

# IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT?



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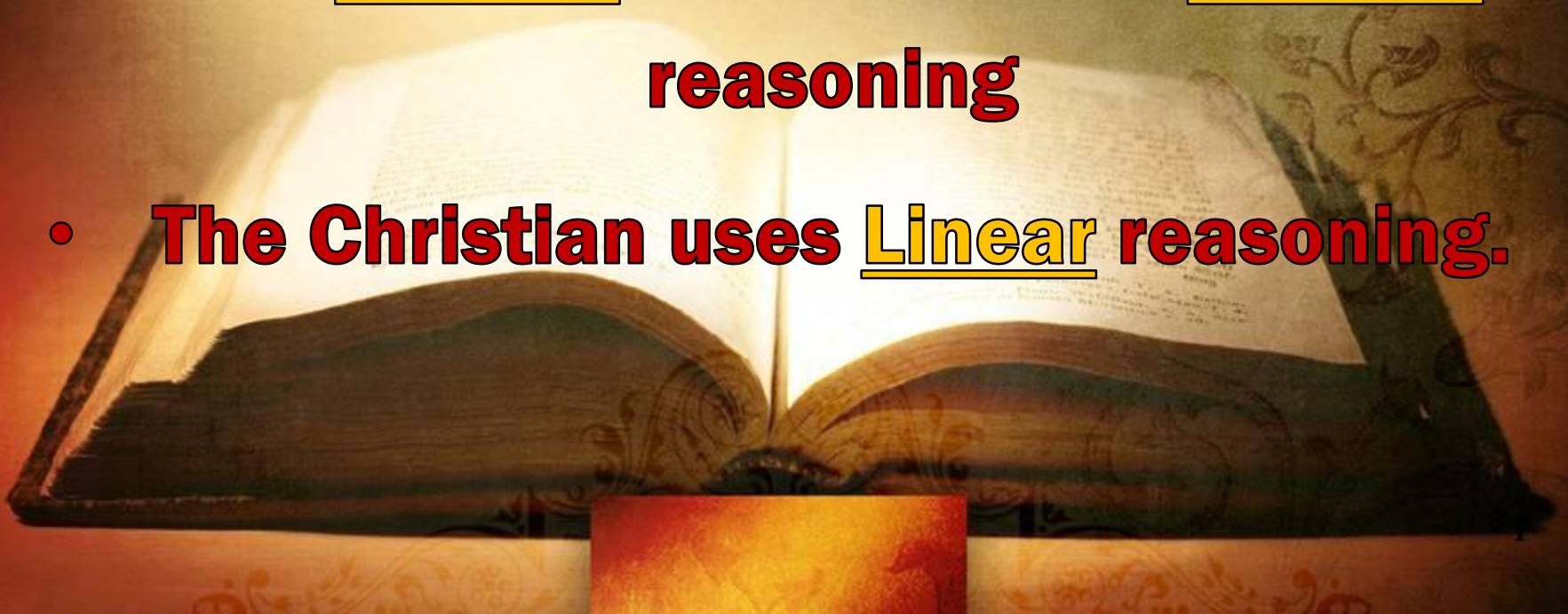
- Says Who?



