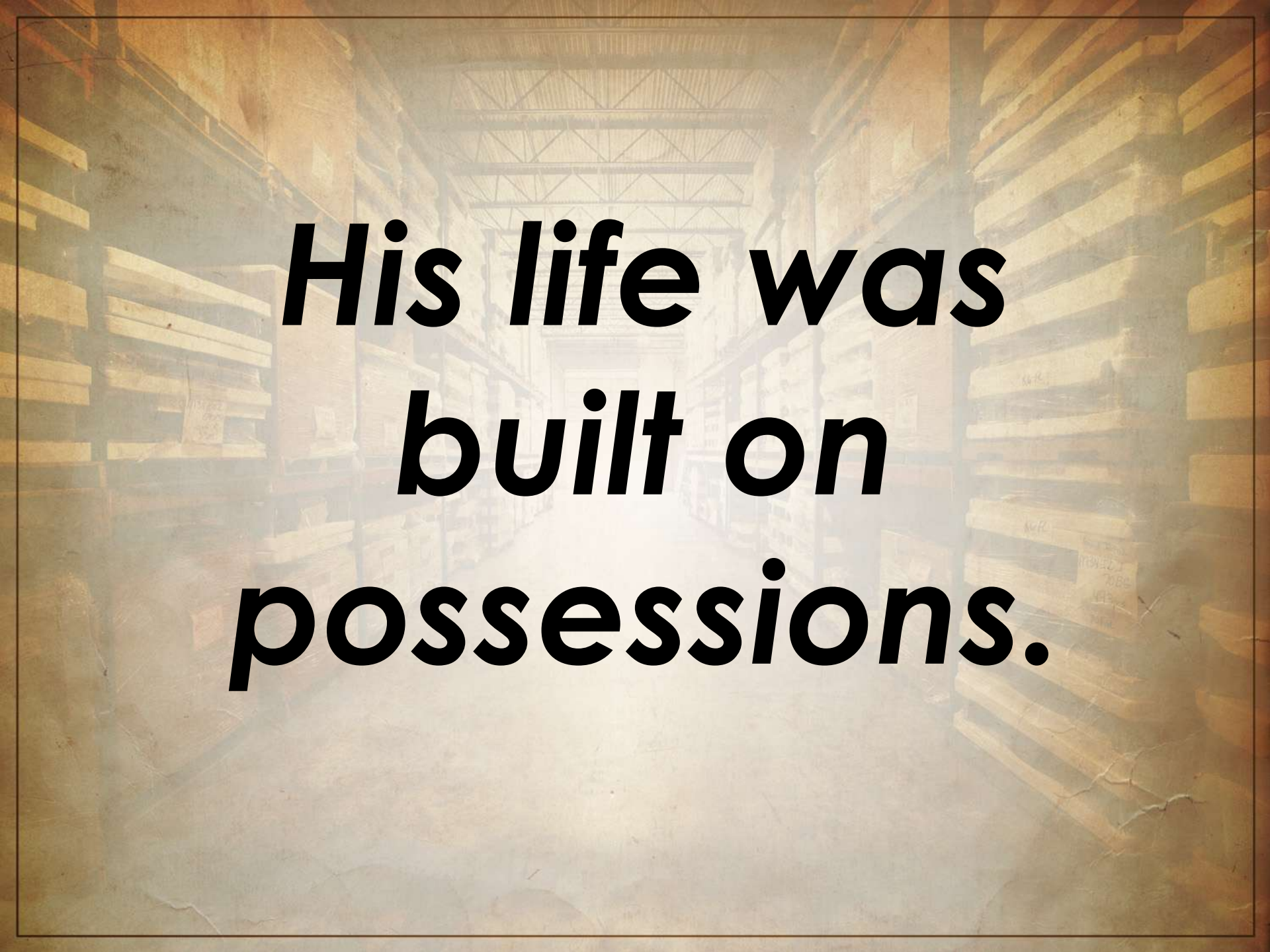
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And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

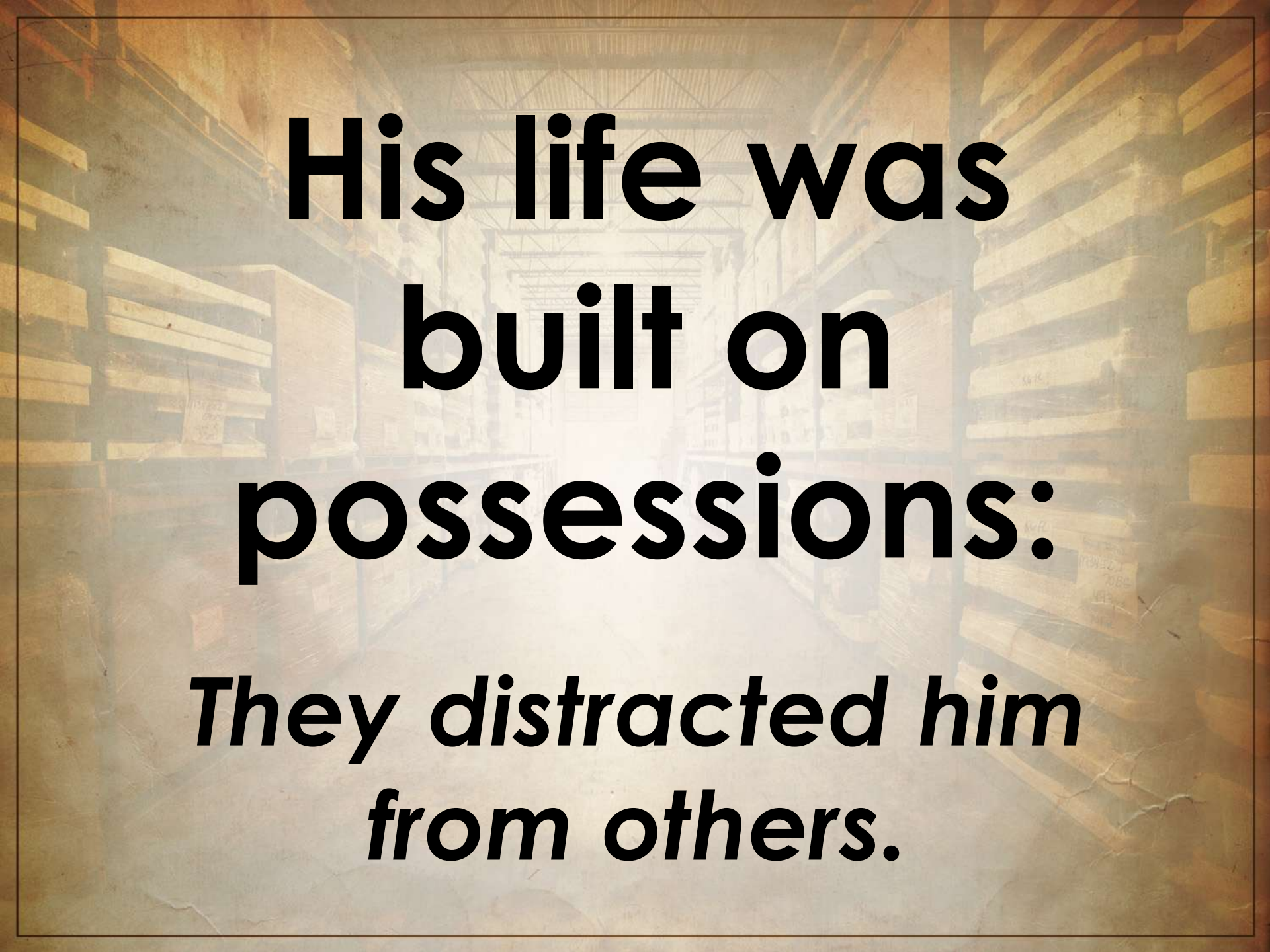


