



EASILY RECOGNIZABLE

John 13:35, By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one another.

John 13:13-14 (NLT), [Jesus told his disciples,] "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."



**Lesson Scripture:
Matthew 7:15-20**



“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?”



Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.



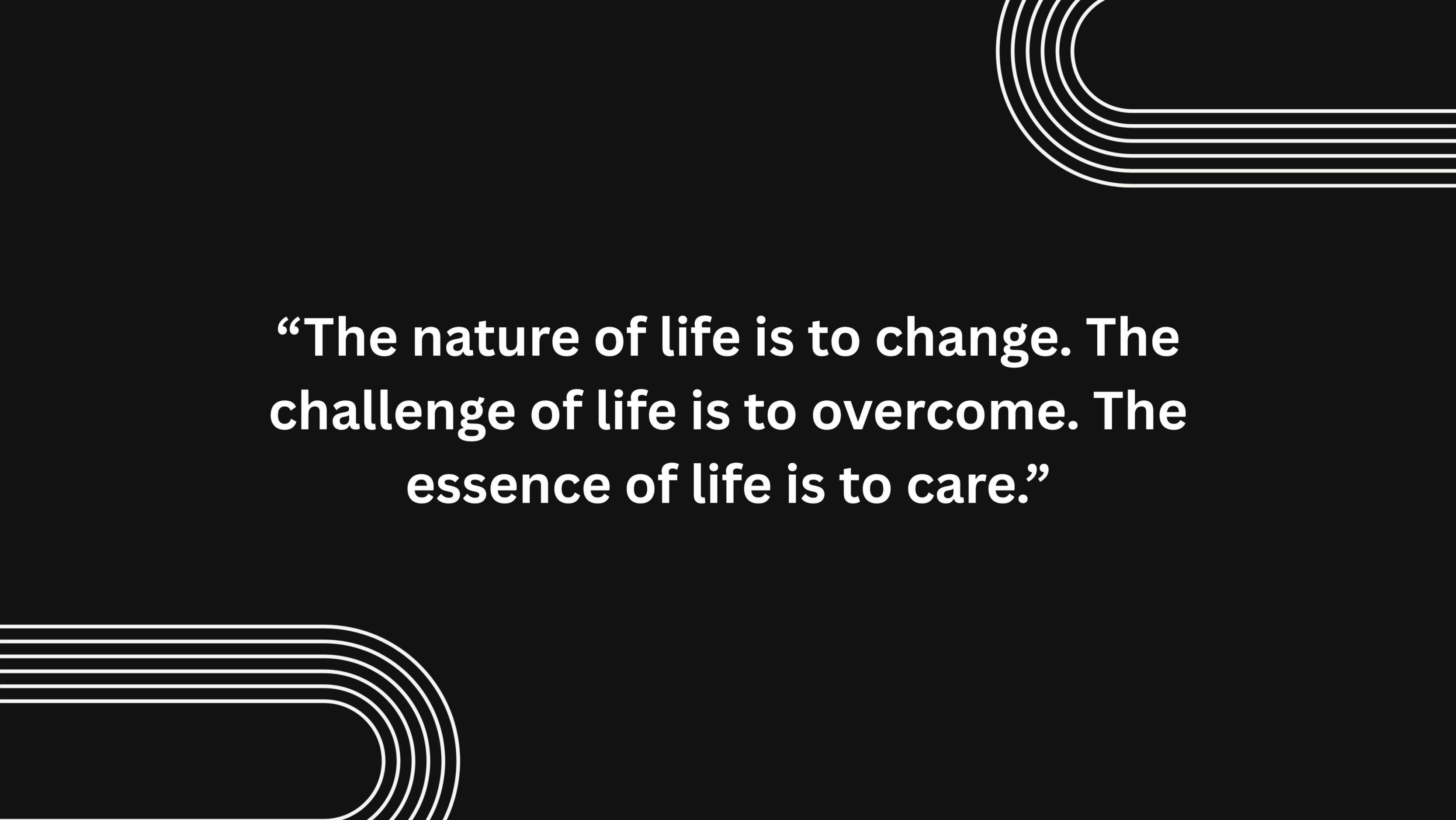
“You will fully recognize and fully know people by their fruit, not by their convincing words and not by their sincerity.”

LESSON 4

You'll Be Known By Your Fruit

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Did my decision for Christ change my life?



“The nature of life is to change. The challenge of life is to overcome. The essence of life is to care.”



1. Is their Message Centered on Jesus Christ?



1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 5, When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.