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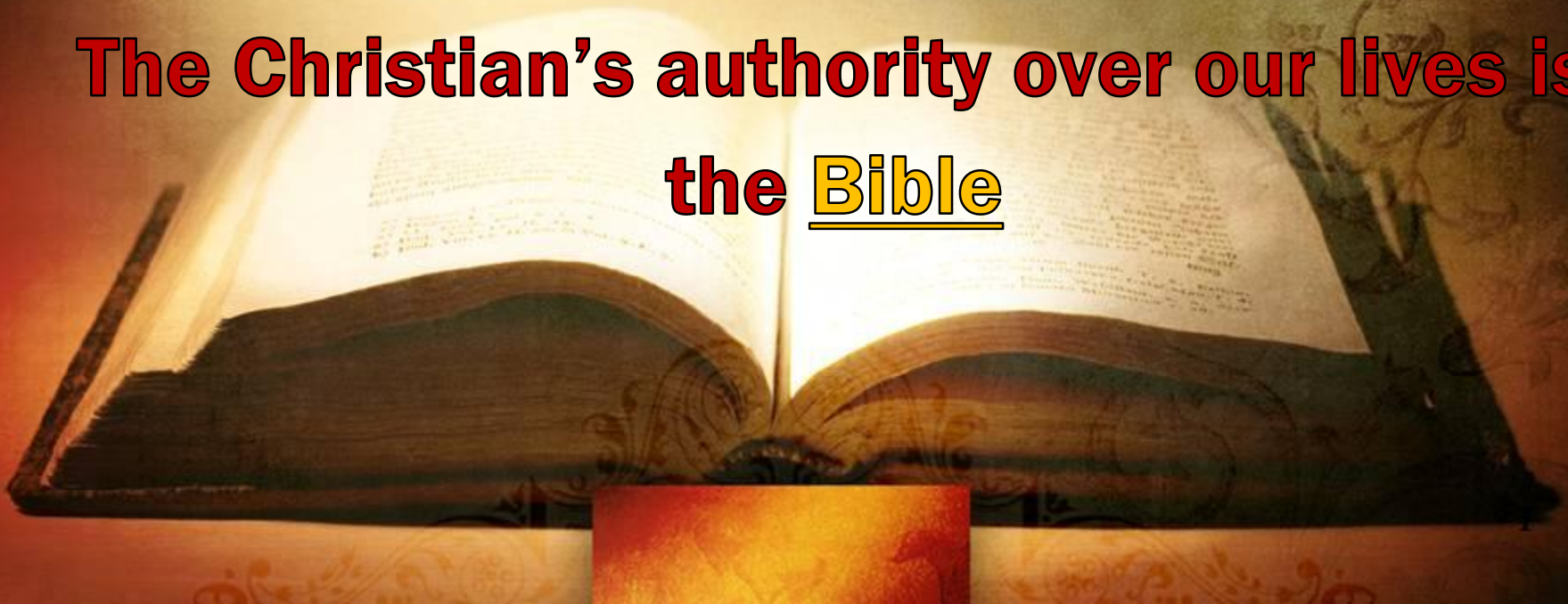
**Two** ways to prove the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

- **The Secular View uses The Circular reasoning**
- **The Christian uses Linear reasoning.**