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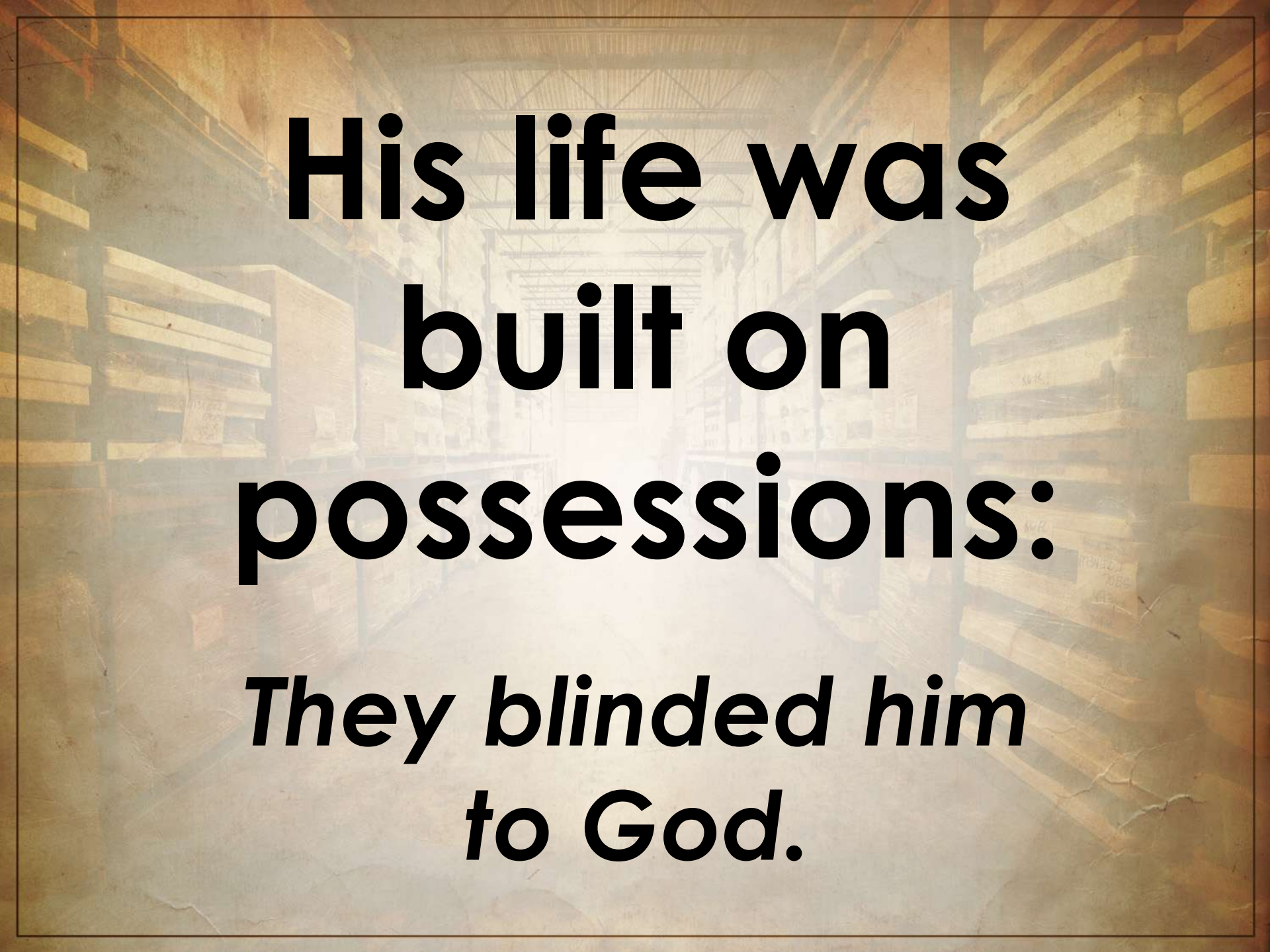
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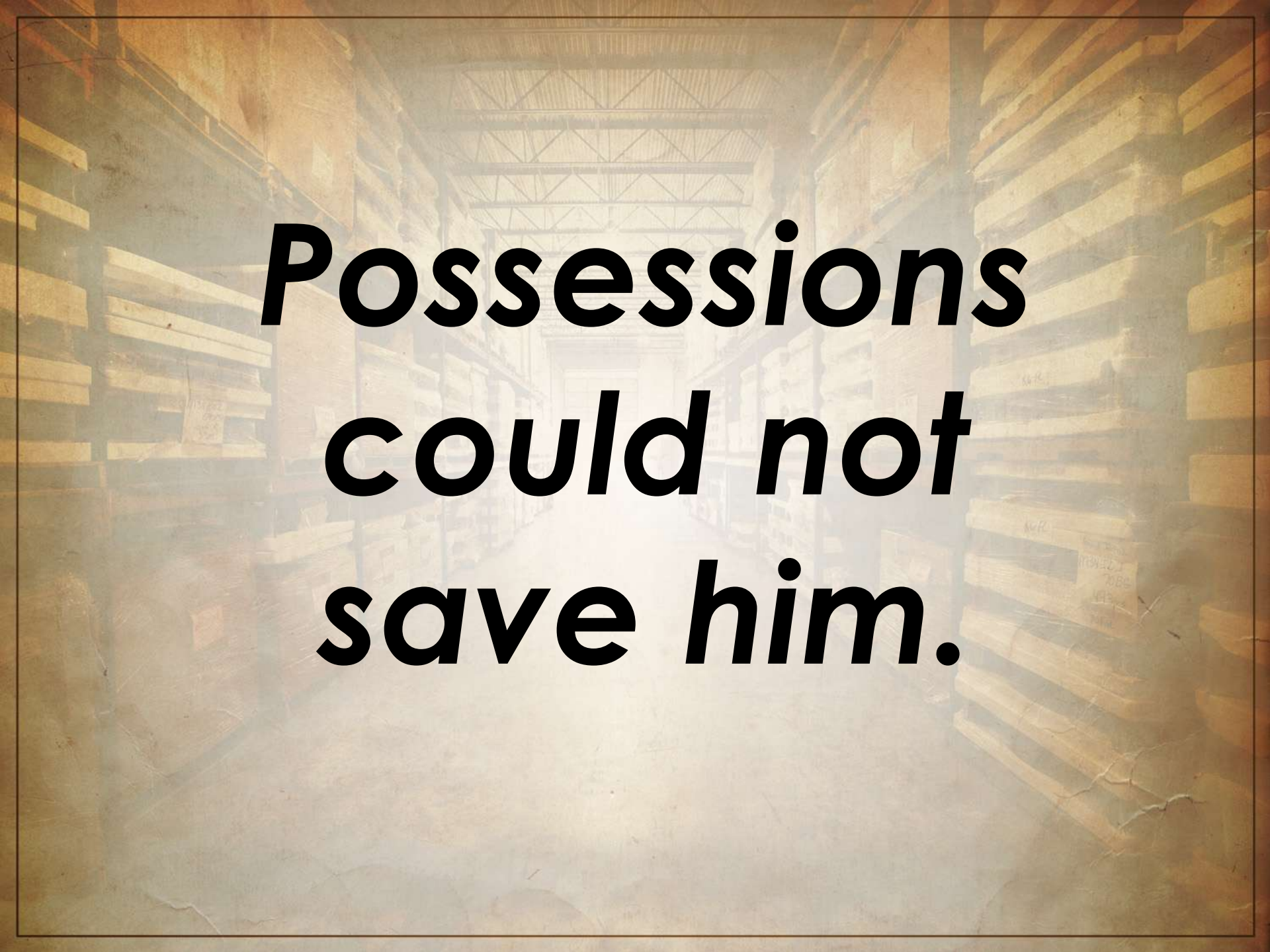
