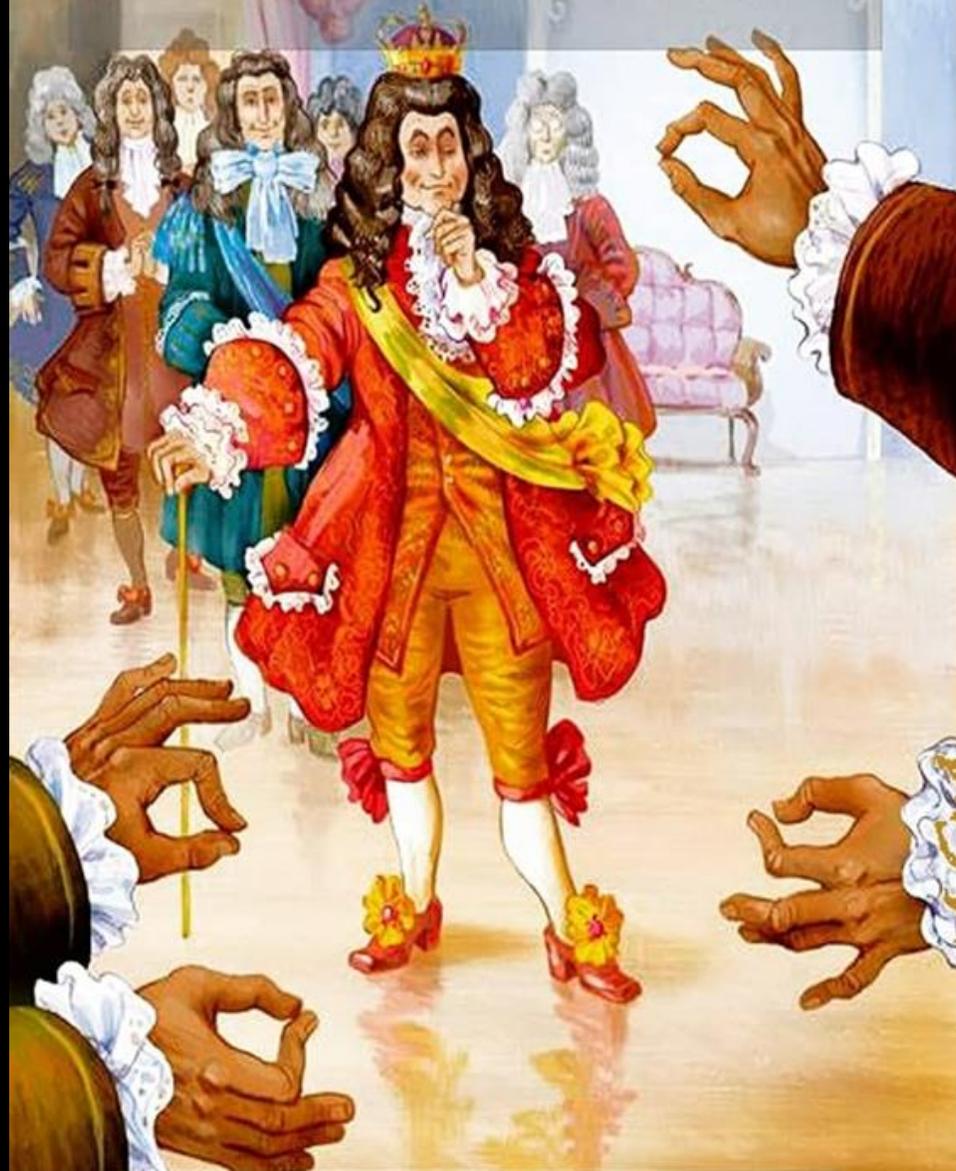


*Part 7*

**7 HABITS OF  
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE  
CHURCHES**

*Revelation 3:14-22*

**THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES**



**HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN**

modern day  
**TURKEY**



Pergamos



Thyatira



