

A WORD
FROM
THE WISE

— part three —



The Hebrew word for
wisdom is *KHOKHMAH*
which means *SKILL* for
living.

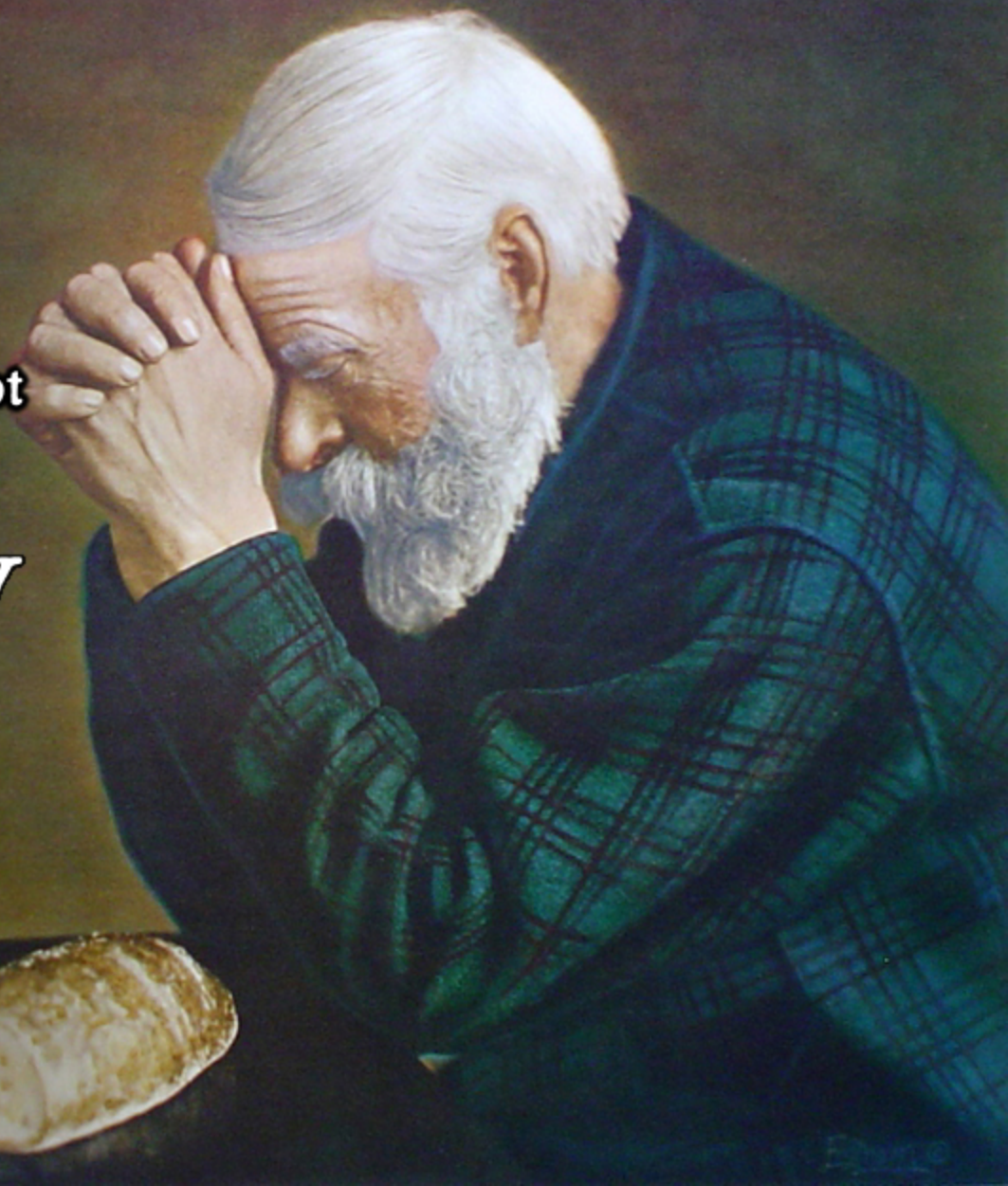


The wise person is DILIGENT.



22 Obey the Word of God. If you hear only and do not act, you are only fooling yourself.

JAMES 1:22 NLV



The wise turn KNOWLEDGE
into ACTION.

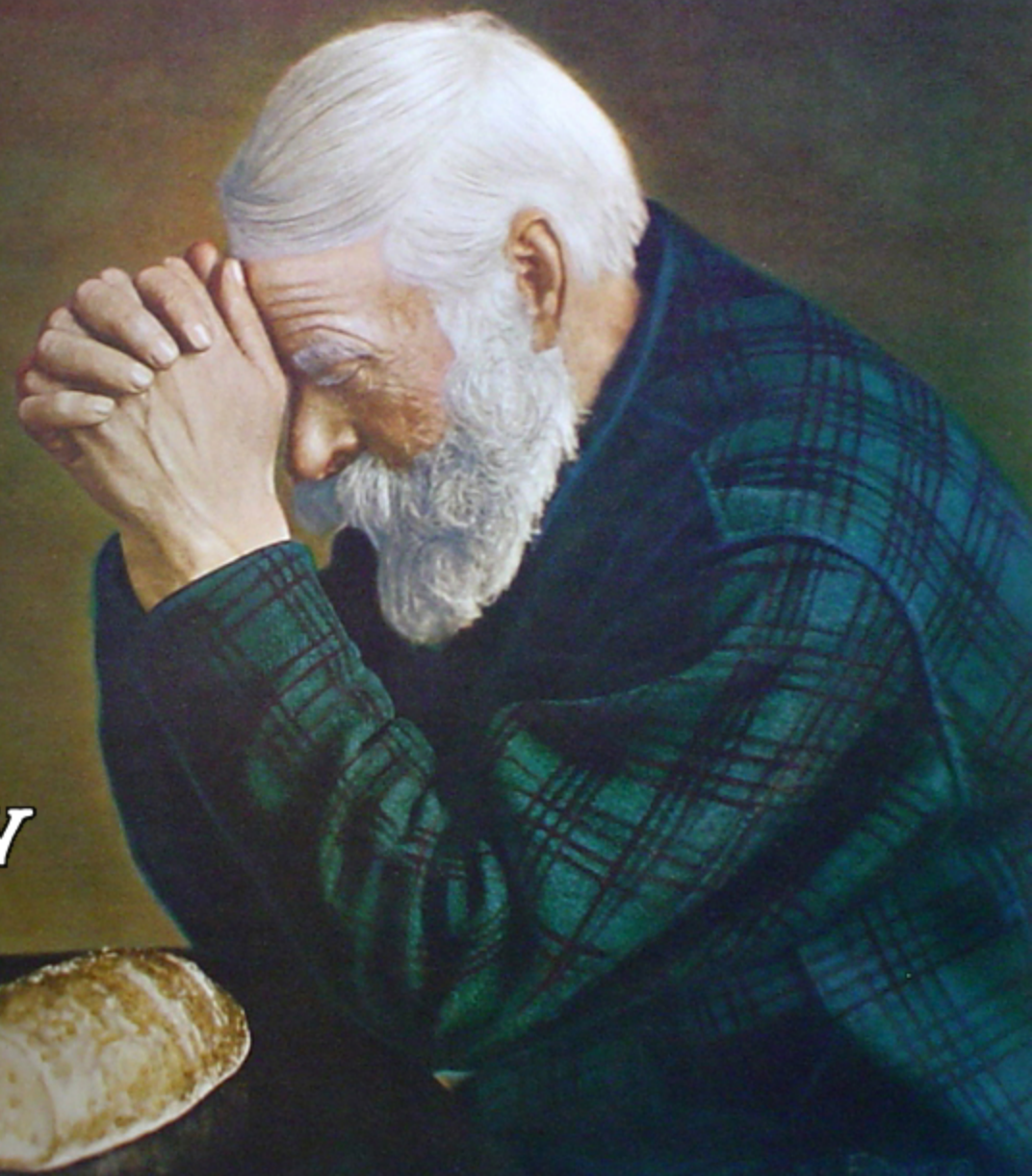


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³¹thorns had come up everywhere,
the ground was covered with weeds,
and the stone wall was in ruins.