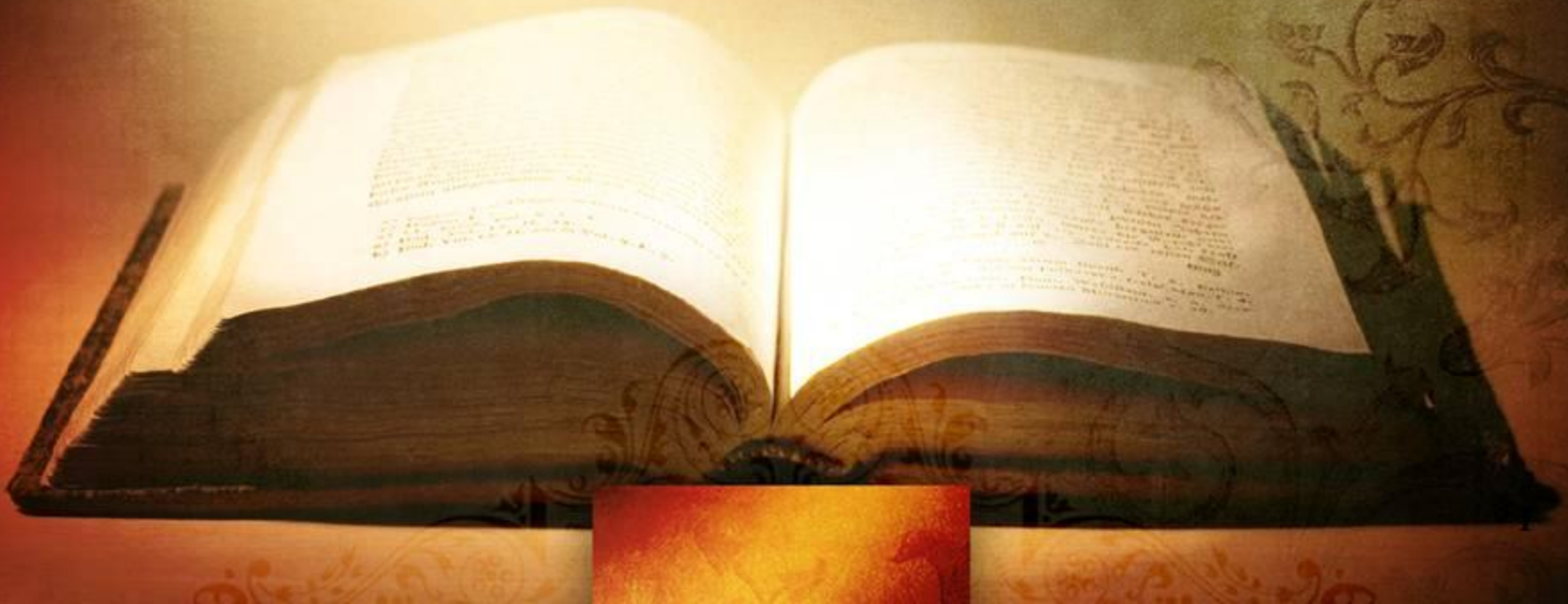
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- Jesus looked upon the Old Testament as authoritative and anticipated the writing of the New Testament as authoritative
- The Christian's authority over our lives is the Bible



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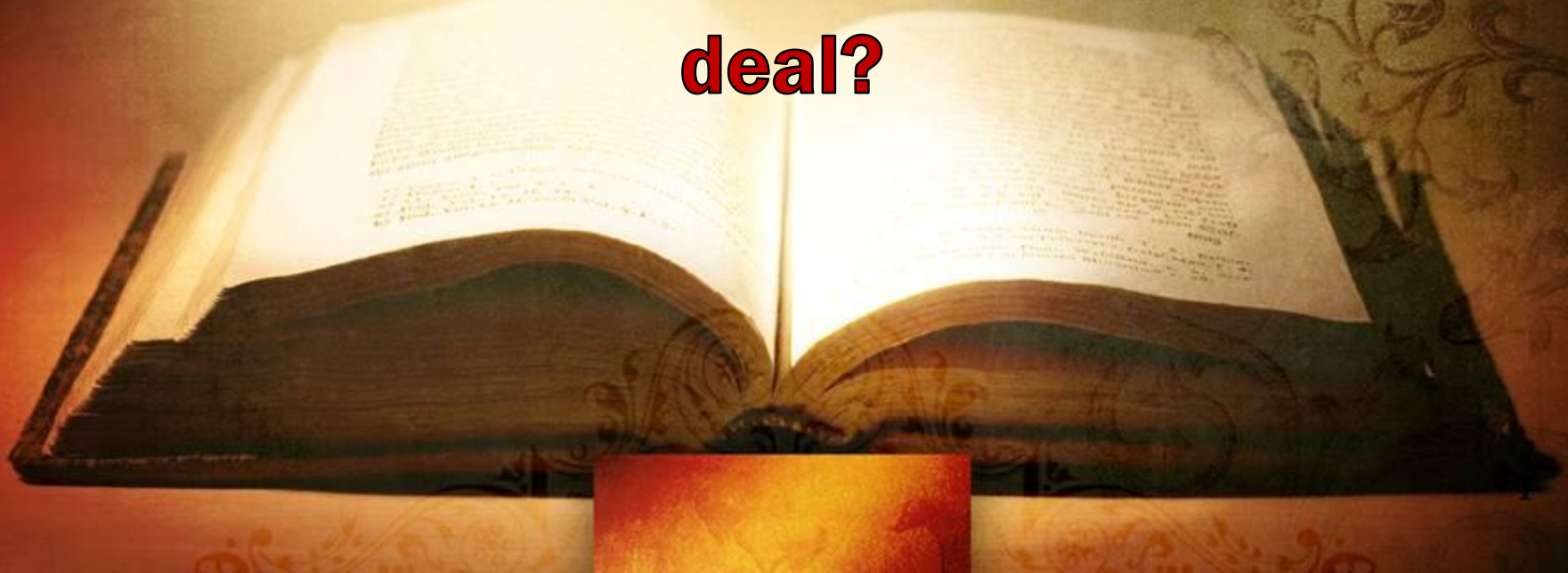
1. What is this verse saying to me?
2. What changes do I need to make?



