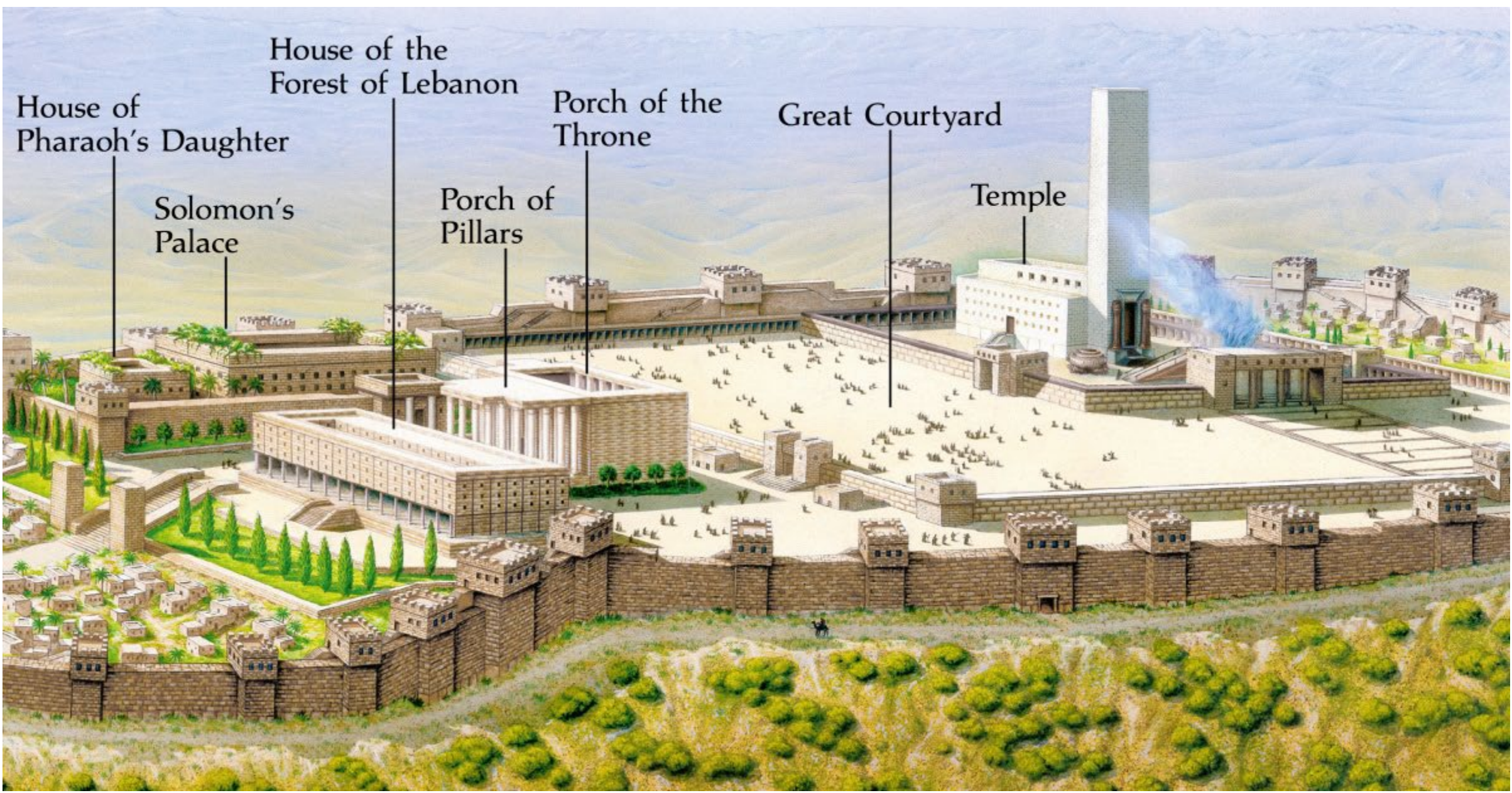




THE LIFE OF

Salaam

A golden crown with a jagged crack running down its center, set against a dark background. The crown is made of many small, triangular facets, giving it a textured, crystalline appearance. The crack is a thick, black, jagged line that starts at the top and goes down to the bottom of the crown, passing through the center of the crown's base.