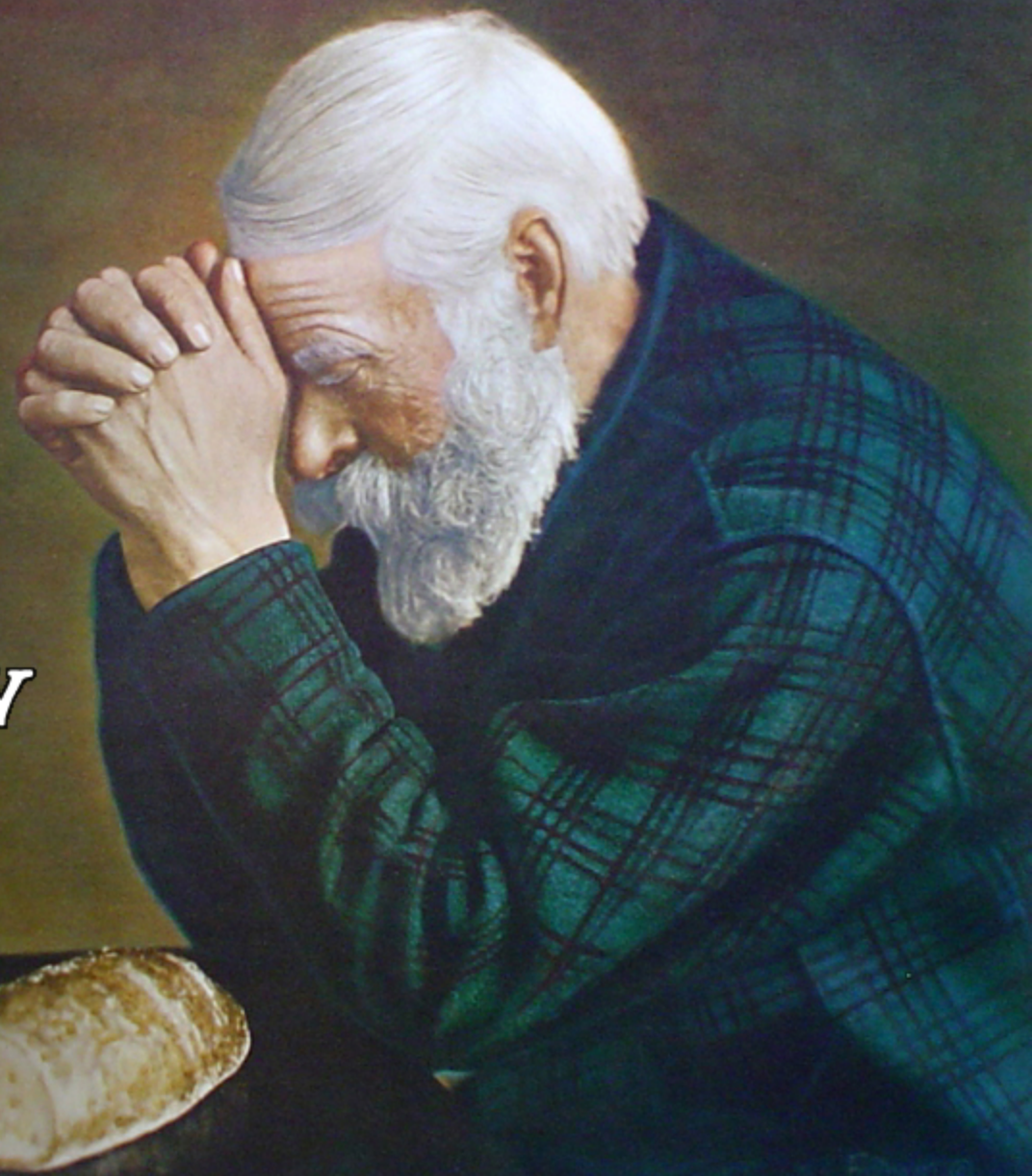
³²I applied my heart to what I observed
and learned a lesson from what I saw:

PROVERBS 24:30-34 NIV



³³A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—
³⁴and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

PROVERBS 24:30-34 NIV

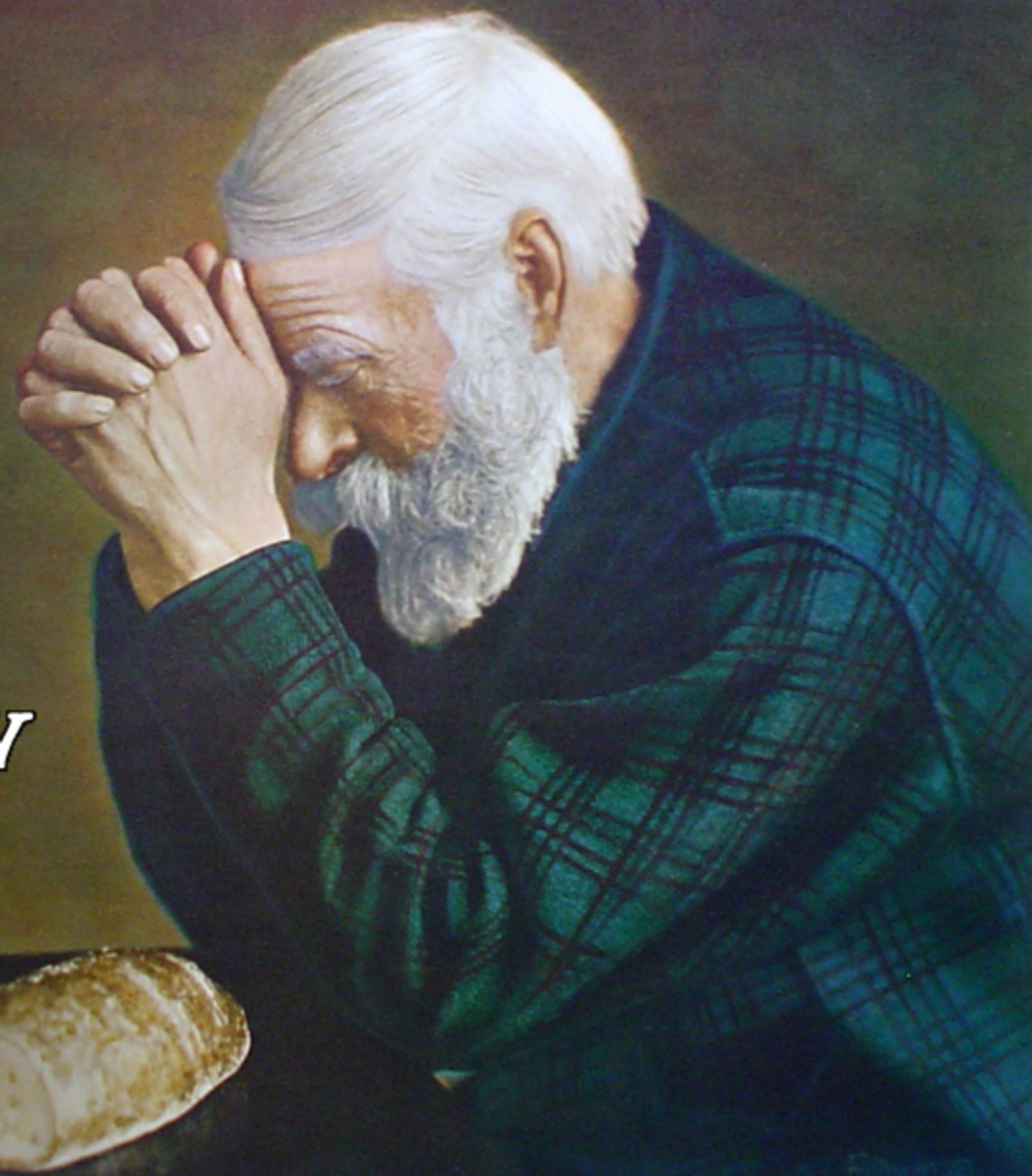


Diligence prompts the wise
to be OBSERVANT.