Smyrna



Sardis



Ephesus



Philadelphia



Laodicea



# LAODICEA



**Strategic Location**

**Textile Industry**

**Wealth & Self-sufficiency**

**Medical School**

**Water Supply System**



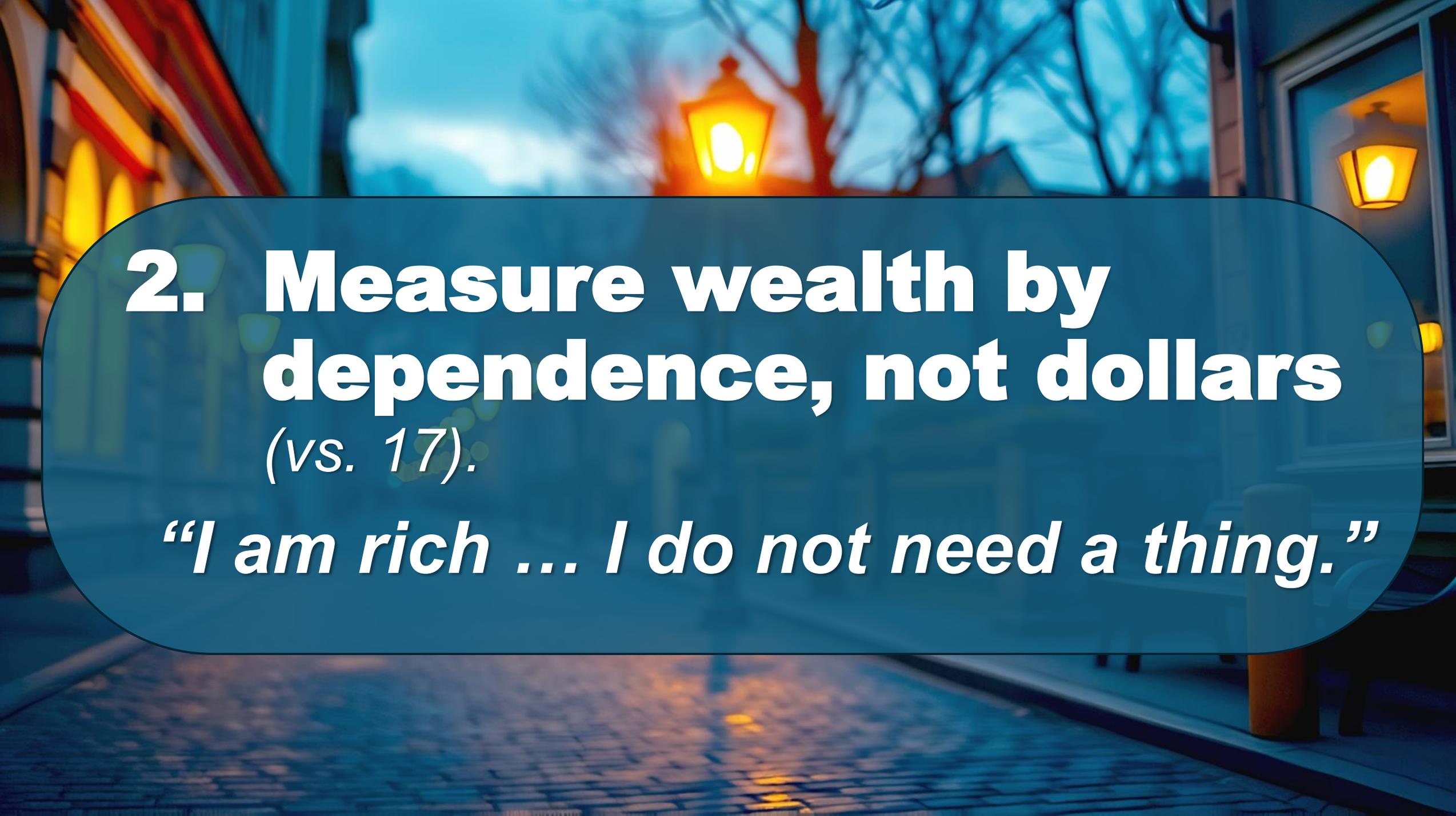
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Comfortable Christianity**  
(vv. 15-16).