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3. What steps do I need to take in order to make that change or changes?

4. What prayer do I offer in order to seal the deal?



# SAND TRAPS TO AVOID

- 1. Procrastination
- 2. Drammization
- 3. Frustration



# TWO THORNS

- **1. Pain and Suffering.**
- **2 Cor. 12: verse 7-10**






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***7. Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!***



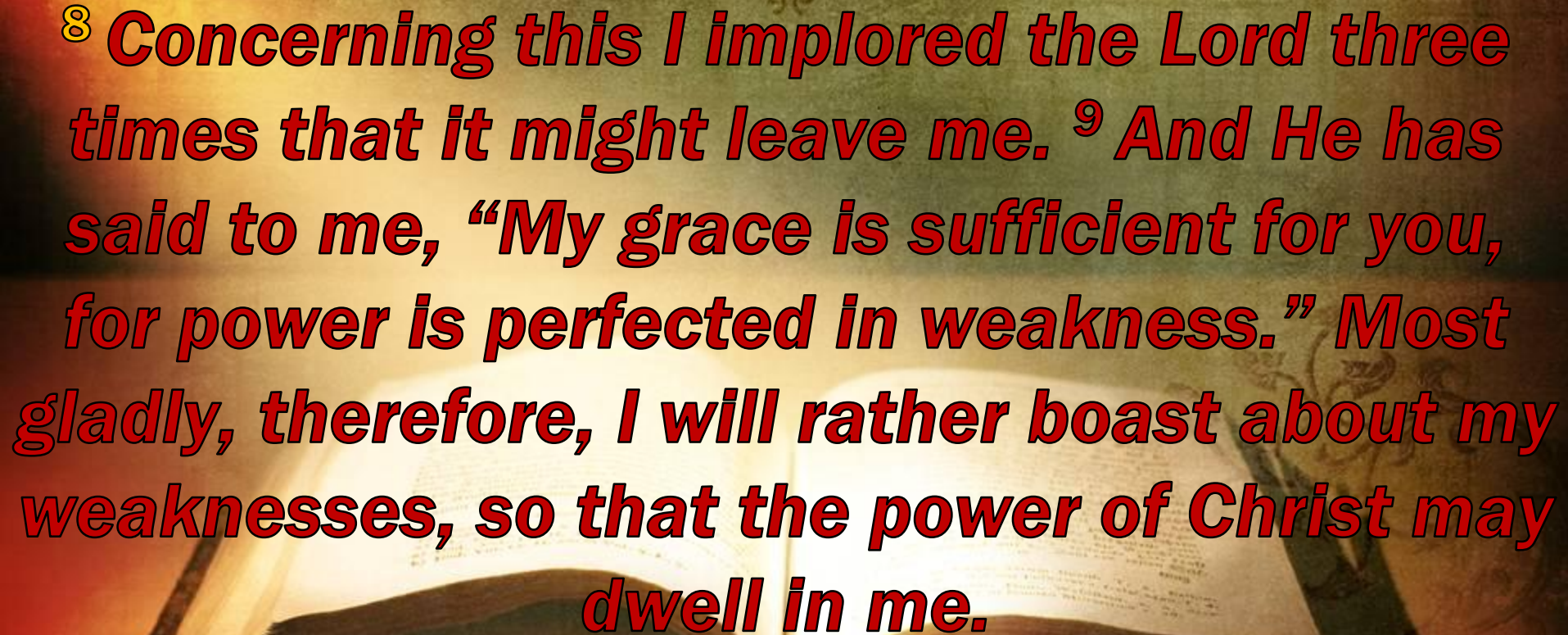
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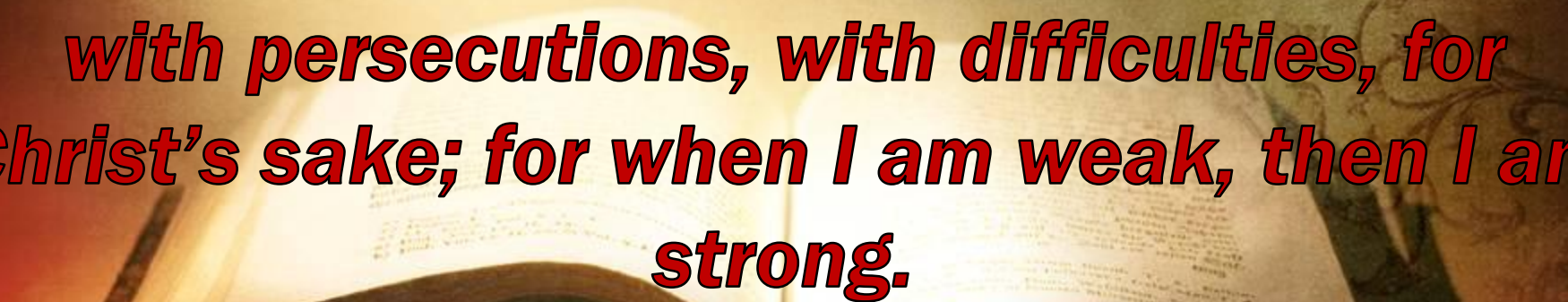
***8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.***