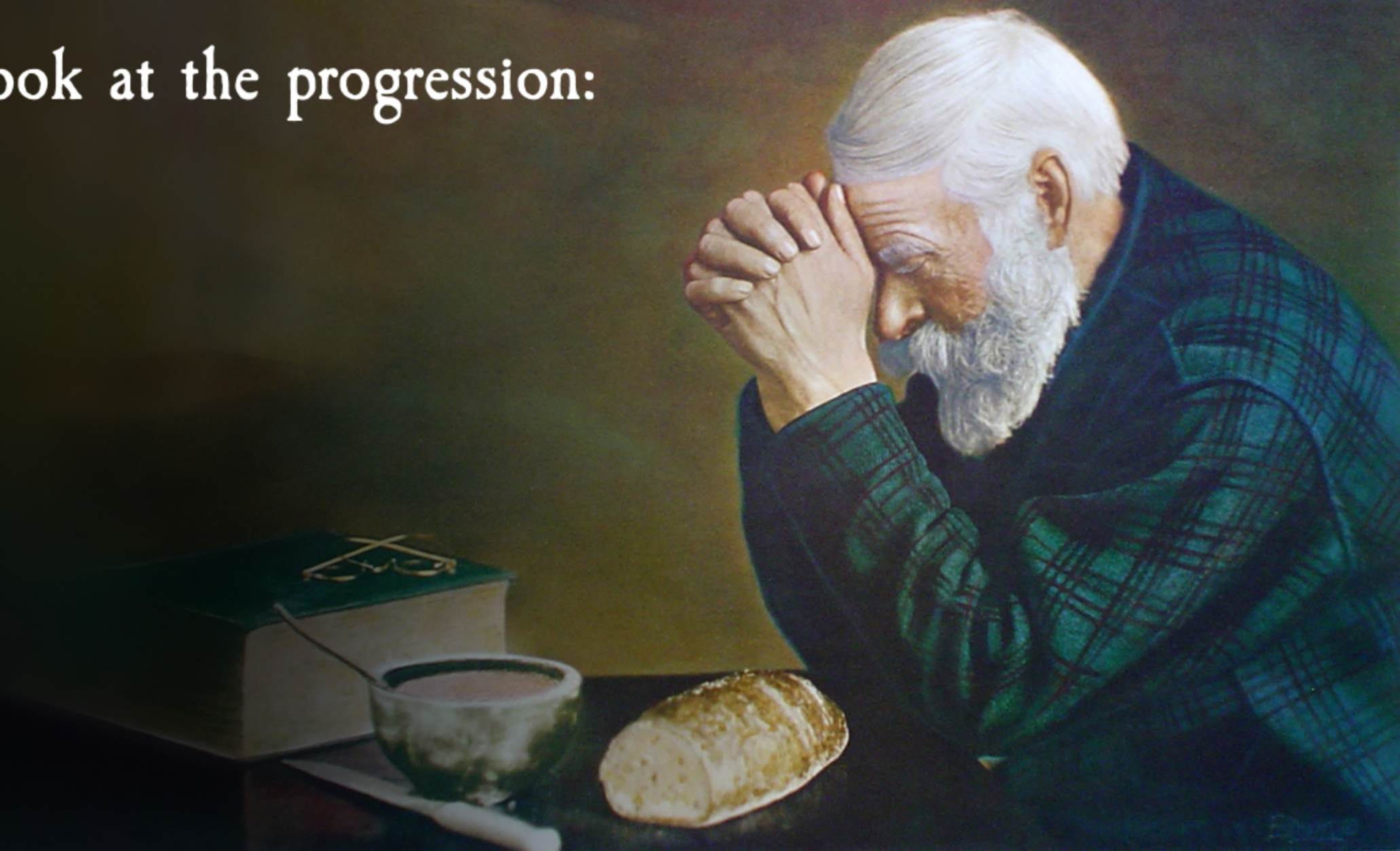


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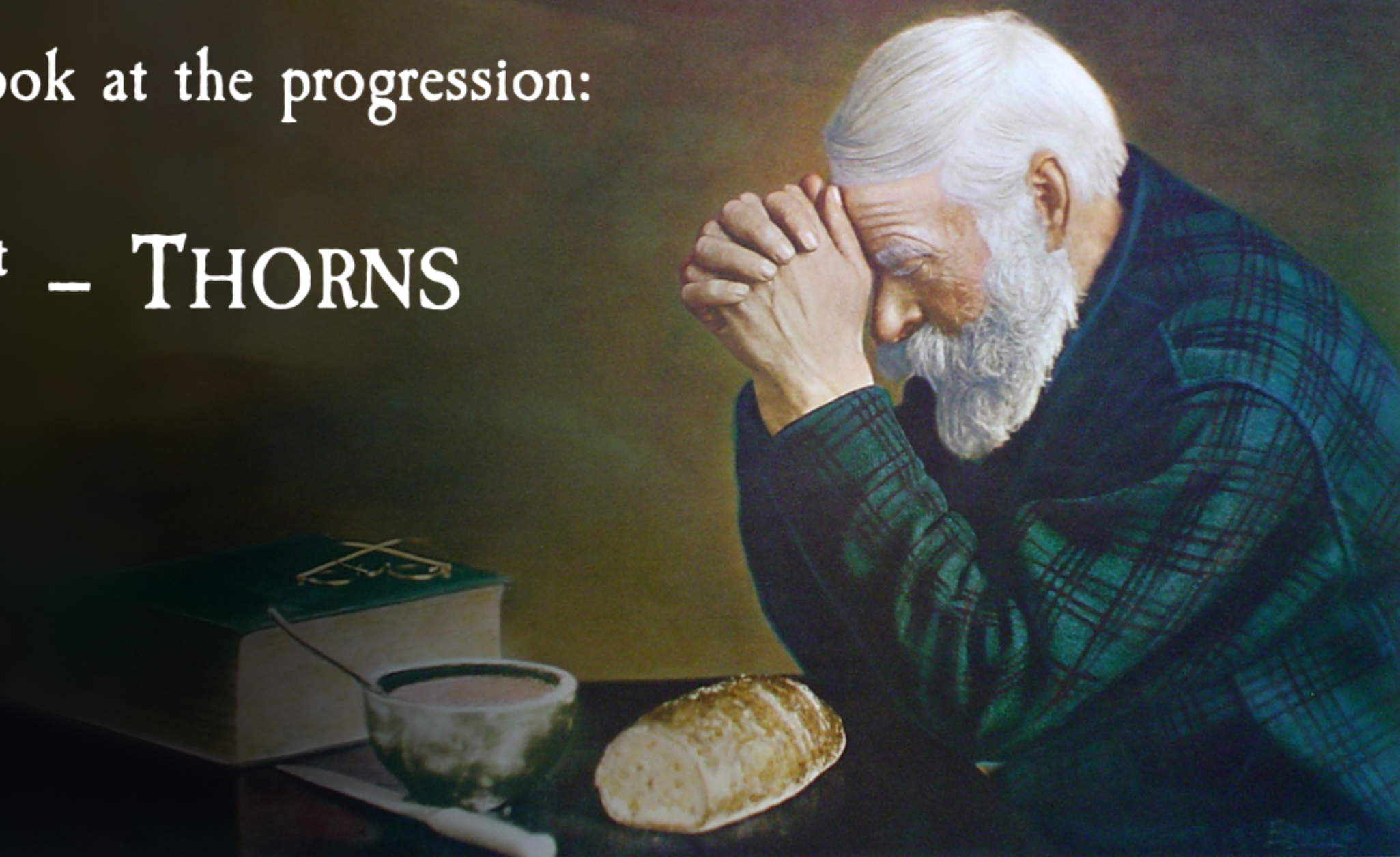


