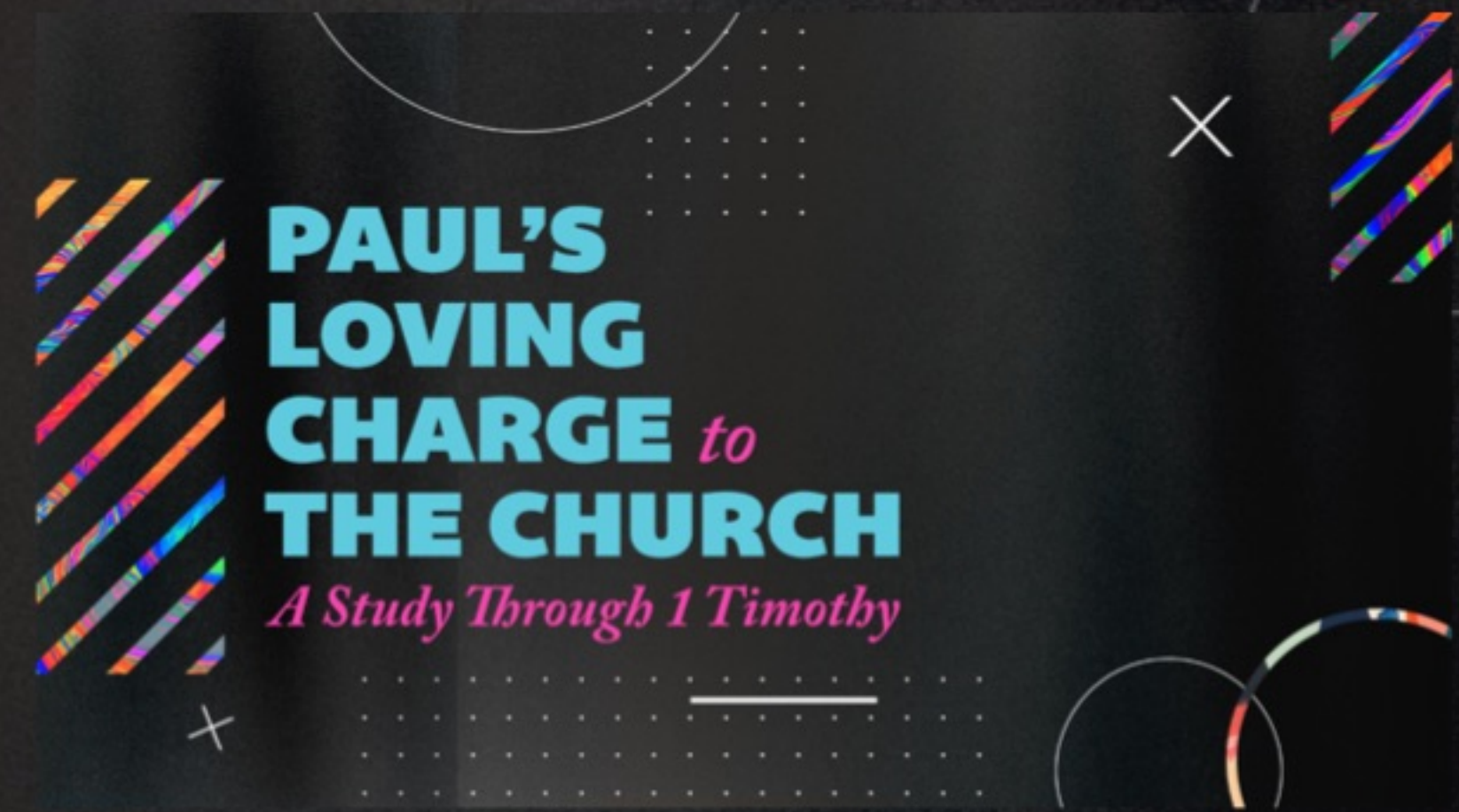