*Don't settle for spiritual "meh."*

# **“Meh”**

- **Indifference, lack of enthusiasm, “it’s just ok”**
- **Suggests something is neither good nor terrible – just unimpressive**





**2. Measure wealth by  
dependence, not dollars**  
(vs. 17).

*“I am rich ... I do not need a thing.”*

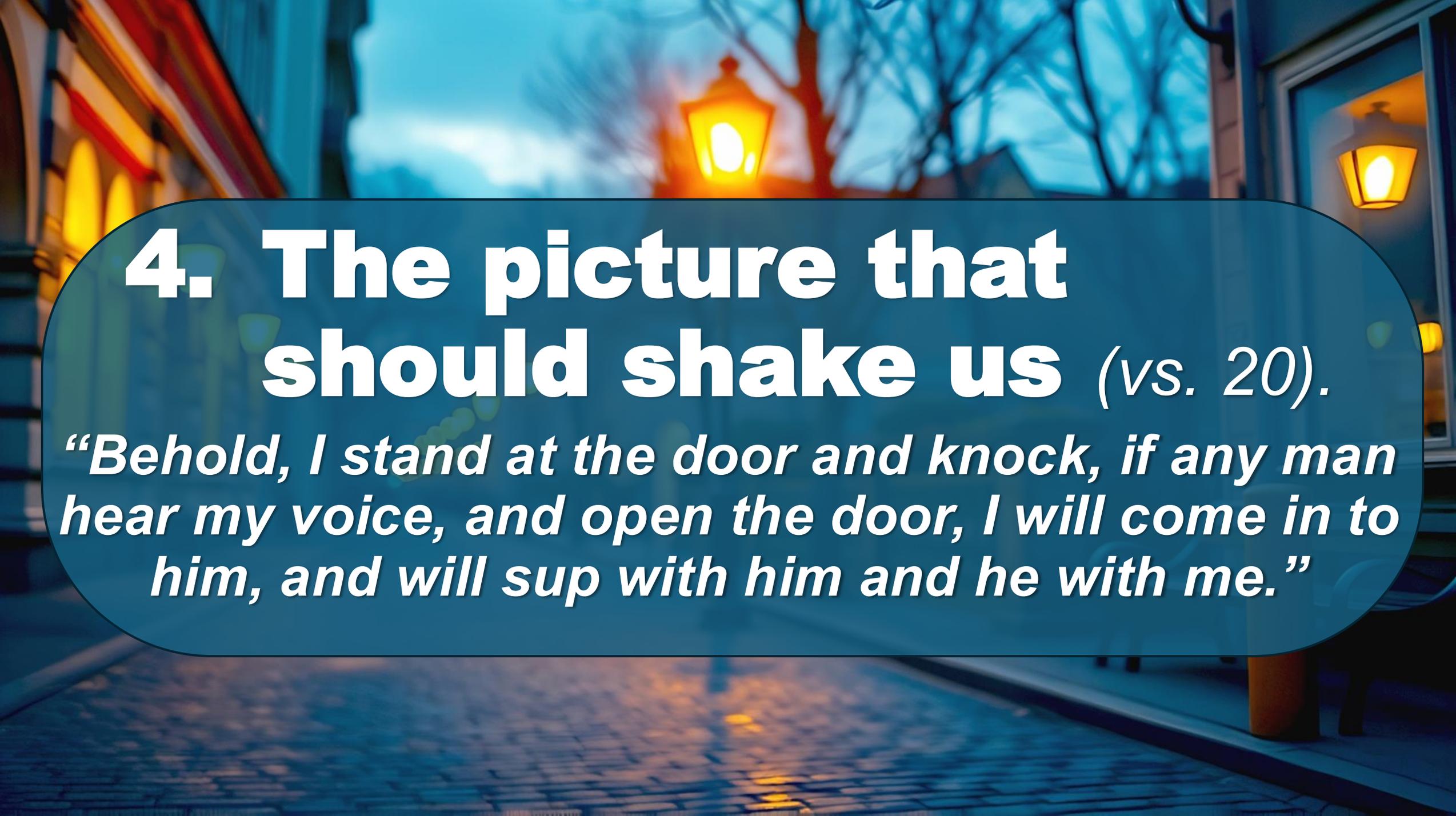
**3. Welcome Conviction  
as Care** (vv. 18-19).