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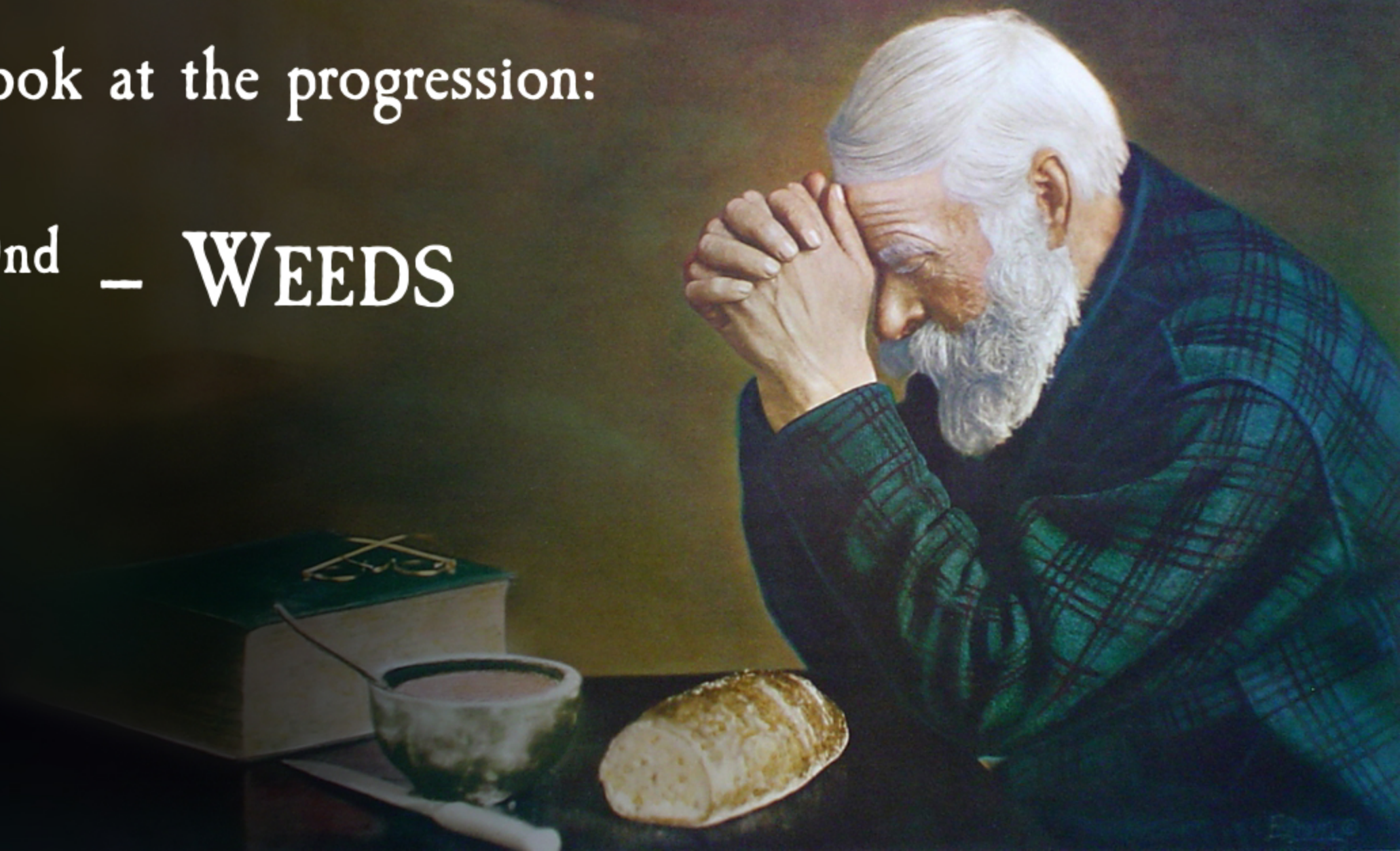
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When we allow thorns to grow in our hearts they can bring PAIN and obstacles.



Let's look at the progression:

2nd – WEEDS



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When we allow weeds to grow in our hearts they can CHOK out life.



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3rd – STONE WALLS
ARE IN RUINS



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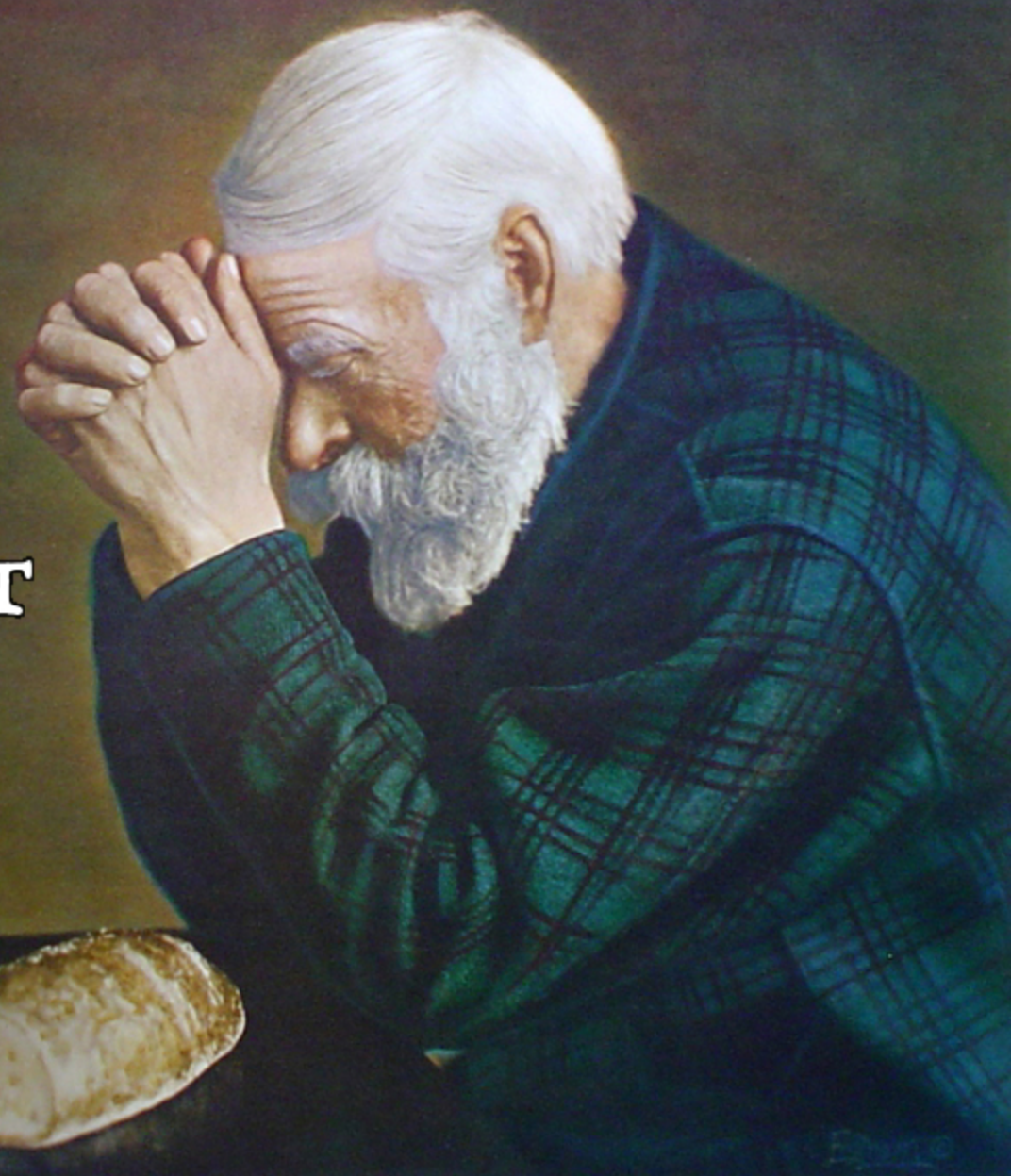
3rd – STONE WALLS ARE IN RUINS

When we allow the stone walls to be in ruins in our hearts things can get in that can DESTROY.



⁴ Those too lazy to plow in the right season
will have no food at the harvest.