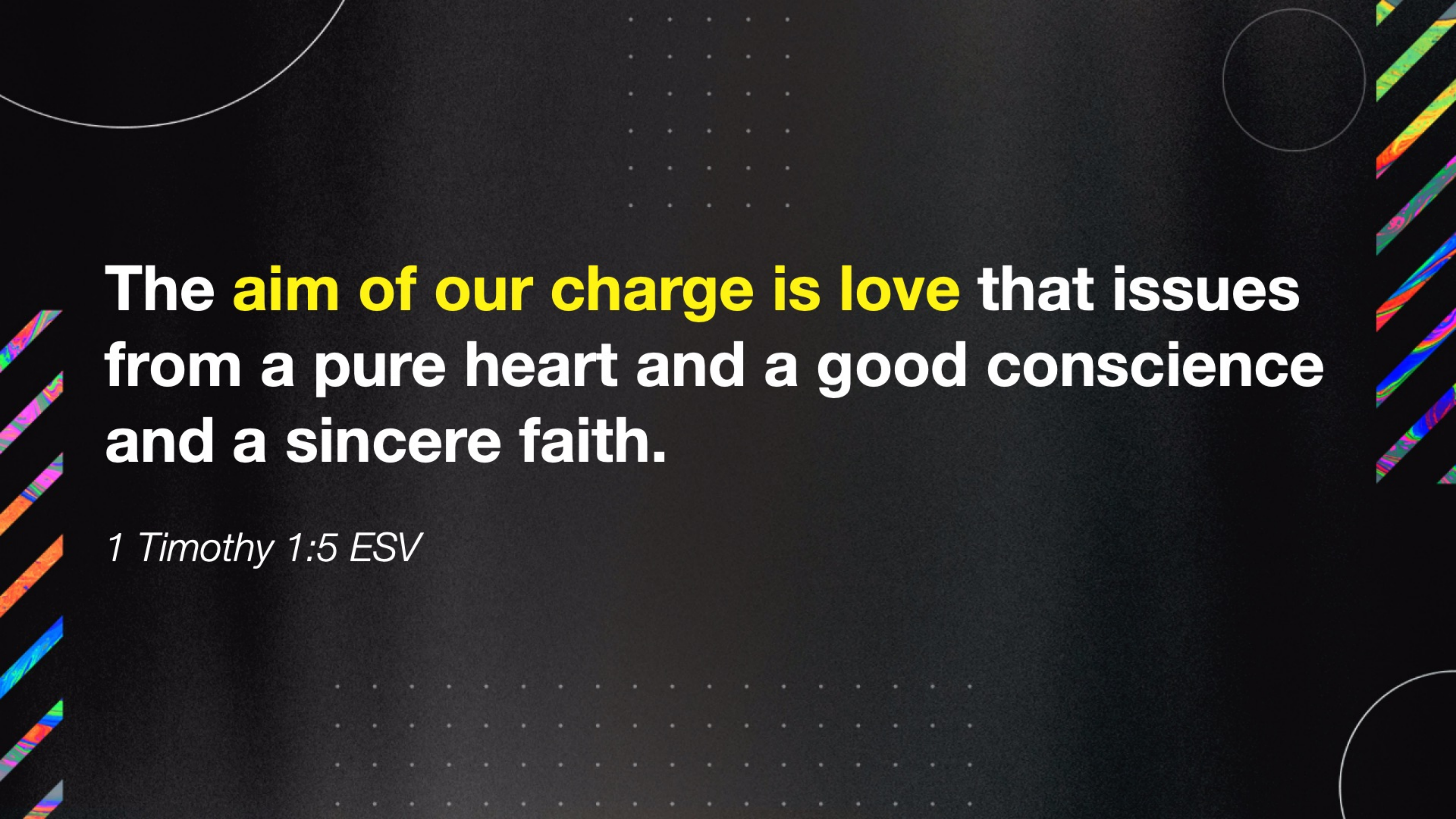