House of
Pharaoh's Daughter

Solomon's
Palace

House of the
Forest of Lebanon

Porch of
Pillars

Porch of the
Throne

Great Courtyard

Temple



Informational sign with text in Hebrew and English.

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סכנה
DANGER
خطر

Compromised

Committed

More time means more
invested

More time means less
invested

Own buildings larger

Built temple first

Lavish spending

King's palace s/b lavish

Excessive cedar and stone

No gold is mentioned

Arrogant to be near the
temple

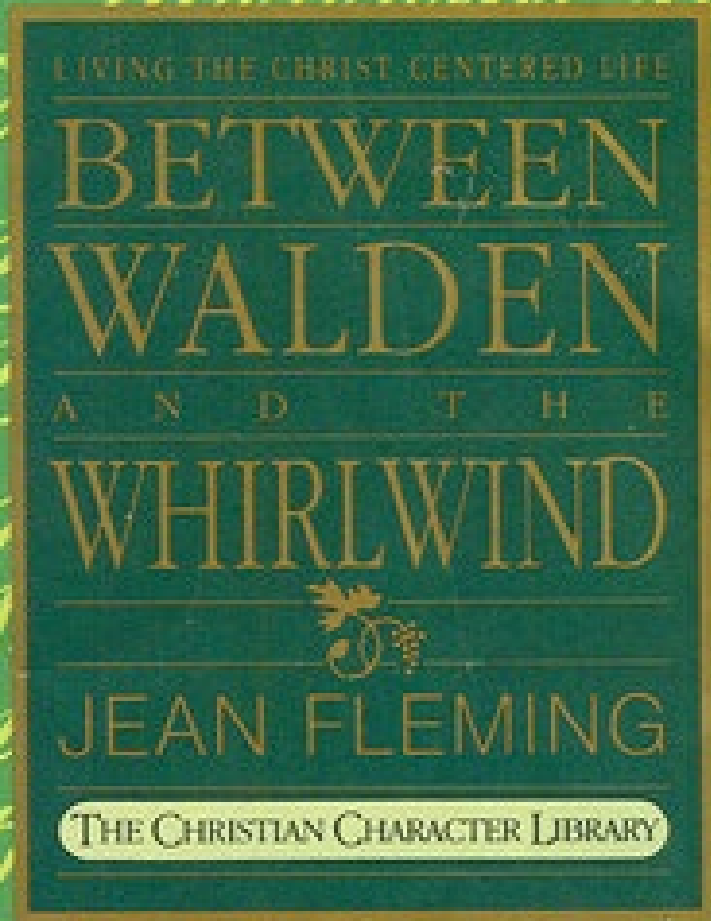
Humble to be near the
temple



The House of Solomon

Warning Light #1: Avoid distraction. Be kingdom focused.





Make Sure Your Home is NOT:

- A **Workhouse** – hard to take care of
- A **Museum** – focus on things, not people
- An **Almshouse** – seriously indebted
- A **Prison** – isolated from people