PROVERBS 20:4 NLT

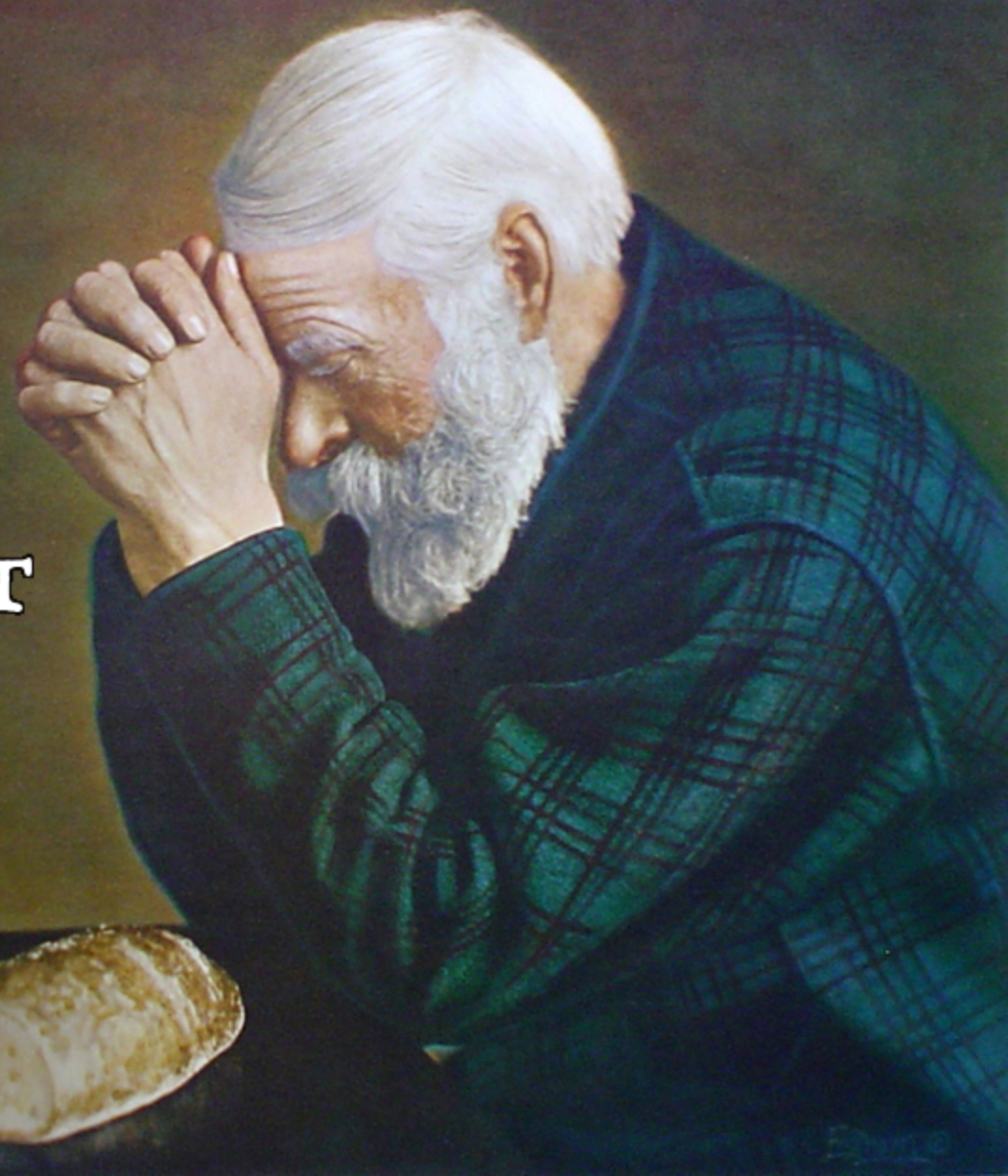


Diligence is the prescription
to cure ENTITLEMENT.



11 A hard worker has plenty of food,
but a person who chases fantasies has no sense.

PROVERBS 12:11 NLT

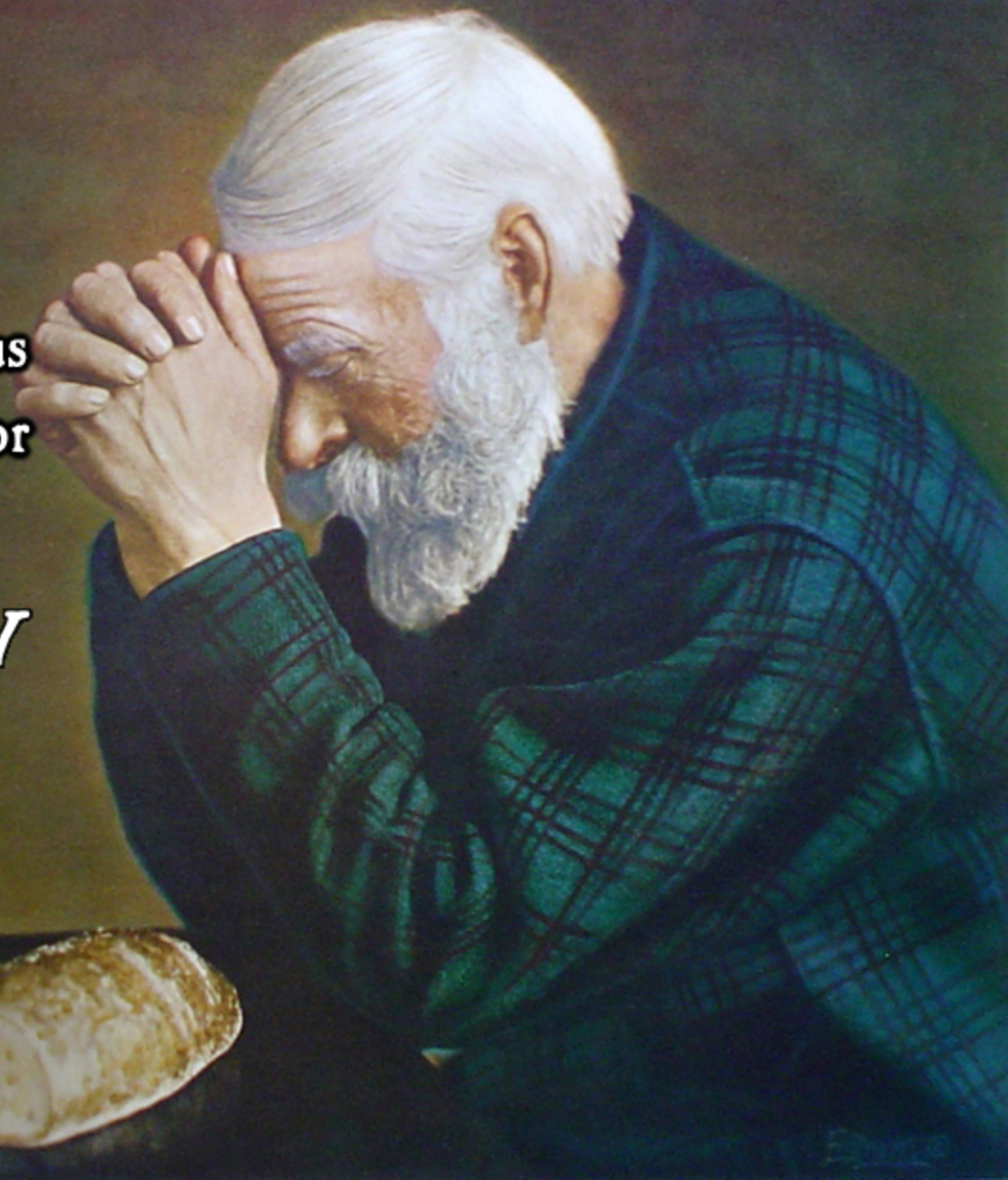


Entitlement is not just
looking for a hand OUT, it is
looking to take our hand OFF.