# Paul's Loving Charge to the Church

**Week 10: Flee and Pursue**  
**1 Timothy 6: 6-21**

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The **aim of our charge is love** that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

*1 Timothy 1:5 ESV*

I am writing these things to you so that...  
you may know **how one ought to behave in  
the household of God**, which is the church  
of the living God, a **pillar and buttress** of  
the truth.

*1 Timothy 3:14-15 ESV*

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O Timothy, **guard the deposit** entrusted to you.

*1 Timothy 6:20 ESV*



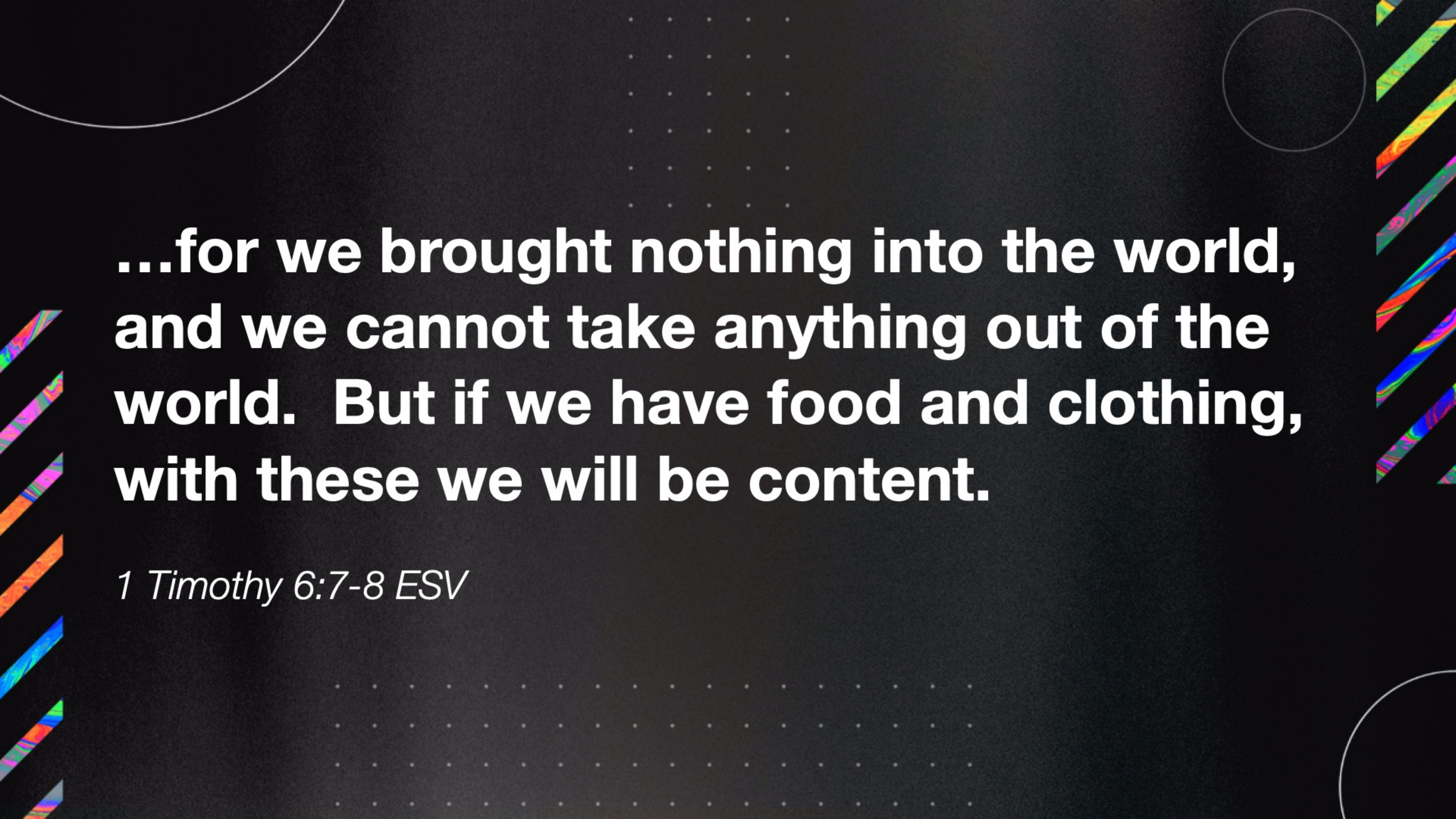
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**Flee the trappings of possessions,  
pursue godliness with contentment.**

**But godliness with contentment is great gain.** *1 Timothy 6:6 ESV*

**Godliness:** right beliefs about God leading to right living before God.

**Contentment:** sense of sufficiency, especially that results in satisfaction with one's situation in life



**...for we brought nothing into the world,  
and we cannot take anything out of the  
world. But if we have food and clothing,  
with these we will be content.**