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1 Timothy 6:9-10 –

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

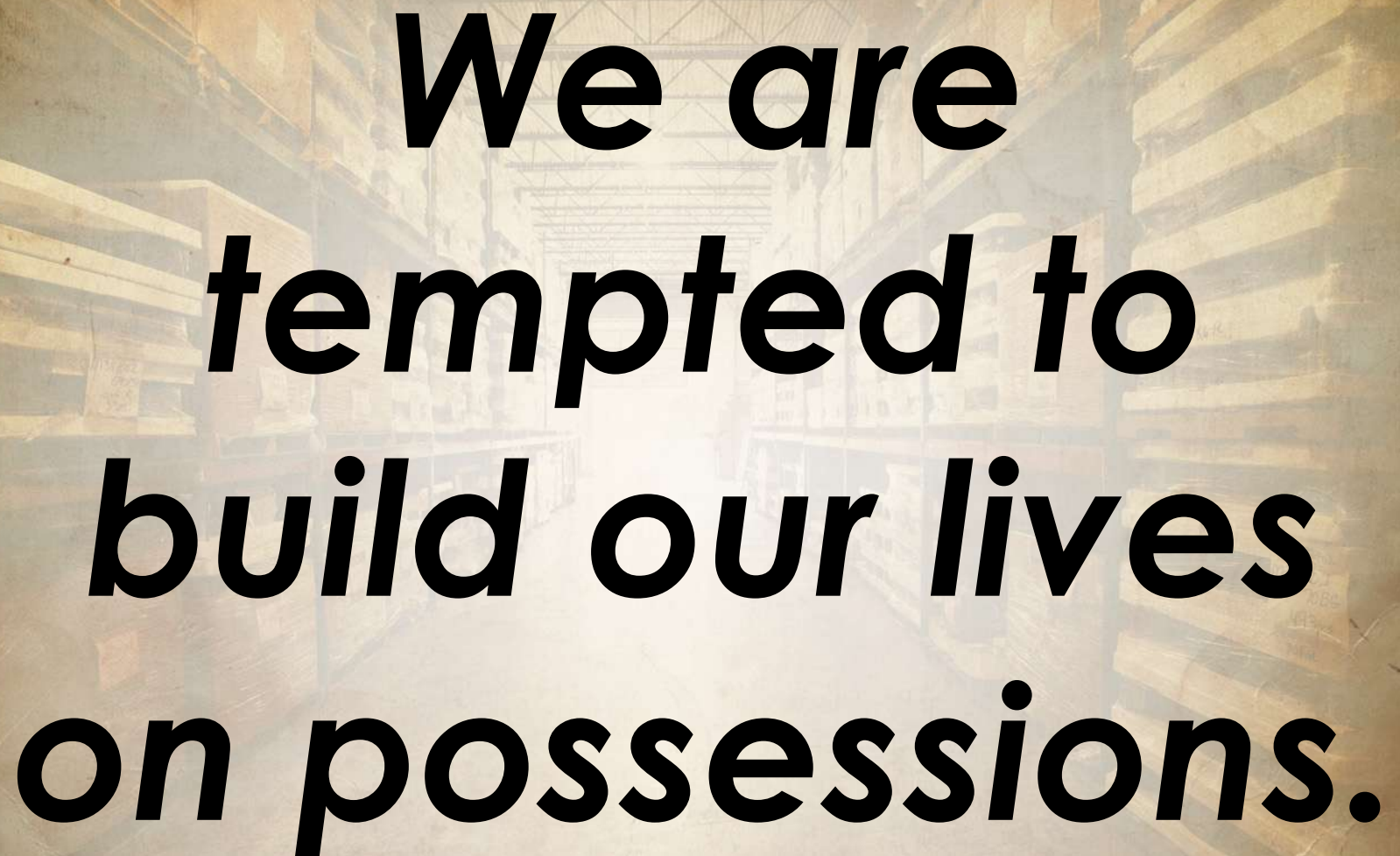


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