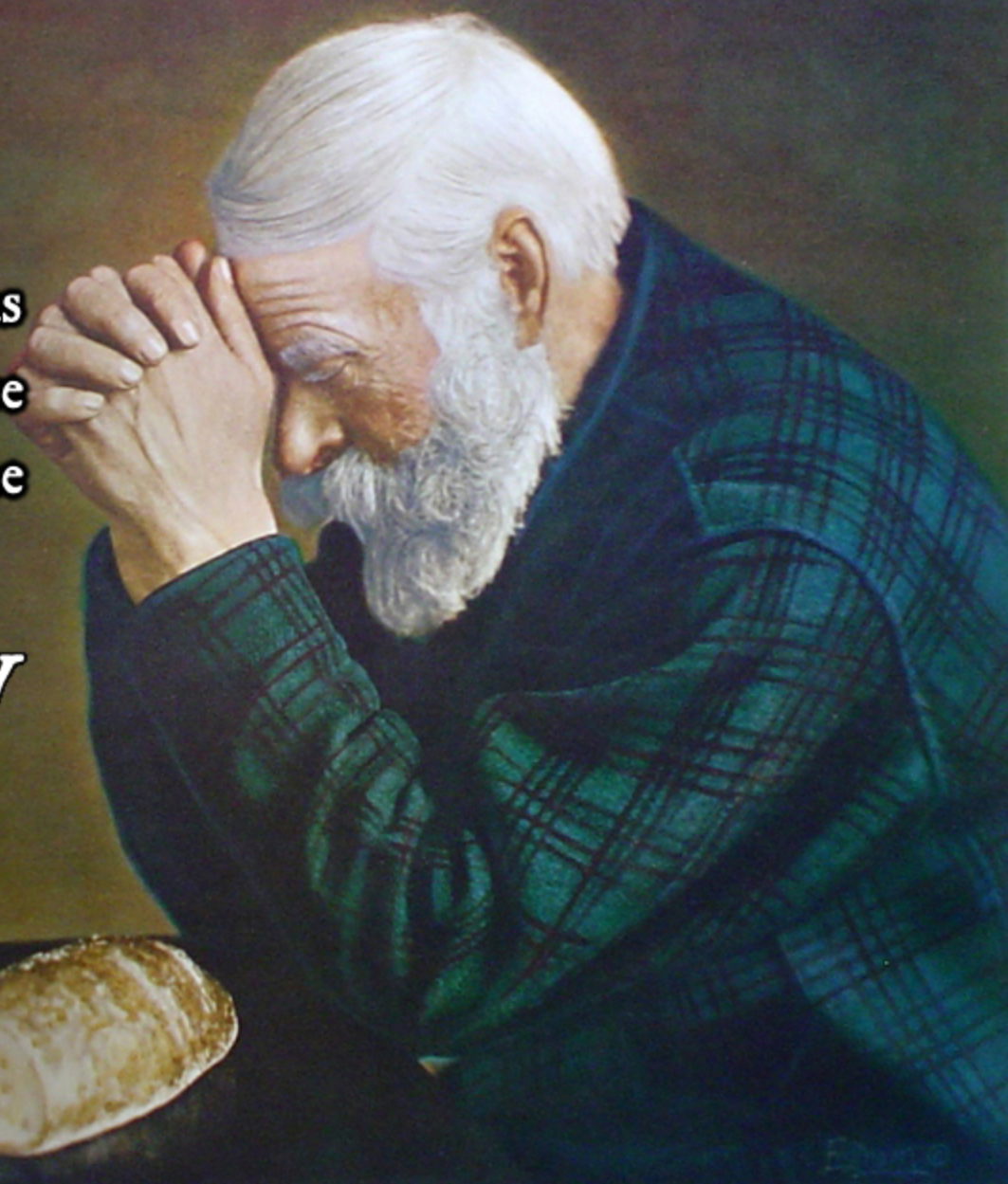
¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV



²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 NIV

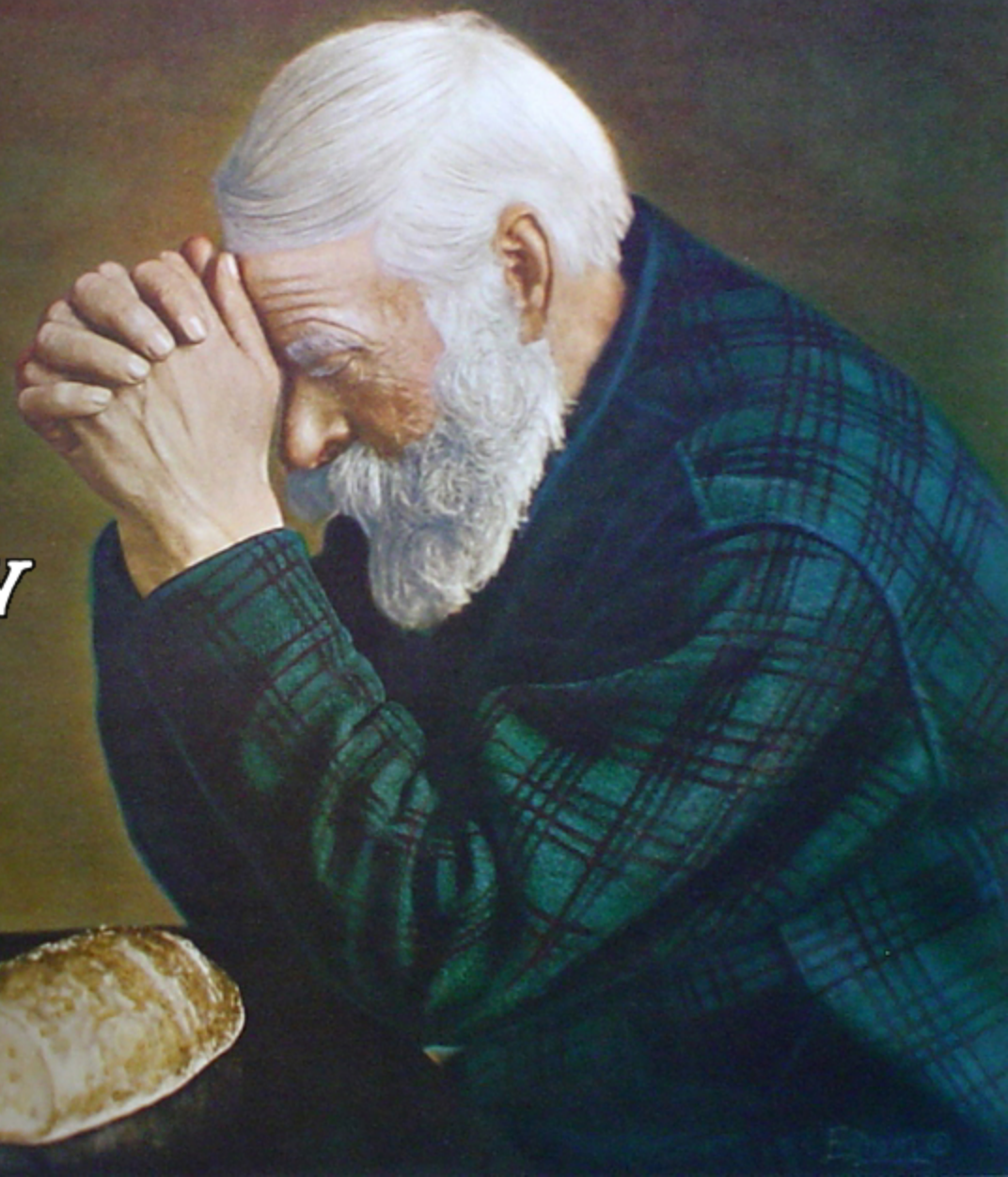


Diligence paves the path
to INFLUENCE.