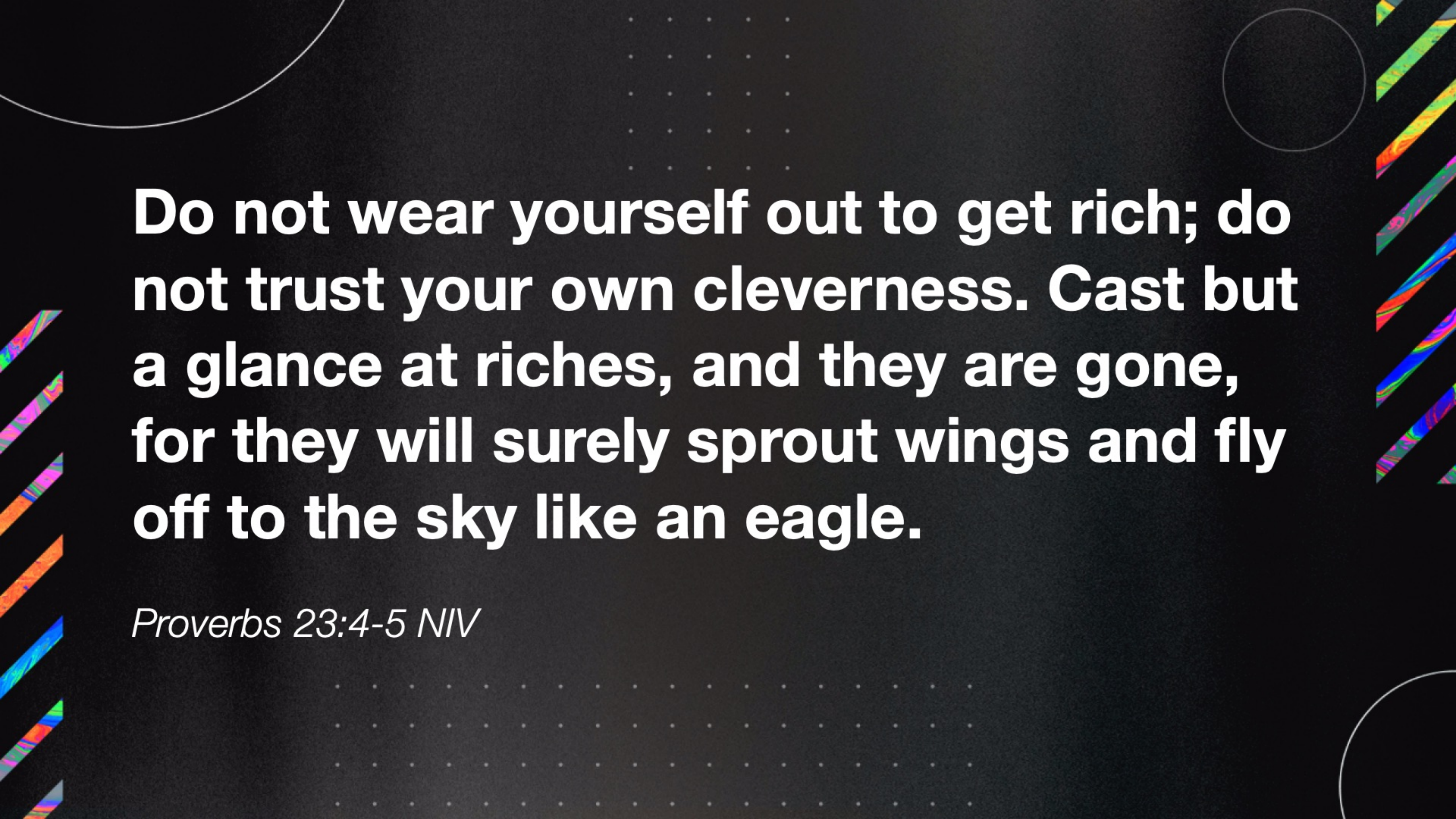
*1 Timothy 6:7-8 ESV*



# 1. To Those with Less

**Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.**

*1 Timothy 6:9-10 ESV*



**Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.**

*Proverbs 23:4-5 NIV*