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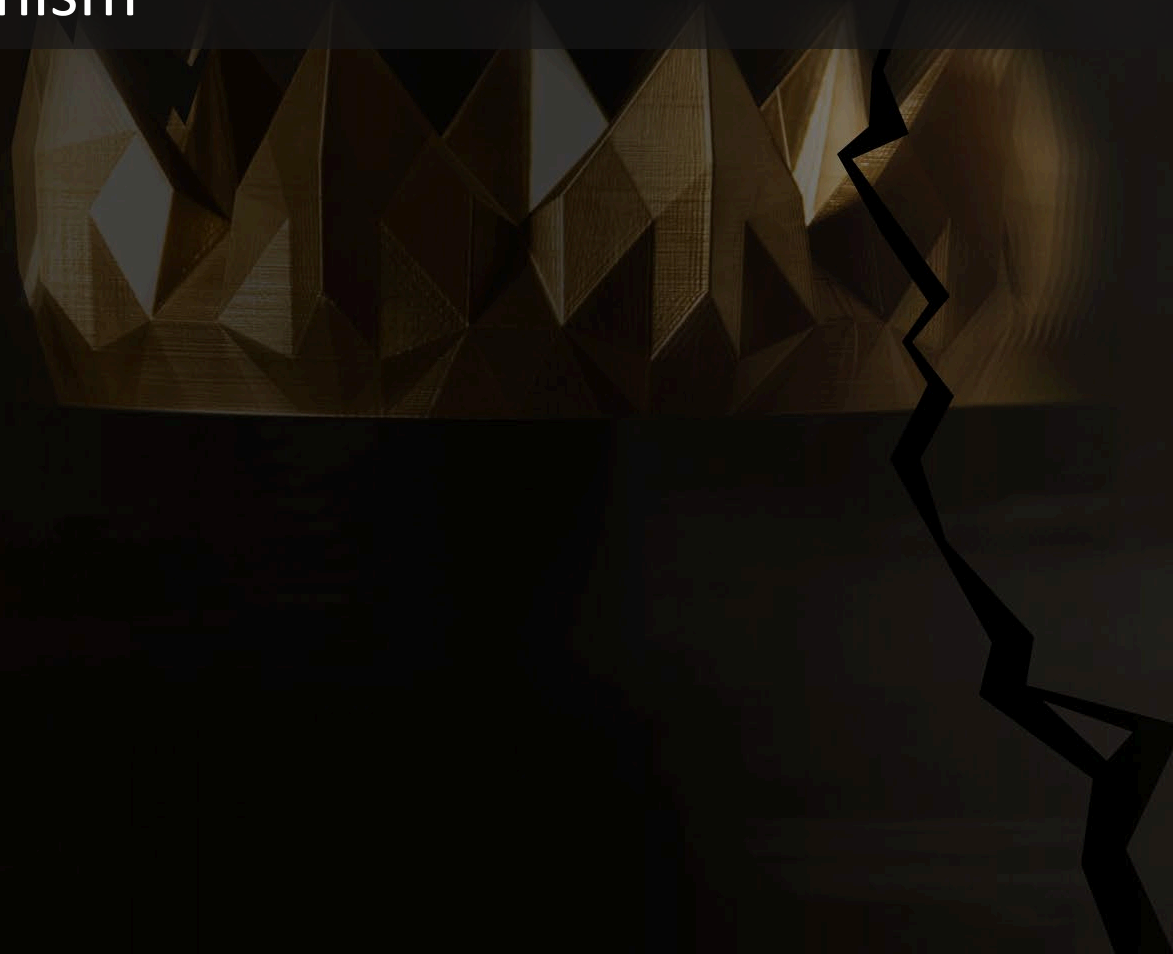
Warning Light #2: Avoid coveting. Be content.



Do Not Covet

“Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.”

The New City Catechism



What is Idolatry?

“Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.”

The New City Catechism

“They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.”

Romans 1:25

Give God Full Devotion

“God desires all of our devotion, not just most of it. Careers, relationships, sports, and family life are all good things that can compete for our loyalty to God. We should strive to honor God IN those pursuits rather than let them detract from our faithfully following the Lord.”