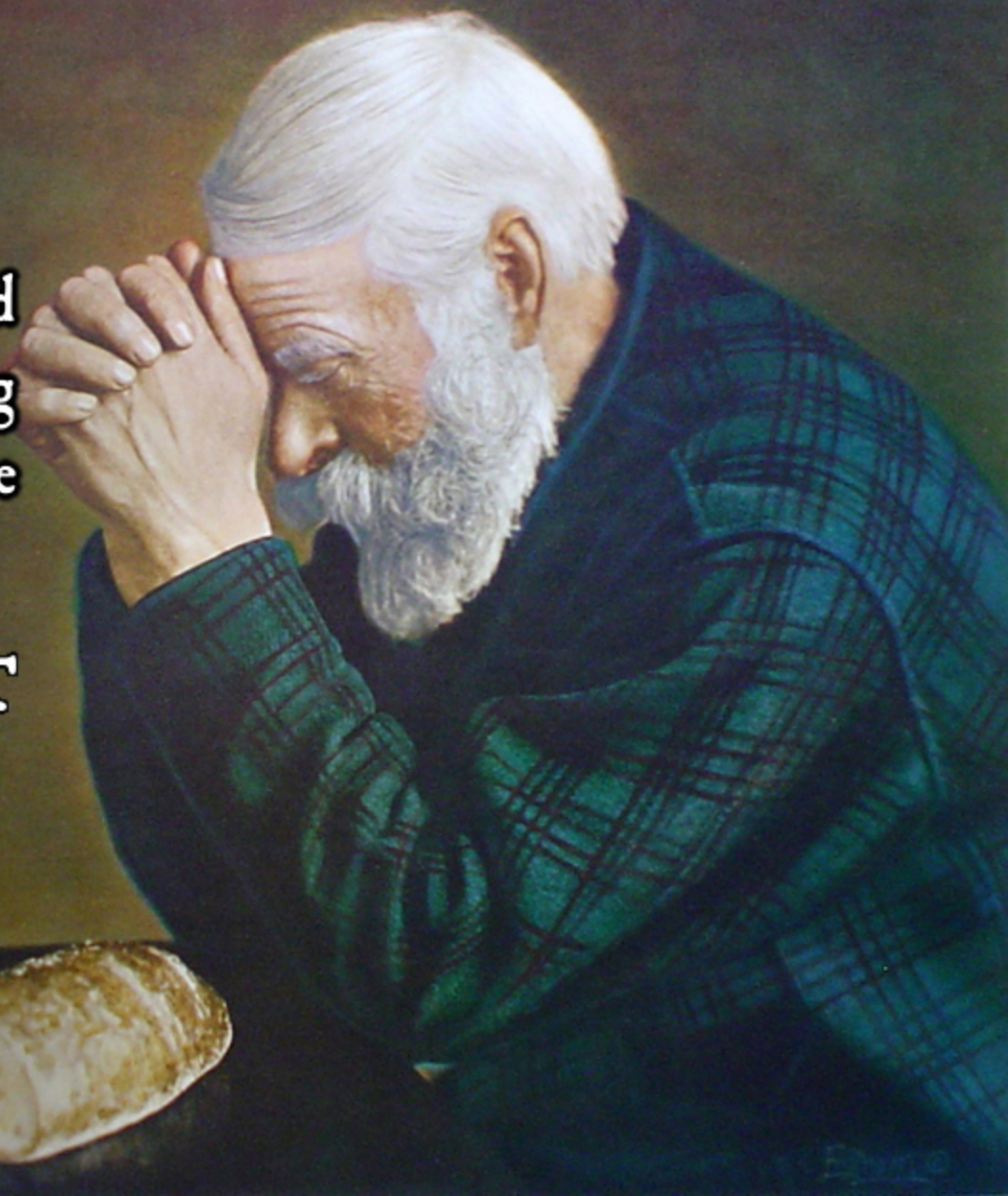
²⁴Diligent hands will rule,
but laziness ends in forced labor.

PROVERBS 12:24 NIV

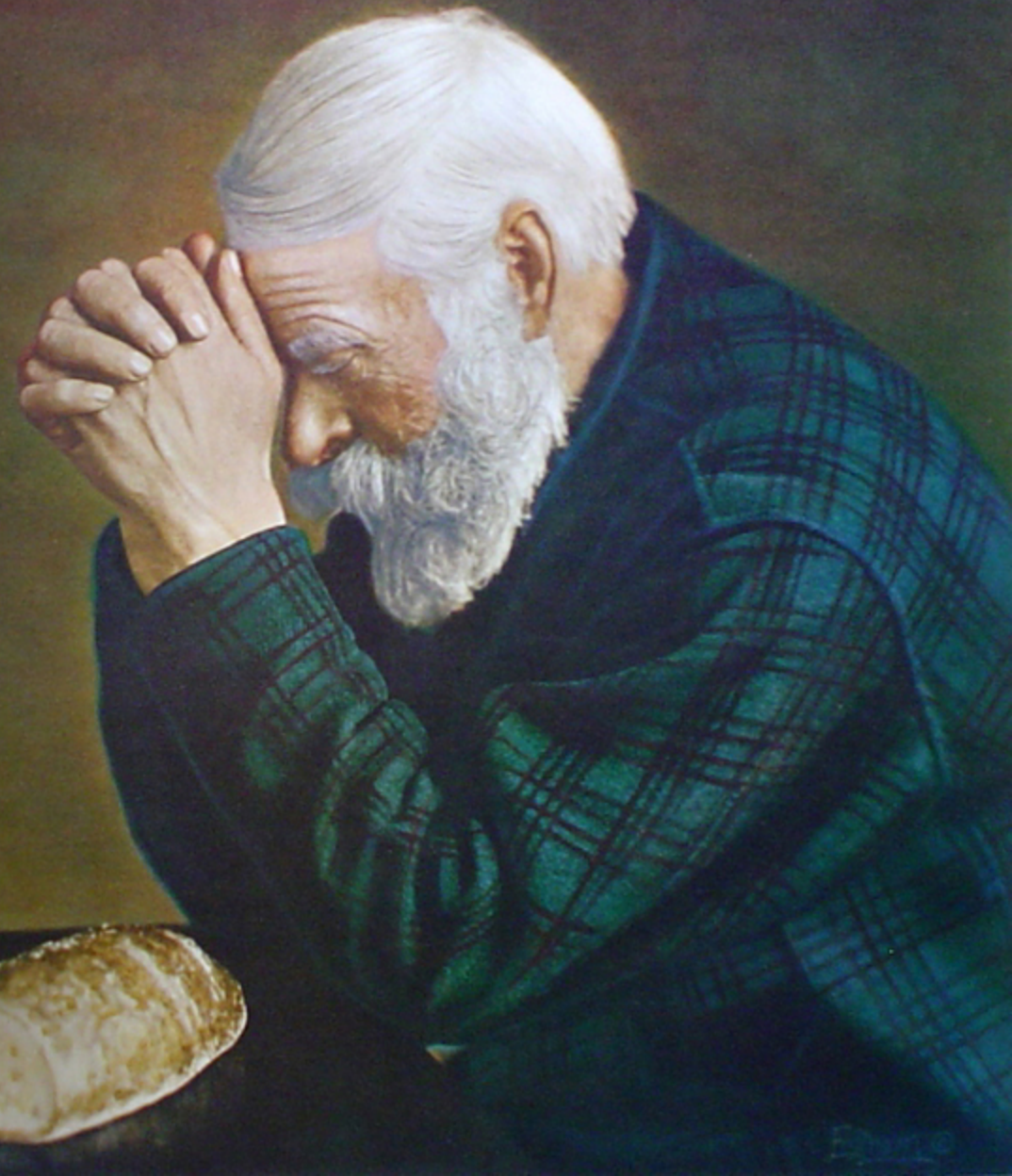


²¹ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’”