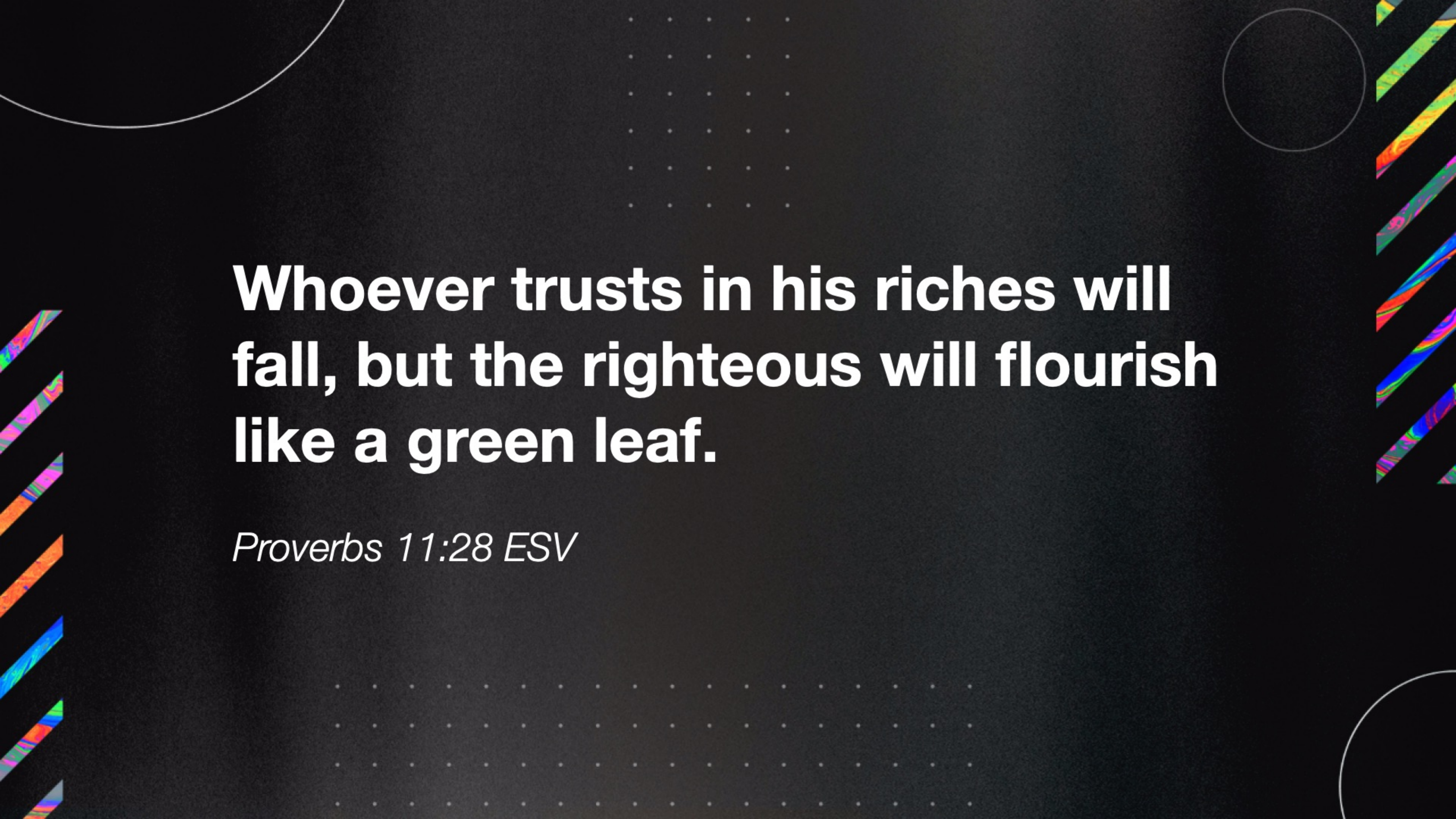
**Do not be anxious, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.**

*Matthew 6:31-32 ESV*

## 2. To Those with More

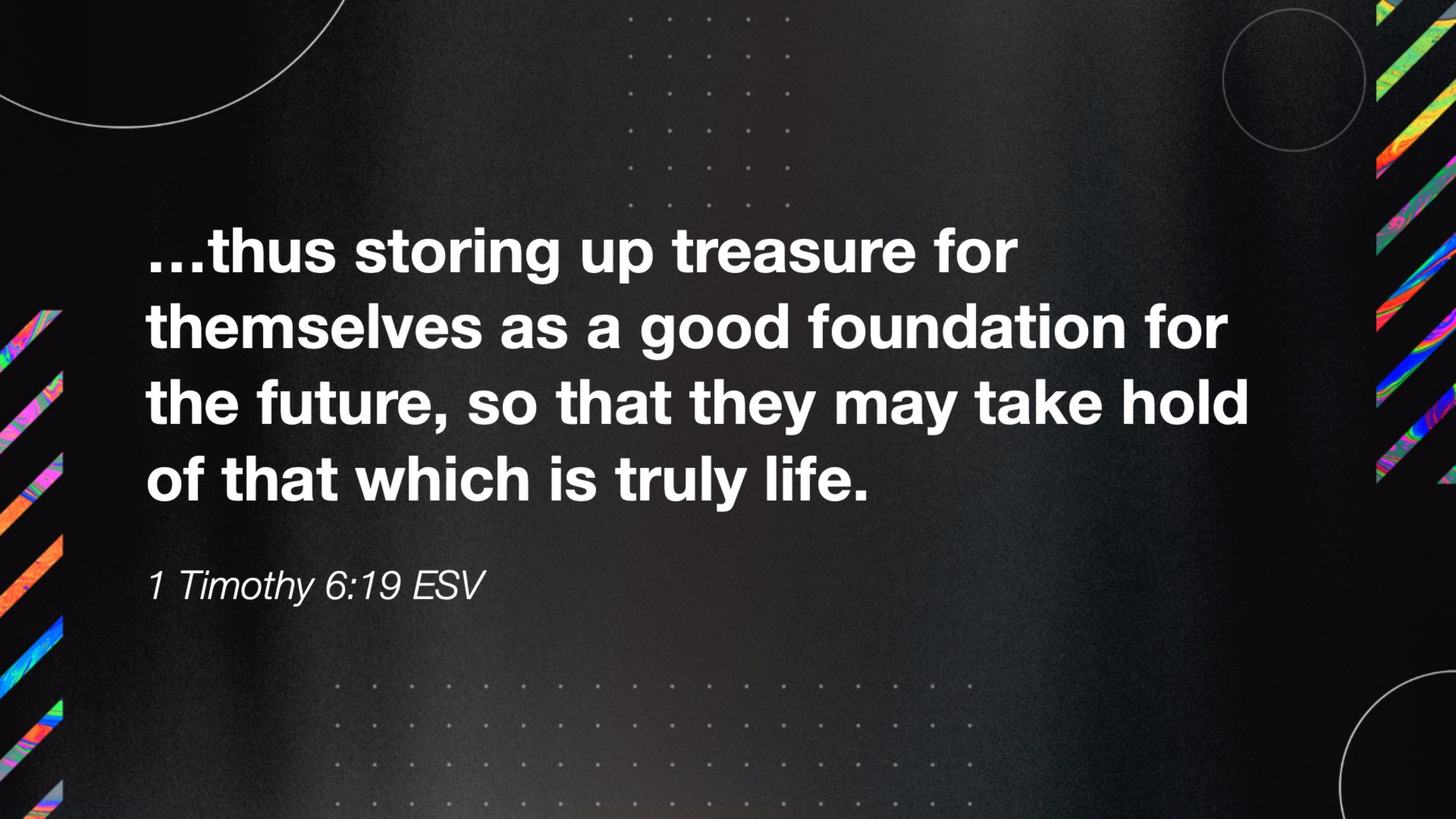
**As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share...**