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, resting on a dark surface. A bright, warm light emanates from behind the pages, creating a soft glow. The background is a textured, golden-brown surface with intricate, repeating floral or scrollwork patterns. The overall atmosphere is one of reverence and illumination.

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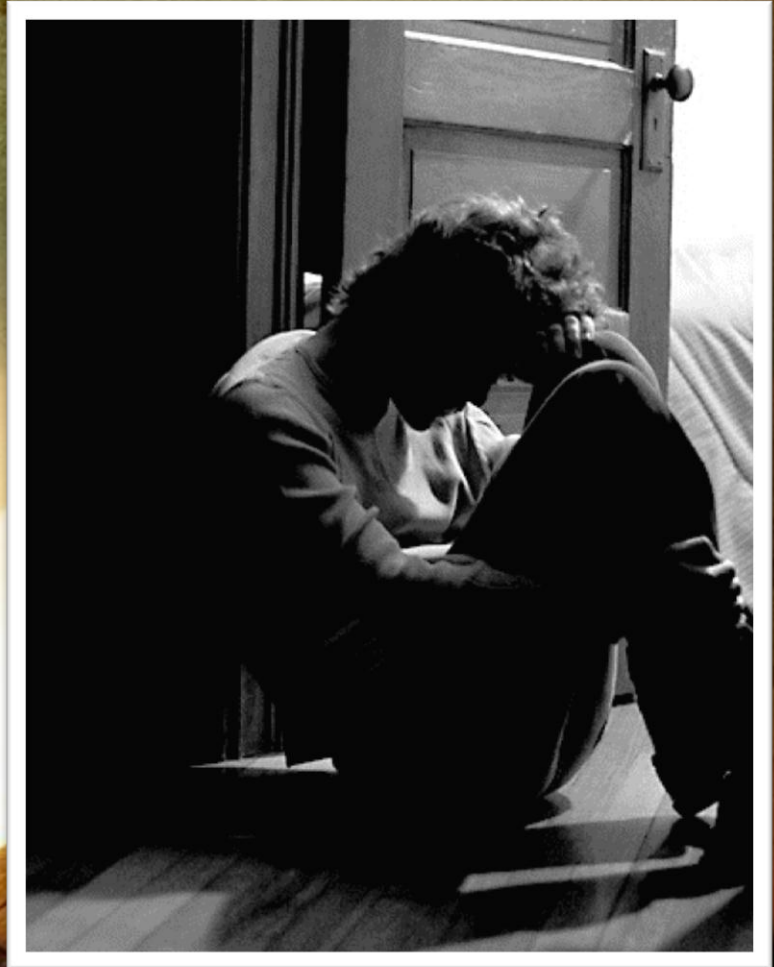
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***10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.***