David Schreiner and Lee Compson, Kerux Commentaries: 1 & 2 Kings

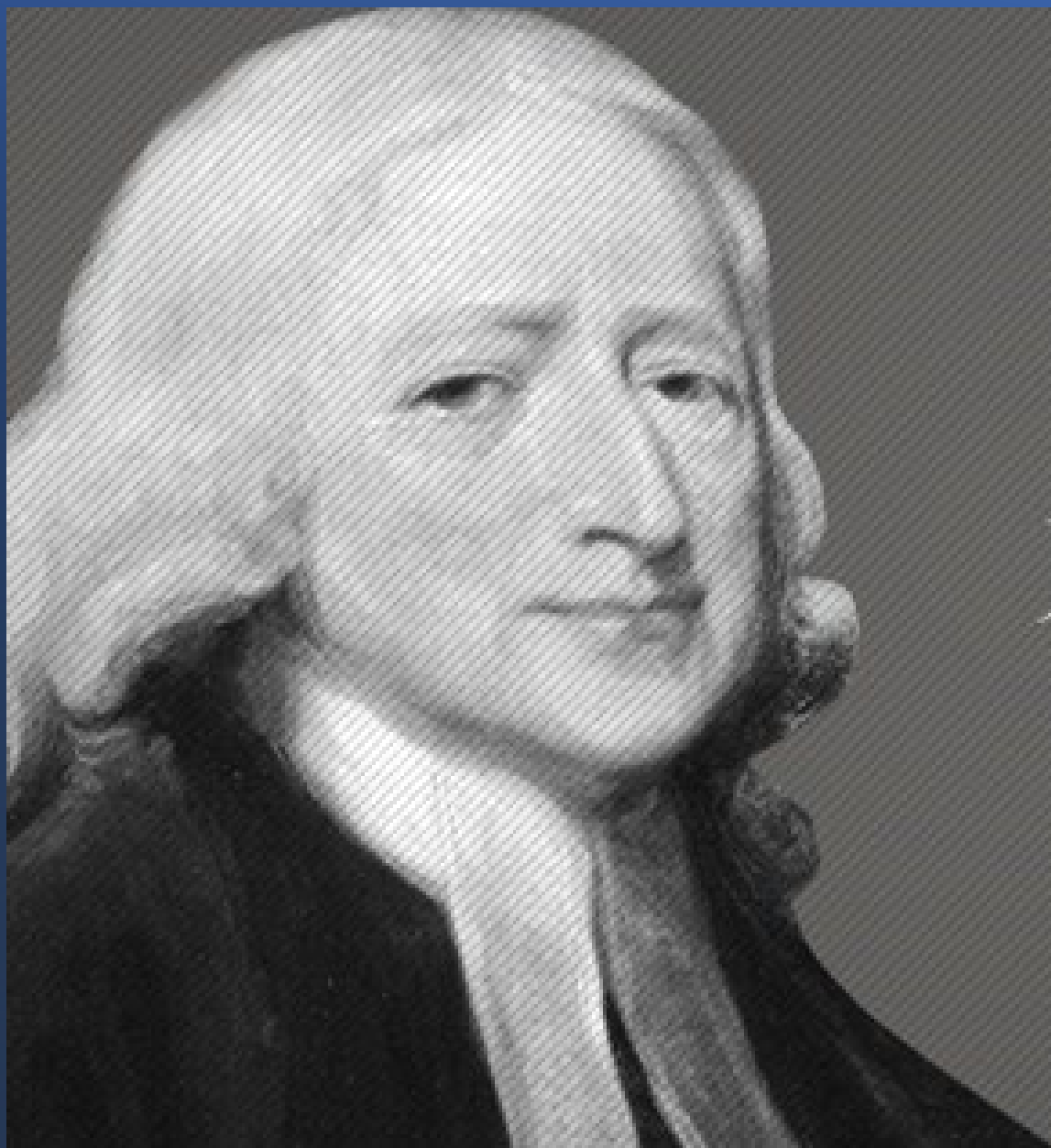
What Standard of Living?

“The juxtaposition of temple and palace brings to the reader today a reminder of the questions and tensions that arise living in a world that is far from what God intends. How does trust in God influence ‘standards of living’ and questions as to what is ‘appropriate’ for ‘my position in society?’”