*1 Timothy 6:17-18 ESV*



**Whoever trusts in his riches will  
fall, but the righteous will flourish  
like a green leaf.**

*Proverbs 11:28 ESV*



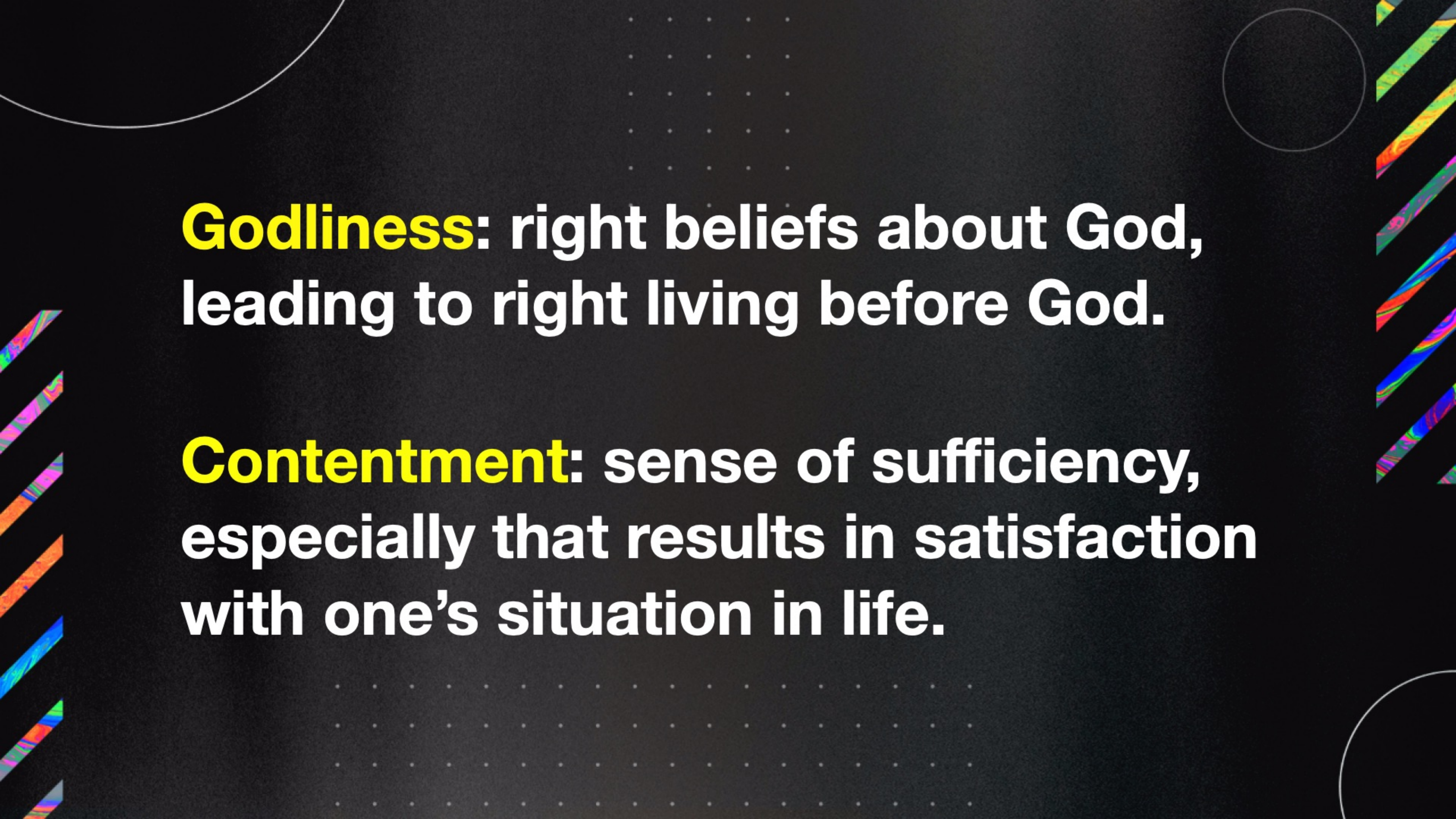
**...thus storing up treasure for  
themselves as a good foundation for  
the future, so that they may take hold  
of that which is truly life.**