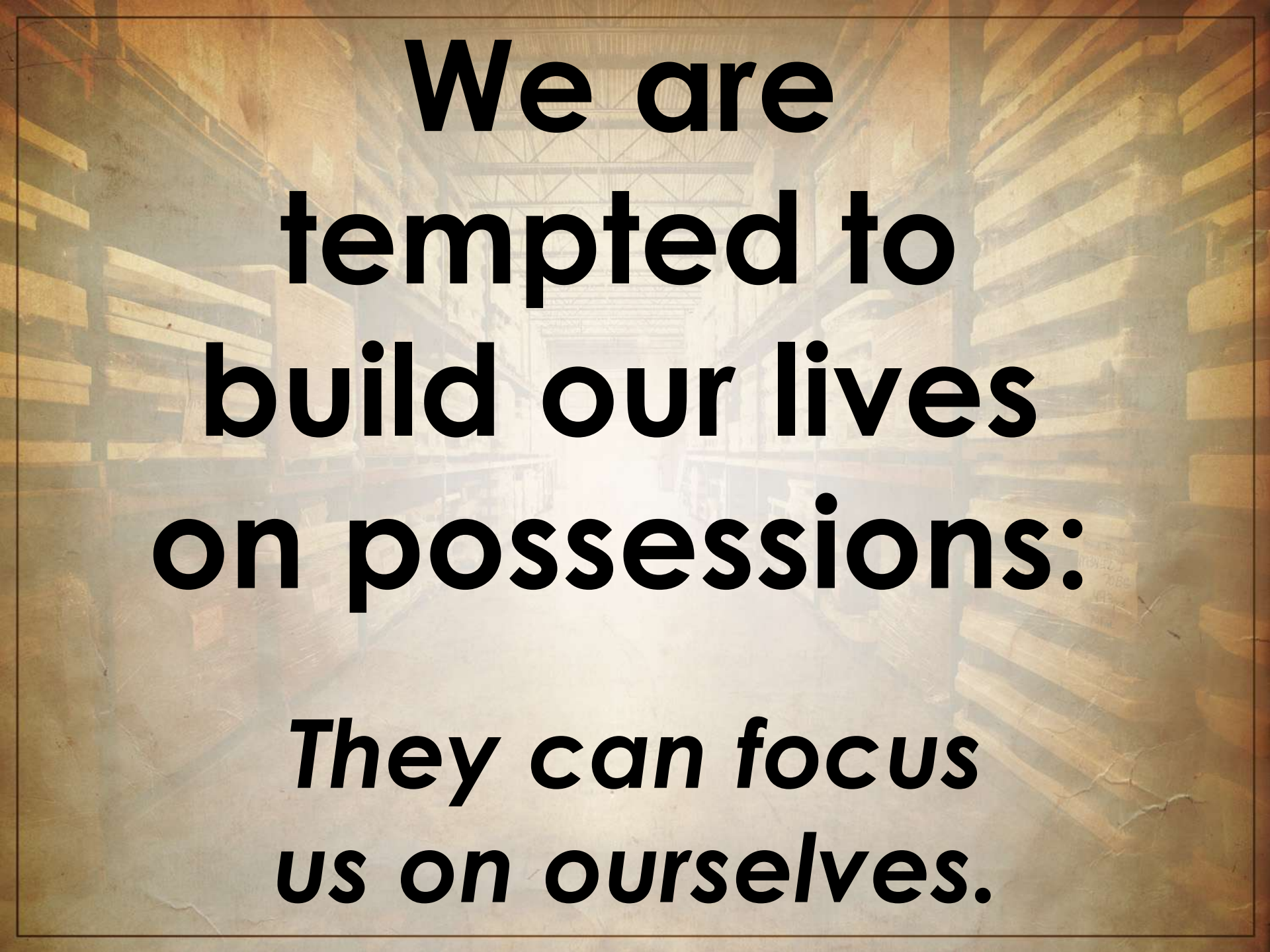
For the things that
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Ecclesiastes 5:10 –

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