2. Does their Message Challenge You to Change Your Ways?





3. Does the Messenger's Character Match the Message?



Matthew 7:15-17, Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will RECOGNIZE them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.



SIX RECOGNIZABLE FRUITS:





1. GOOD WORKS

Matthew 5:16, Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.





**“Salvation always produces works, works never
produce salvation.”**

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“You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.

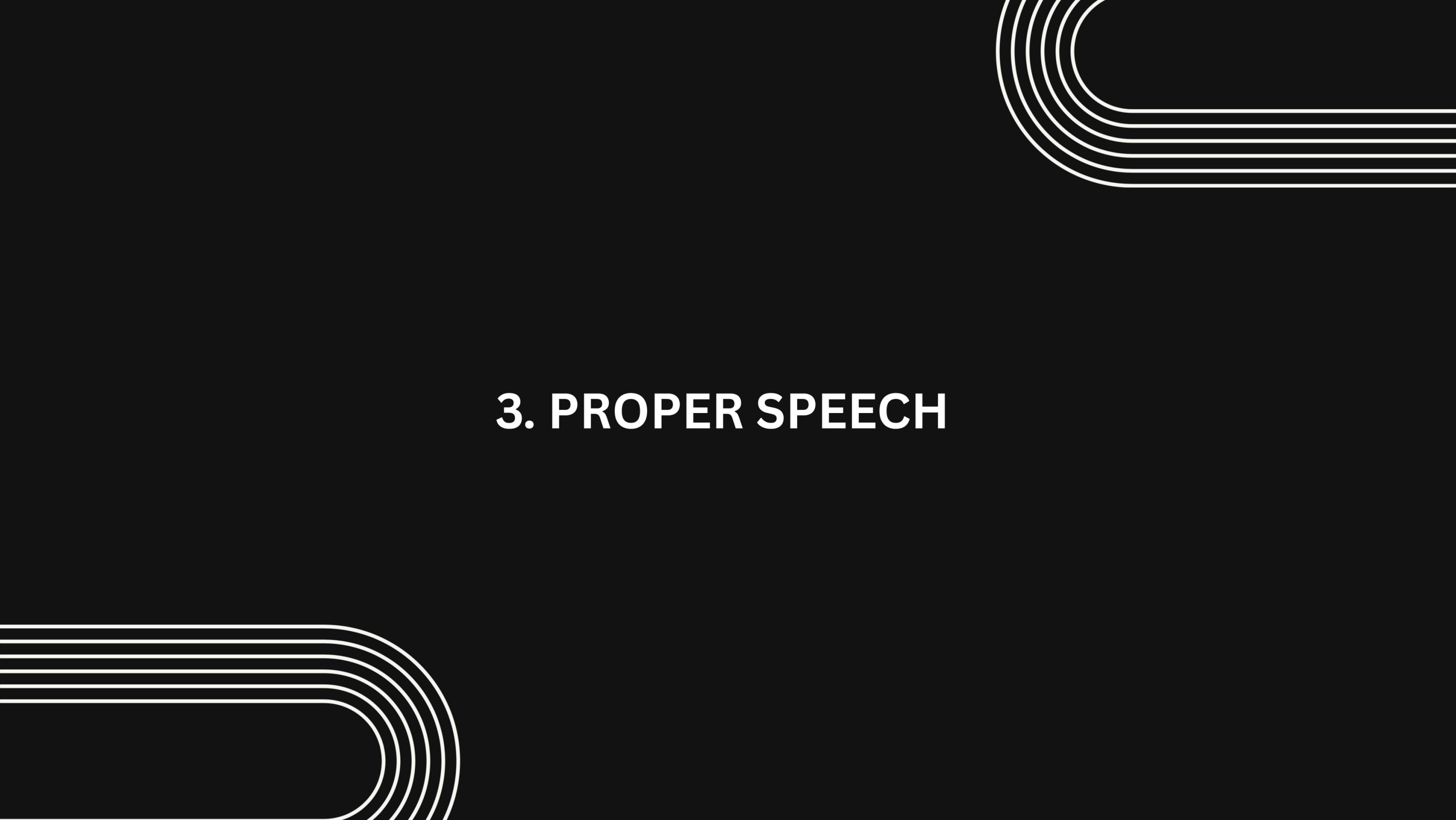


1 Peter 4:3-4, Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So, they slander you.



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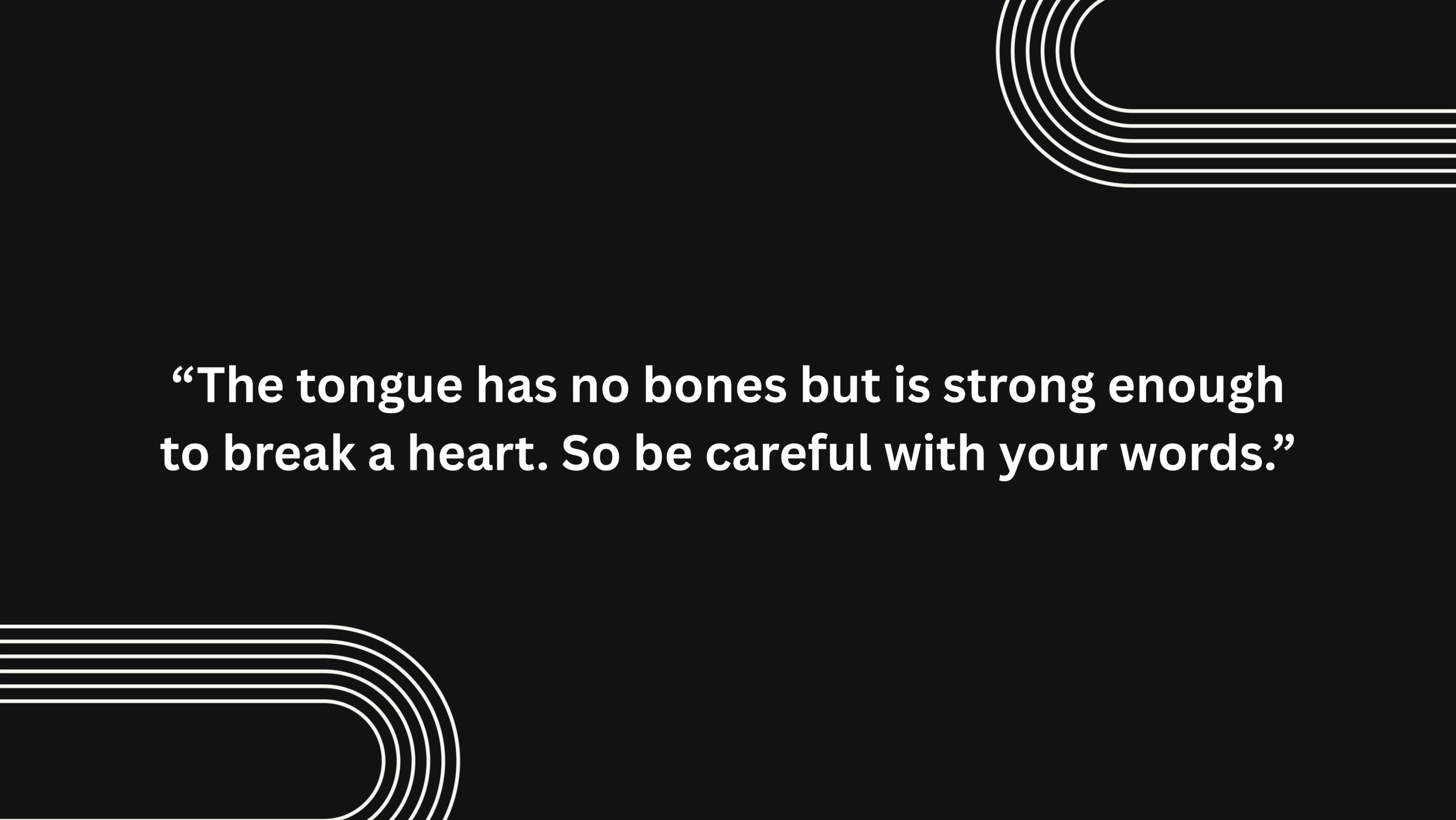
“The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin from the Bible.”

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Colossians 4:6, Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.



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“The tongue has no bones but is strong enough to break a heart. So be careful with your words.”



4. LOVE FOR OTHERS



John 13:34-35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”





**“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one
ever come to you without leaving happier.”**





5. OBEDIENCE TO GOD



**‘We must obey God rather than men.’
Acts 5:29**





**“The greatest test of life is obedience to God.
The greatest task of life is to learn the will of
God and do it. The greatest commandment of
life is to love the Lord.”**





6. BEING DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD



Romans 12:2, And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.





**“I wish not merely to be CALLED Christian, but
also to BE a Christian.”**