*1 Timothy 6:19 ESV*

### 3. Pursue Godliness with Contentment

But **godliness** with **contentment** is great gain.

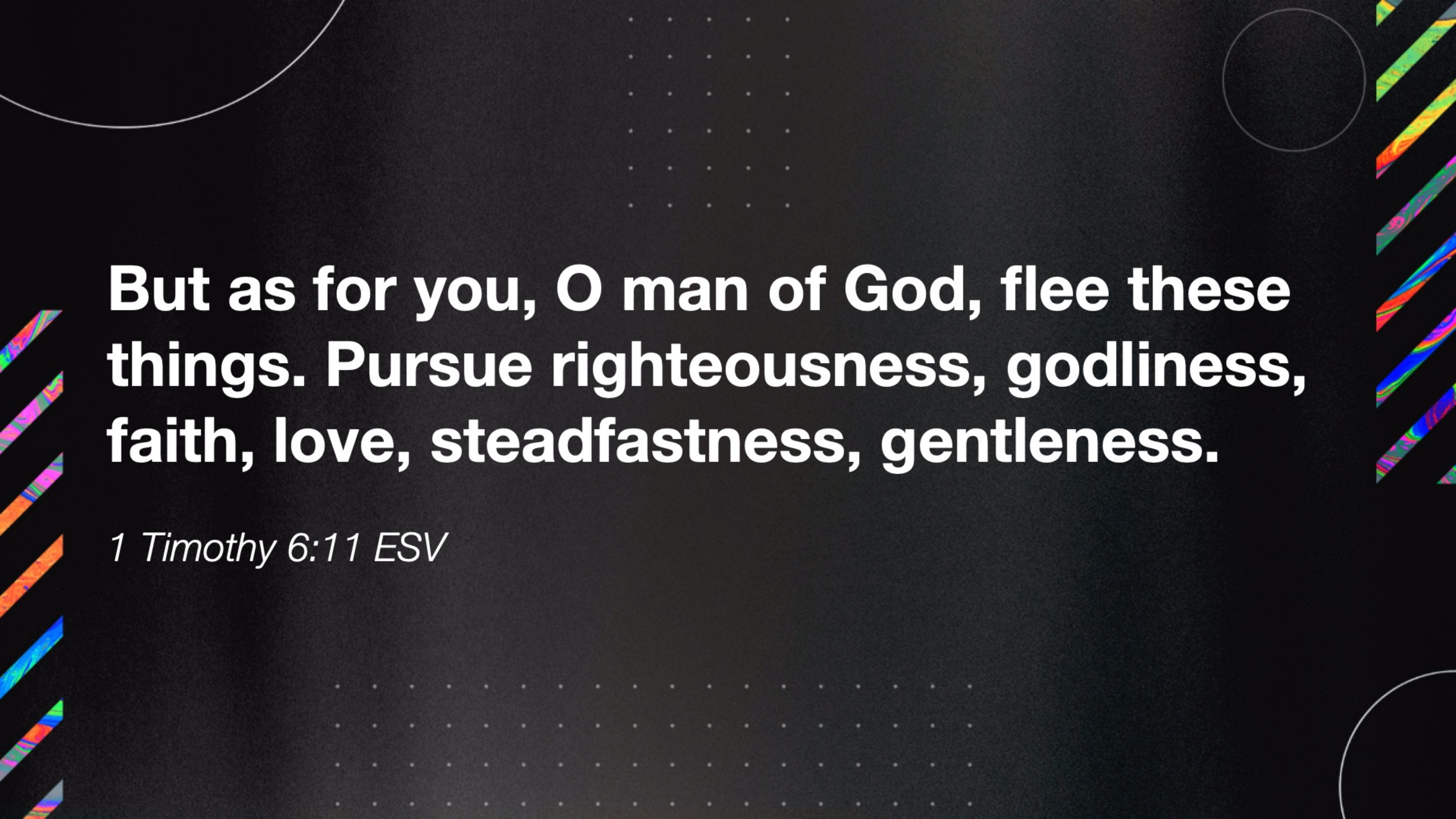
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**But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.**