*Correction ≠ rejection → intervention*

**Jesus counsels them to (vs. 18) ...**

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- 1. Buy refined gold (*true riches*).**
- 2. Wear white garments (*walk in righteousness*).**
- 3. Apply eye salve (*spiritual sight*).**

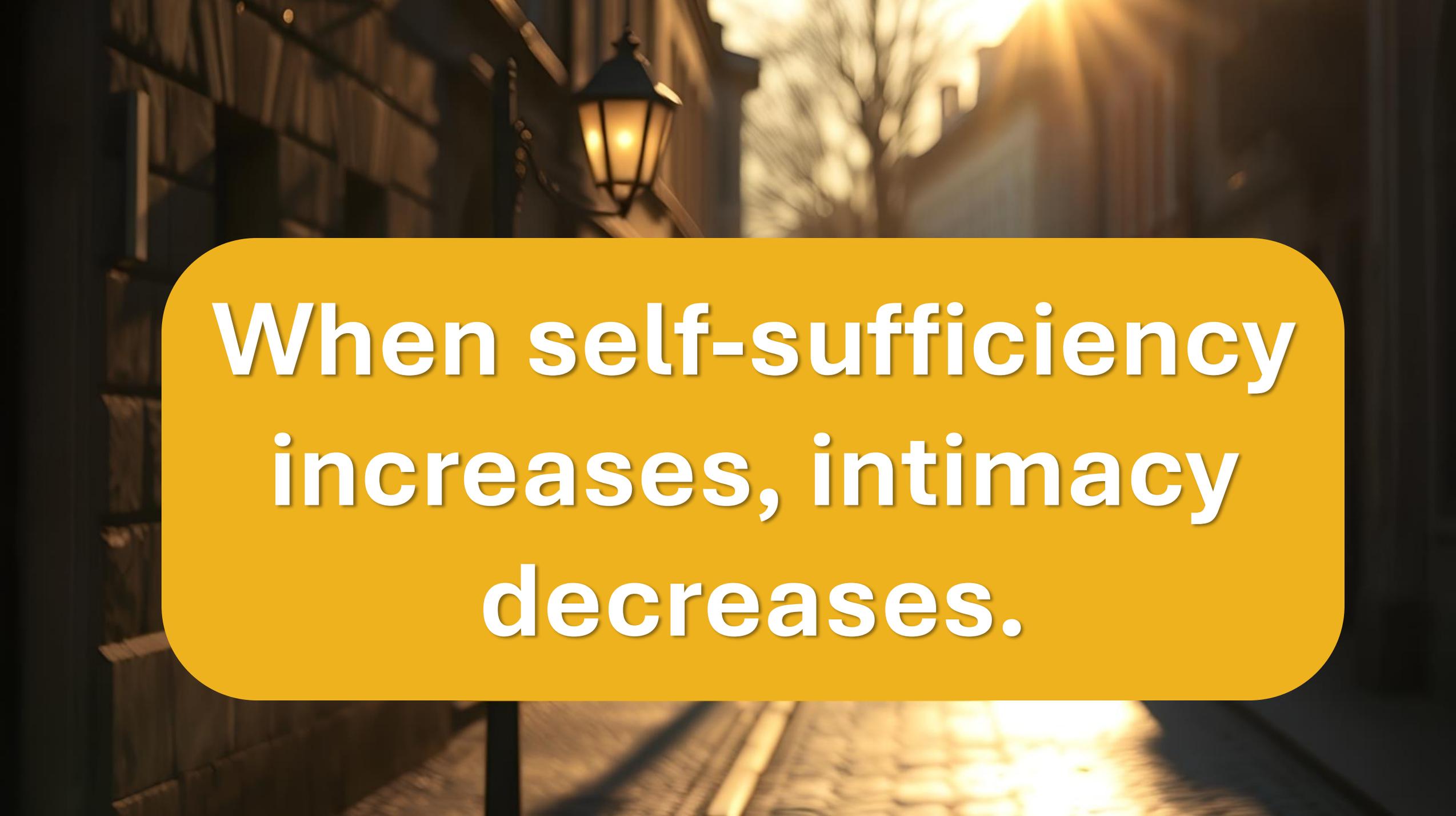


**4. The picture that  
should shake us (vs. 20).**

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me.”*



**5. Choose zeal over  
comfort** *(vv. 19, 21).*



**When self-sufficiency  
increases, intimacy  
decreases.**

# **Ask Yourself::**

- 1. When was the last time I desperately needed God?**
- 2. Do I pray first – or is it a last resort?**
- 3. Is my obedience immediate or negotiated?**
- 4. Would anyone describe my faith as passionate?**
- 5. What do I struggle most to lose - Jesus or my comforts?**

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