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- **2. Feelings of Inadequacy**



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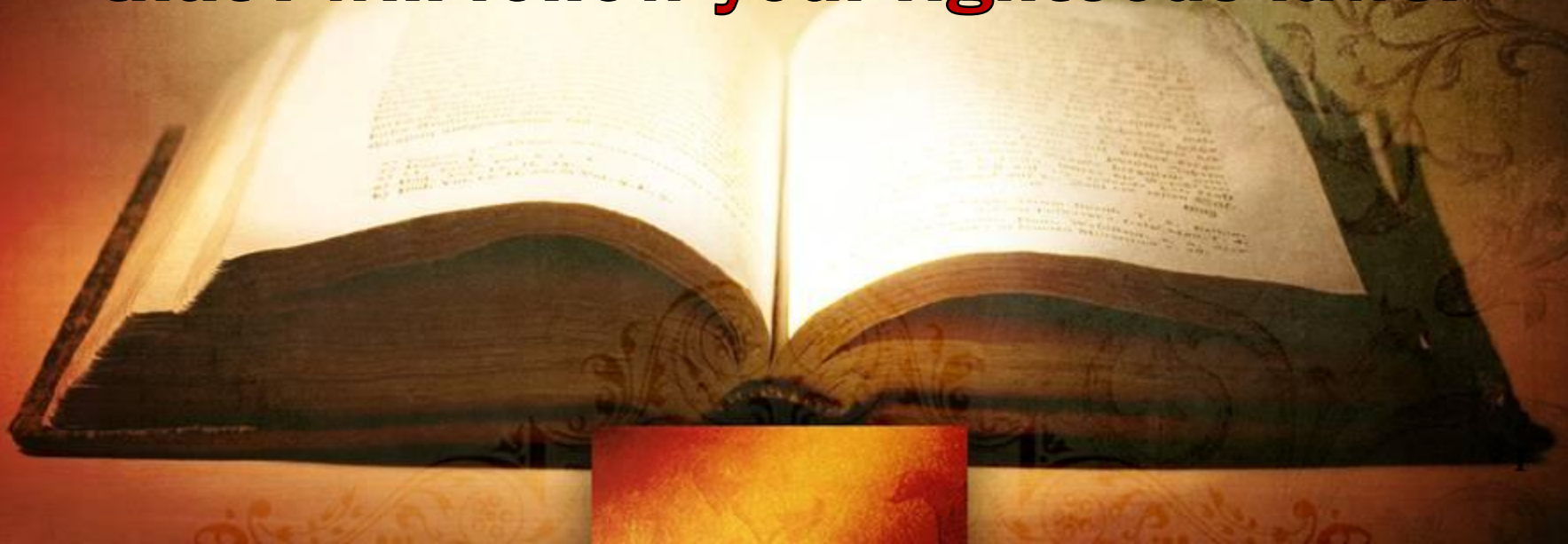
## The Leadership Traits of Moses

1. He was educated
  2. He was passionate
  3. He was compassionate
  4. He had the experience
  5. He was disciplined
  6. He had a stuttering problem
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# Psalm 119:105-106

*Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.*

**106** I have taken an oath and confirmed it,  
that I will follow your righteous laws.



# JOHN 14:23

**Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."**

