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Proverbs 27:20

Hell and Destruction are
never full; so the eyes of
man are never satisfied.

Proverbs 14:30

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Proverbs 30:15-16

The leech has two daughters — Give
and Give! There are three *things*
that are never satisfied, four never
say, “Enough!”: The grave, the
barren womb, the earth *that* is not
satisfied with water—and the fire
never says, “Enough!”

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- **Financial status**

James 4:1-2a

Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires* for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war.

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The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *his* utterance. This man declared to Ithiel—to Ithiel and Ucal:

Proverbs 30:2

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than *any* man,
And do not have the
understanding of a man.

Proverbs 30:3

I neither learned wisdom
Nor have knowledge of the
Holy One.

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or
descended?

Who has gathered the wind in His fists?

Who has bound the waters in a garment?

Who has established all the ends of the
earth?

What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's
name,

If you know?

Proverbs 30:5

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Proverbs 30:6

Do not add to His words,
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Proverbs 30:7

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Proverbs 30:8

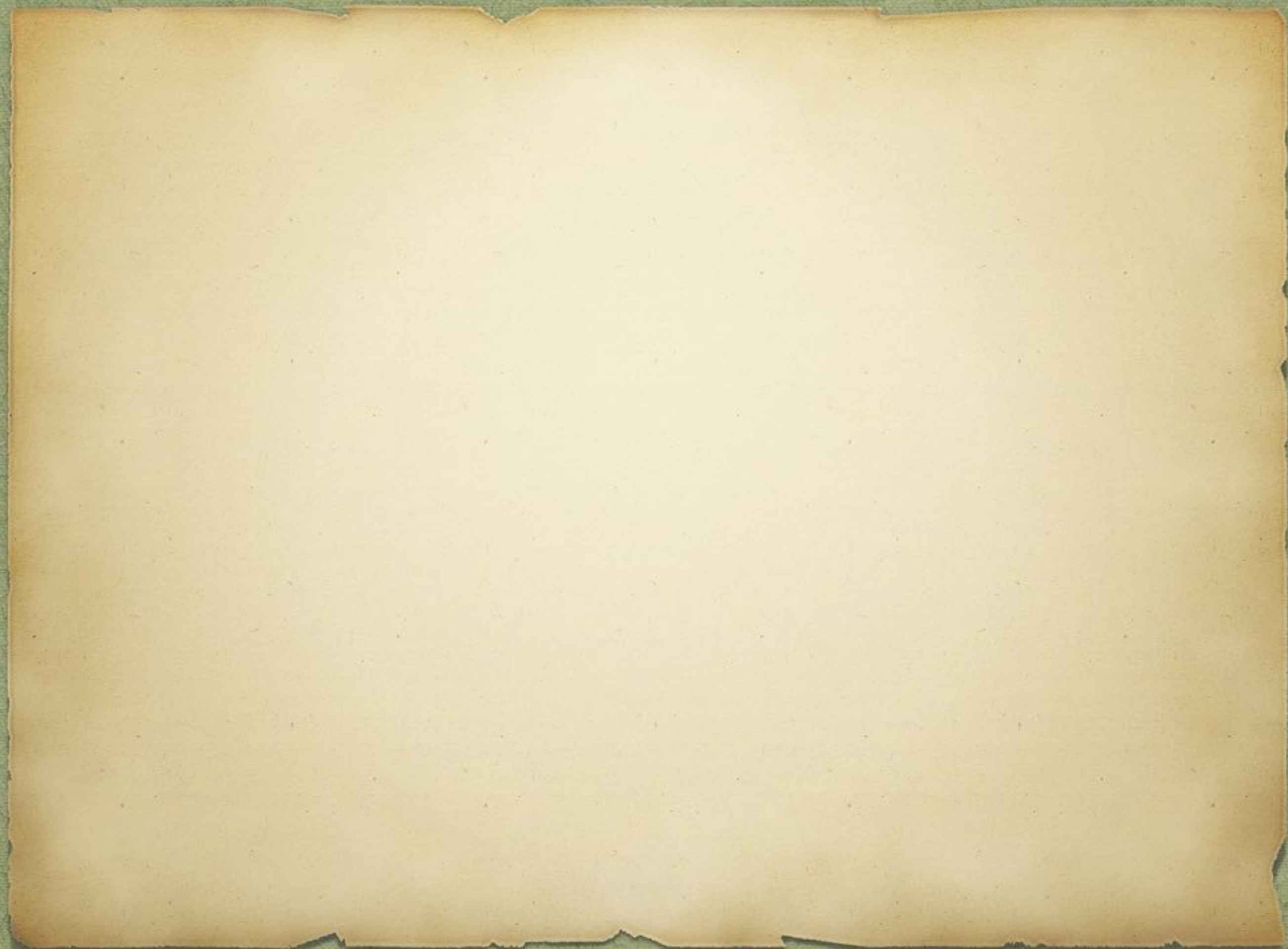
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If you don't
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want less!

Rick Warren



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Psalm 119:7

Turn away my eyes
from looking at
worthless things, *and* revive
me in Your way.

Psalm 24:3-4

Who may ascend into the hill of
the Lord? or who may stand in
His holy place? He who
has clean hands and a pure
heart, who has not lifted up his
soul to an idol, nor sworn
deceitfully.

Psalm 127:1-2

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What is desired in a man is kindness, and a poor man is better than a [rich & mean] liar.

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Matthew 6:11

“Give us this day our daily
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Matthew 19:23b

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He who gives to
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Ephesians 4:28

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

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