MATTHEW 25:21 NLT

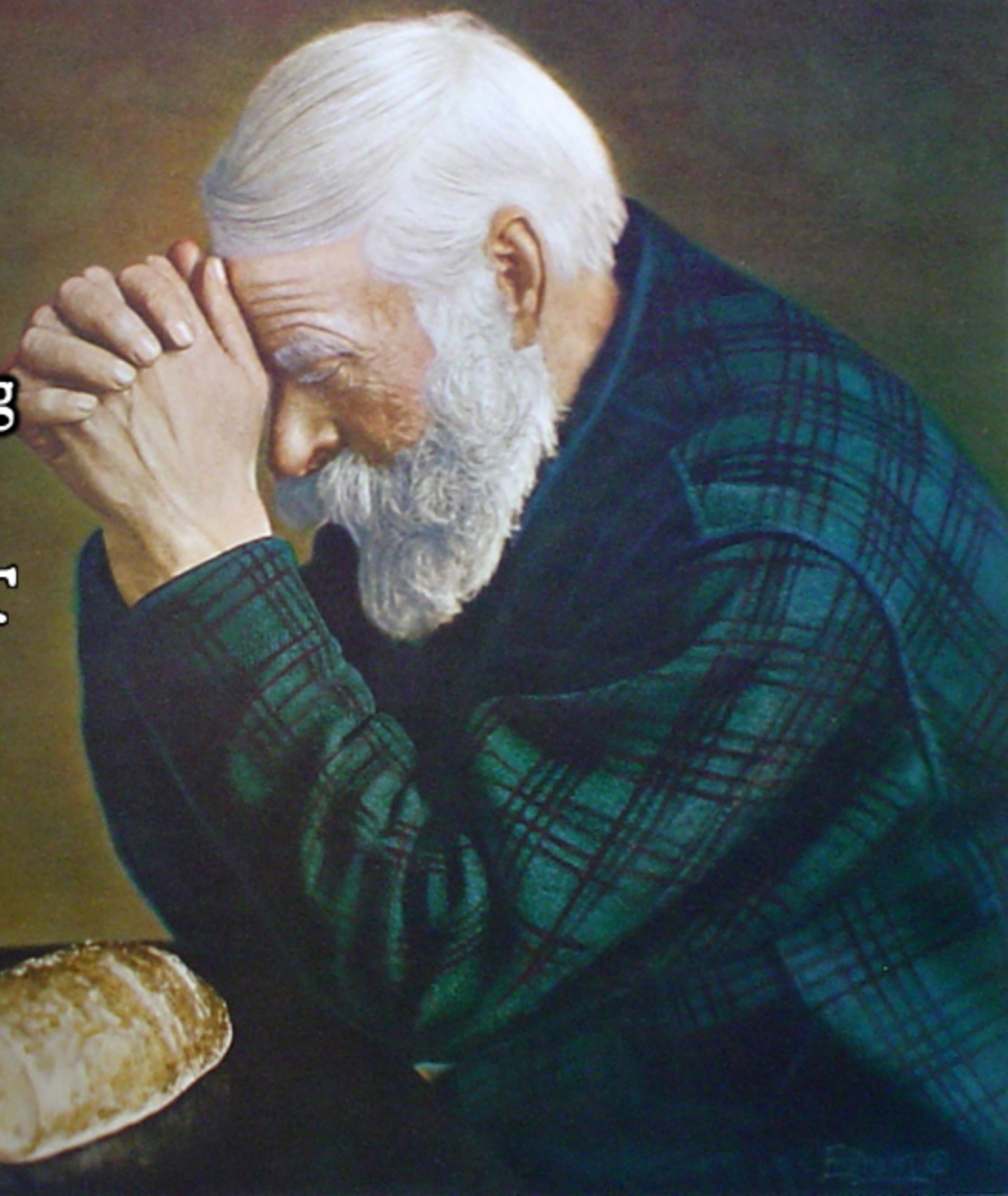


Diligence always points us
back to JESUS.

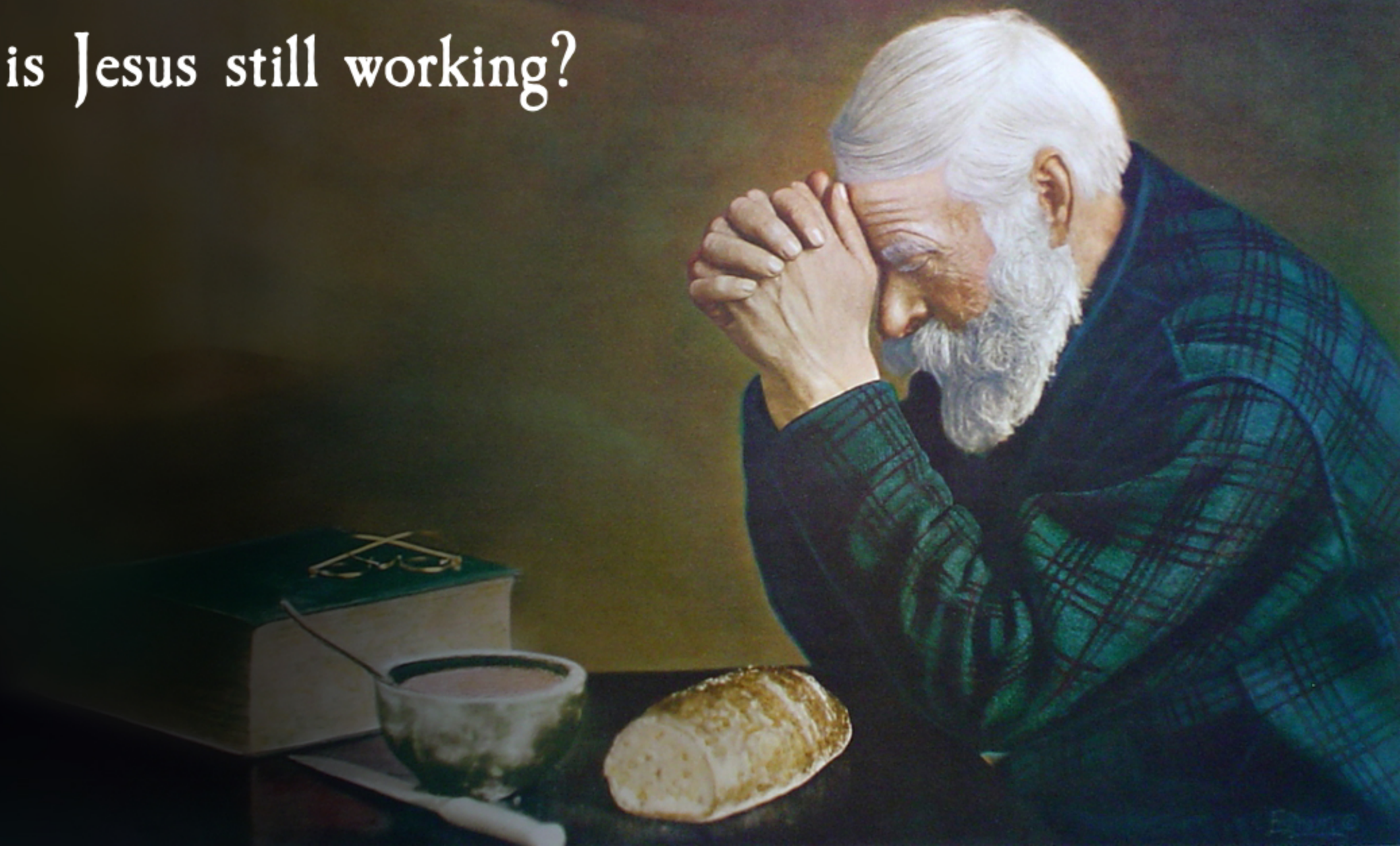


⁴ I brought glory to you here on earth by completing
the work you gave me to do.

JOHN 17:4 NLT



How is Jesus still working?



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HE IS BUILDING
HIS CHURCH.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

MATTHEW 16:18 ESV



How is Jesus still working?

HE IS PREPARING
A PLACE FOR US.

² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

JOHN 14:2-3 NLT



How is Jesus still working?

HE IS INTERCEDING
FOR US.

³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

ROMANS 8:34 NIV



How is Jesus still working?

HE IS INTERCEDING
FOR US.

²⁵ Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

HEBREWS 7:25 NLT



Jesus' intercession on our behalf is not a matter of placating an angry Father who wants to destroy us. It is not a matter of continually chanting prayers on behalf of His people.

It means that He continually REPRESENTS us before the Father so that we can draw near through Him, and that He DEFENDS us against Satan's accusations and attacks.