*1 Timothy 6:11 ESV*



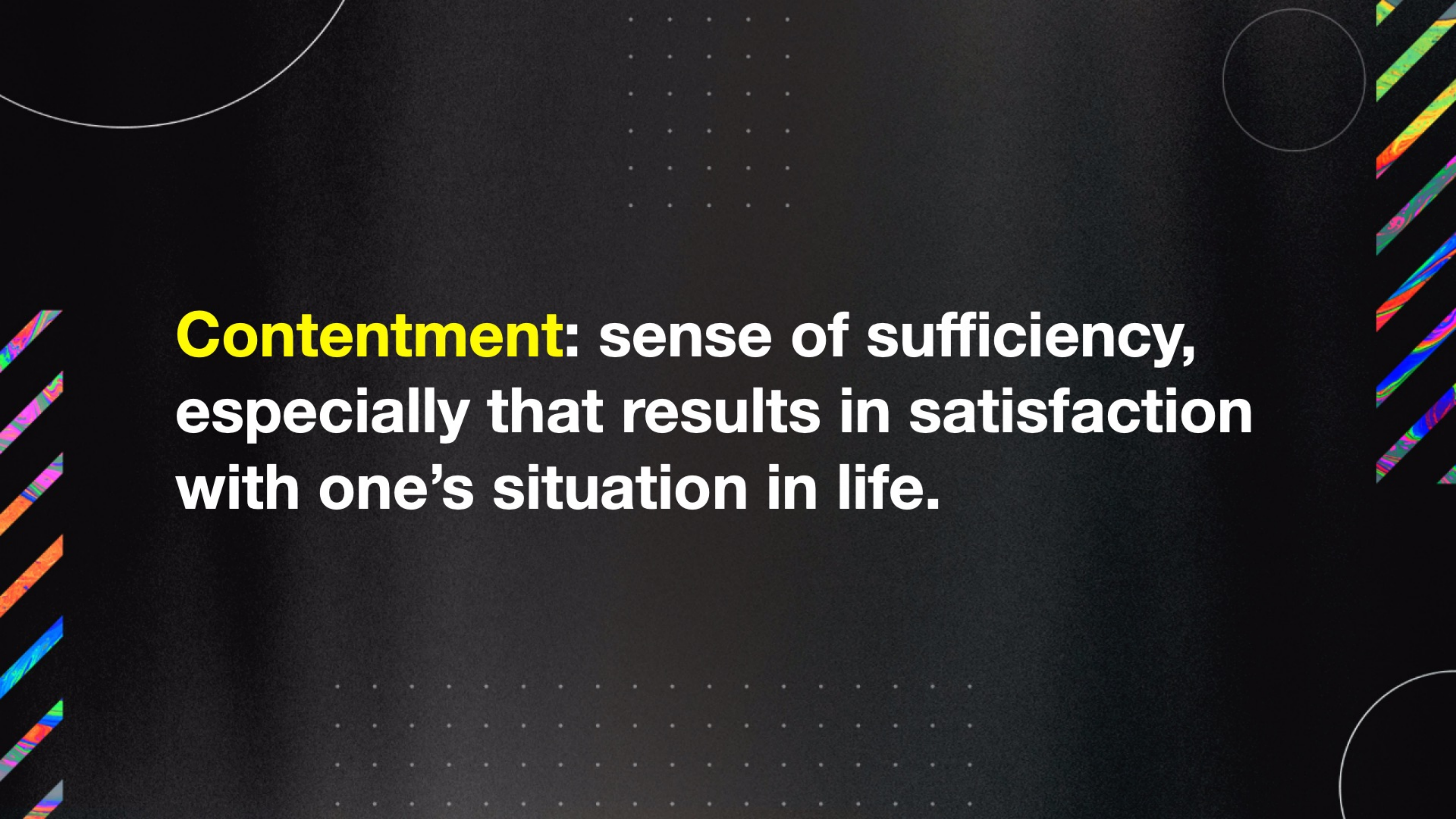
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**Gentleness:** Be Mild-Mannered



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**“Give a man everything he desires and yet at this very moment he will feel that everything is not everything.”**

*Immanuel Kant*



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