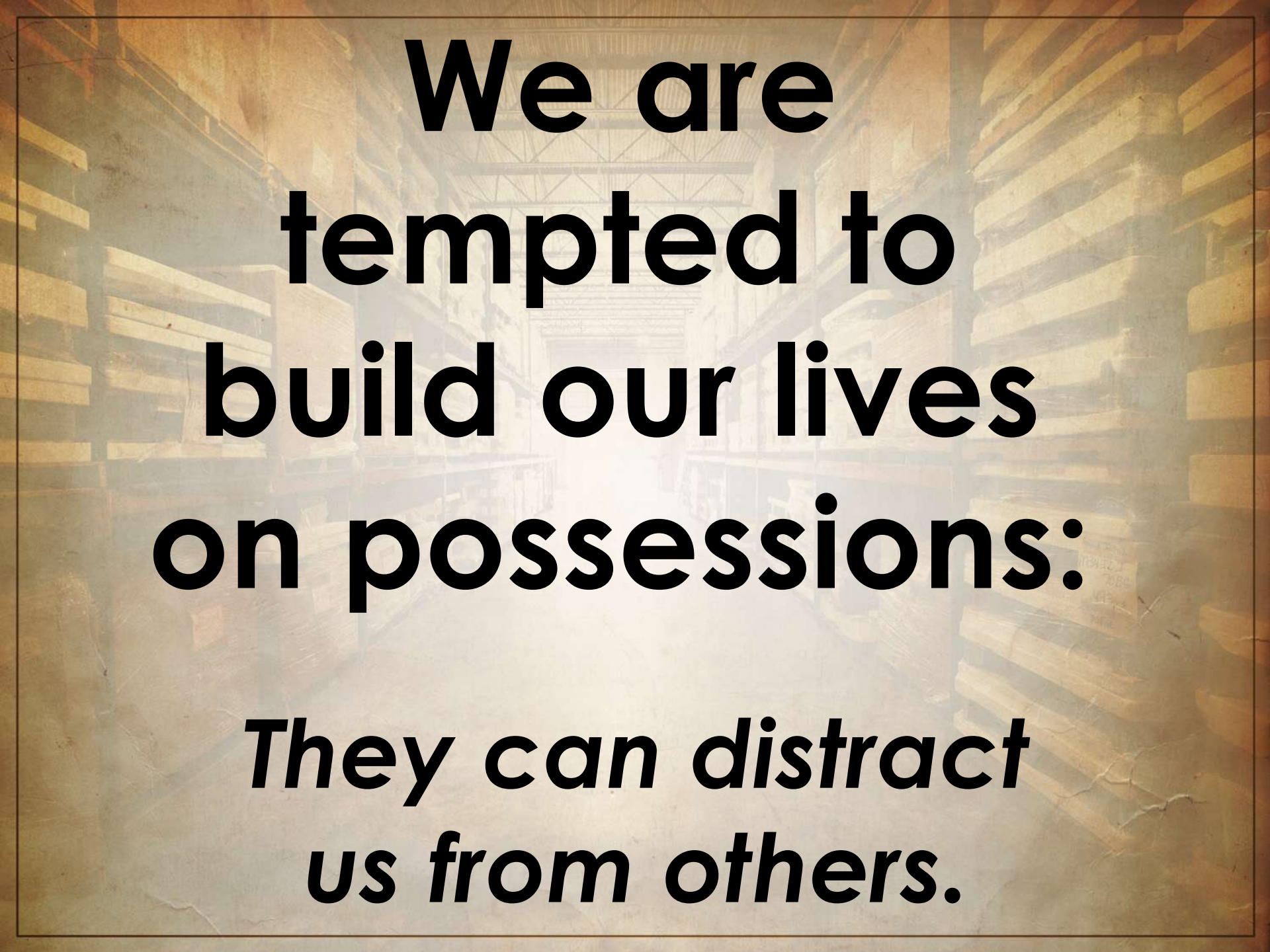


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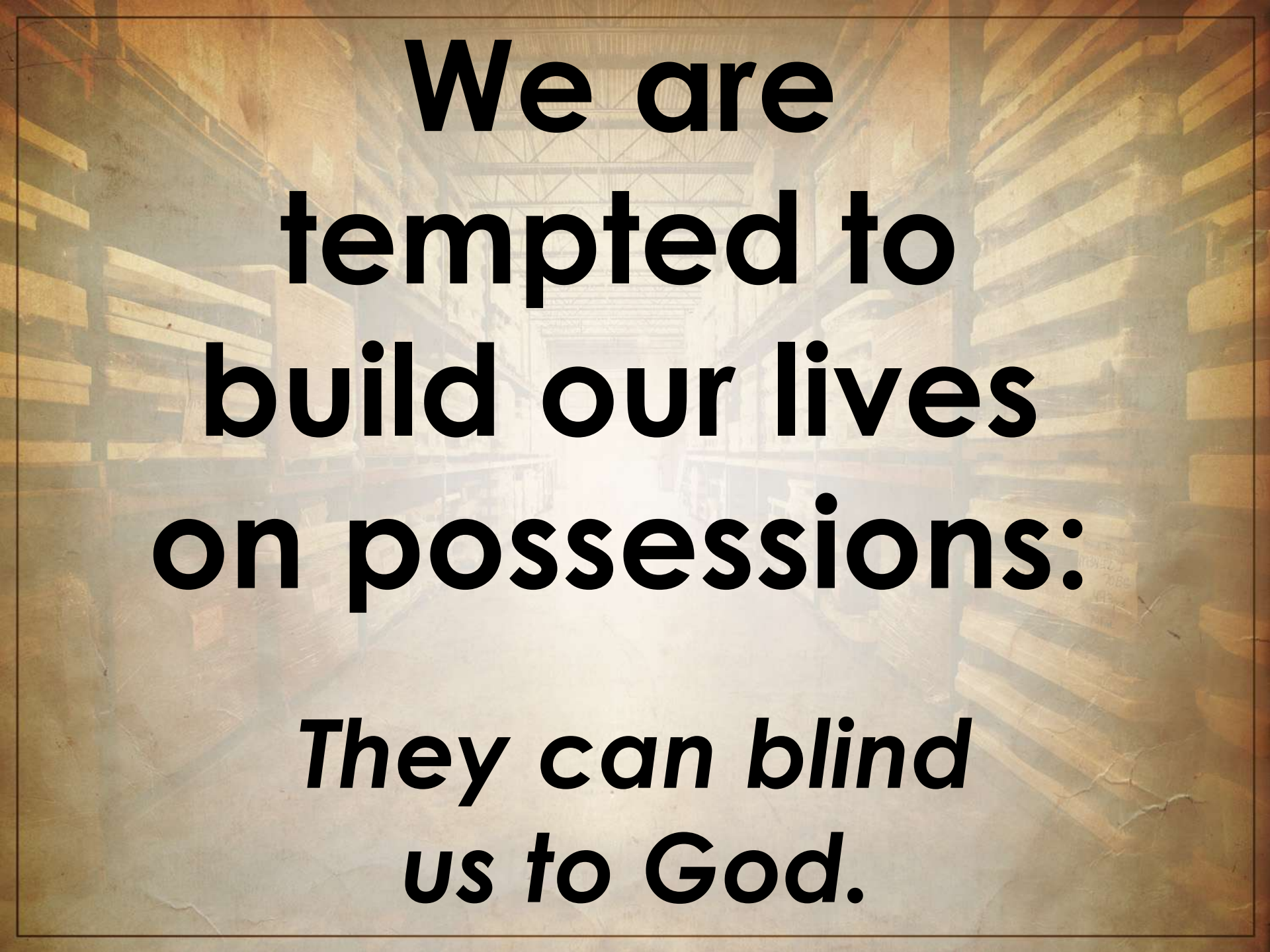
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“...My task was to hijack your imagination, brand your brain with our logo, and then feed you opinions you thought were your own.”

**- From A Former
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Anthropologist”**




**What Do I
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- 1. What do I spent my time doing?**
- 2. What do I spend my resources pursuing?**
- 3. What do I spend my time thinking about?**
- 4. What kind of future do I dream about?**

**What Do I
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**Our Stuff Can't Save Us;
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