John Olley, *The Message of Kings*

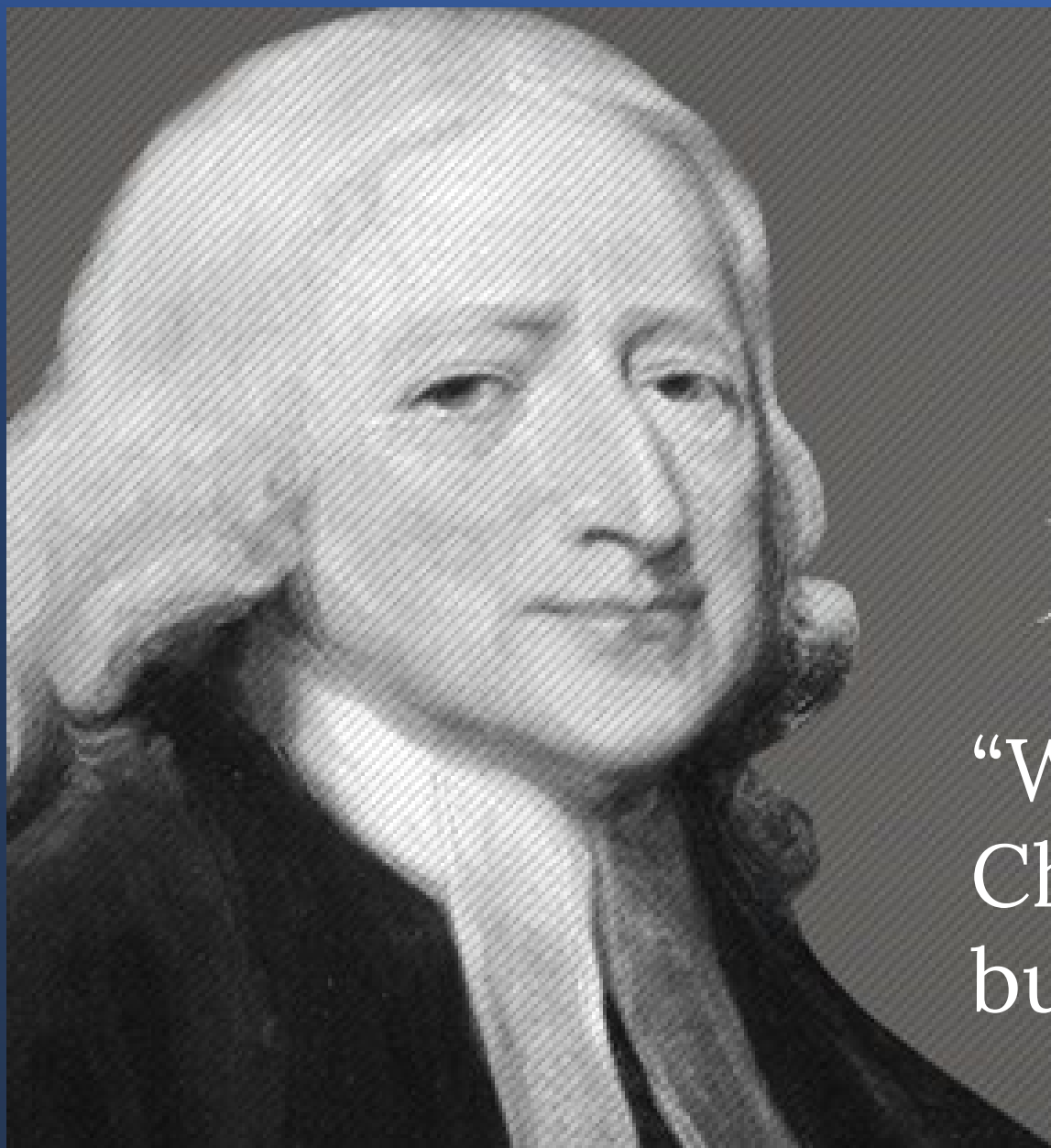


Fast Fashion



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1703–1791



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“What should rise is not the Christian’s standard of living, but his standard of giving.”

Seek God First

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33



The Main Thing (Danny Byram)

The main thing in life is keeping the main thing
the main thing

The main thing in life is keeping priorities straight

The main thing in life is keeping the main thing
the main thing

Got to give Jesus control; He'll be the main thing
He'll be the main thing