

Week 1 – As a Man Thinketh

**Renewing the Mind to
Break Financial
Strongholds**

**Kingdom Principles,
Old-Fashioned
Wisdom & Financial
Freedom**

Purpose of This Lesson

- **Establish the mind as the starting point of financial freedom**
 - Expose unbiblical and inherited money mindsets
 - Replace scarcity thinking with Kingdom stewardship thinking
 - Lay the foundation for the remaining six weeks
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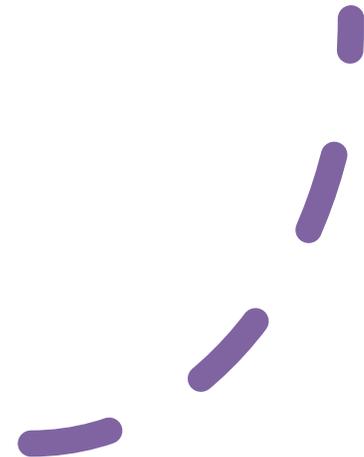
Foundational Convictions

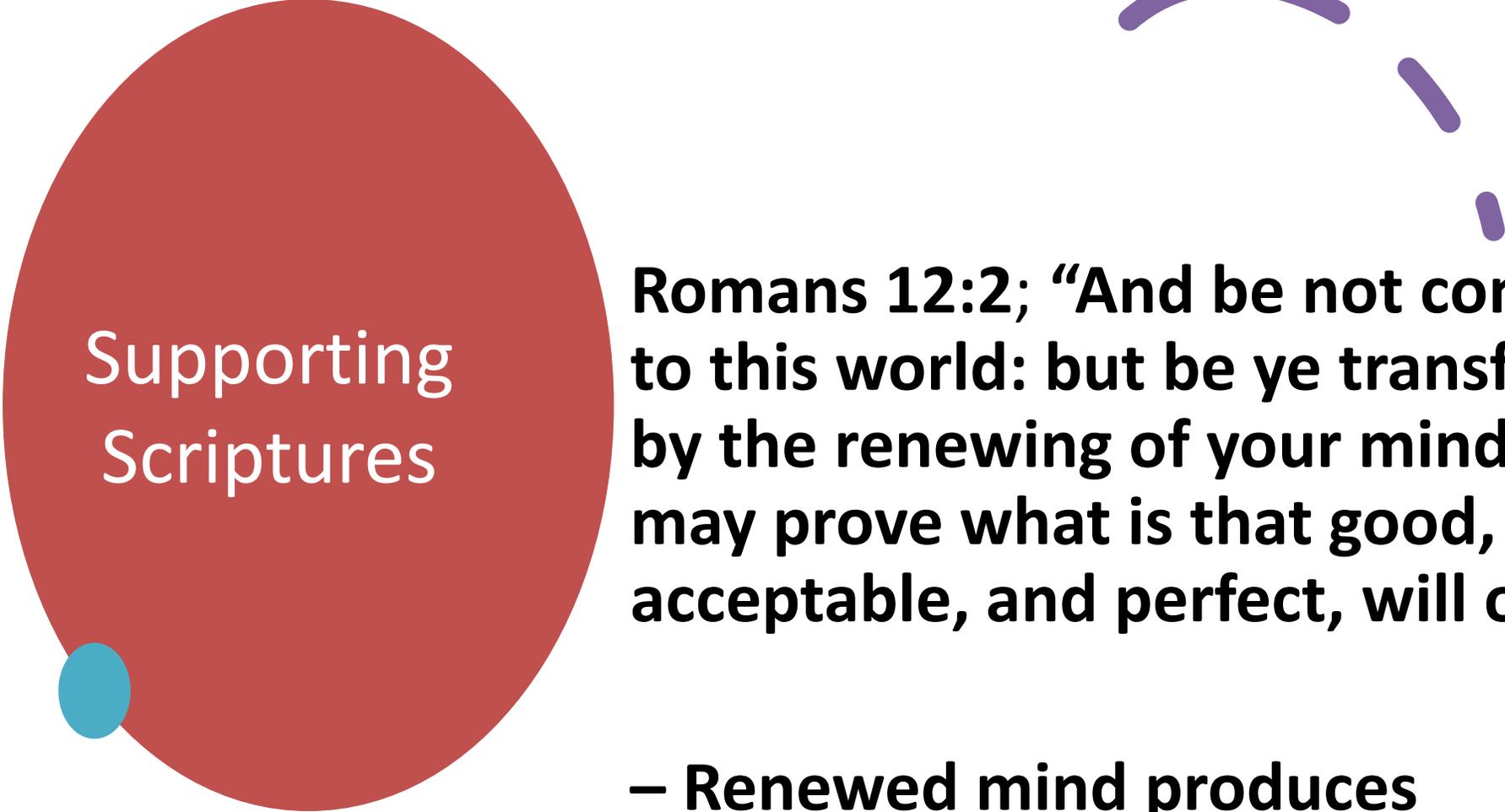
- **The Bible is the FINAL AUTHORITY**
 - Stewardship is a spiritual discipline
 - God desires wisdom, peace, and freedom for His people
 - Transformation begins in the mind
 - Freedom is built over time through obedience



Key
Scripture:
Proverbs
23:7

- **“For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”**
 - Thinking precedes behavior
 - Beliefs quietly shape financial decisions





Supporting
Scriptures

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

– Renewed mind produces transformation



Supporting
Scriptures



**Philippians 4:8; Finally, brethren,
whatsoever things are true,
whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just,
whatsoever things are pure,
whatsoever things are lovely,
whatsoever things are of good report;
if there be any virtue, and if there be
any praise, think on these things.**

--What you dwell on shapes your life



Supporting
Scriptures



Deuteronomy 8:18; “But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.”

--God gives power to get wealth

Old-
Fashioned
Wisdom

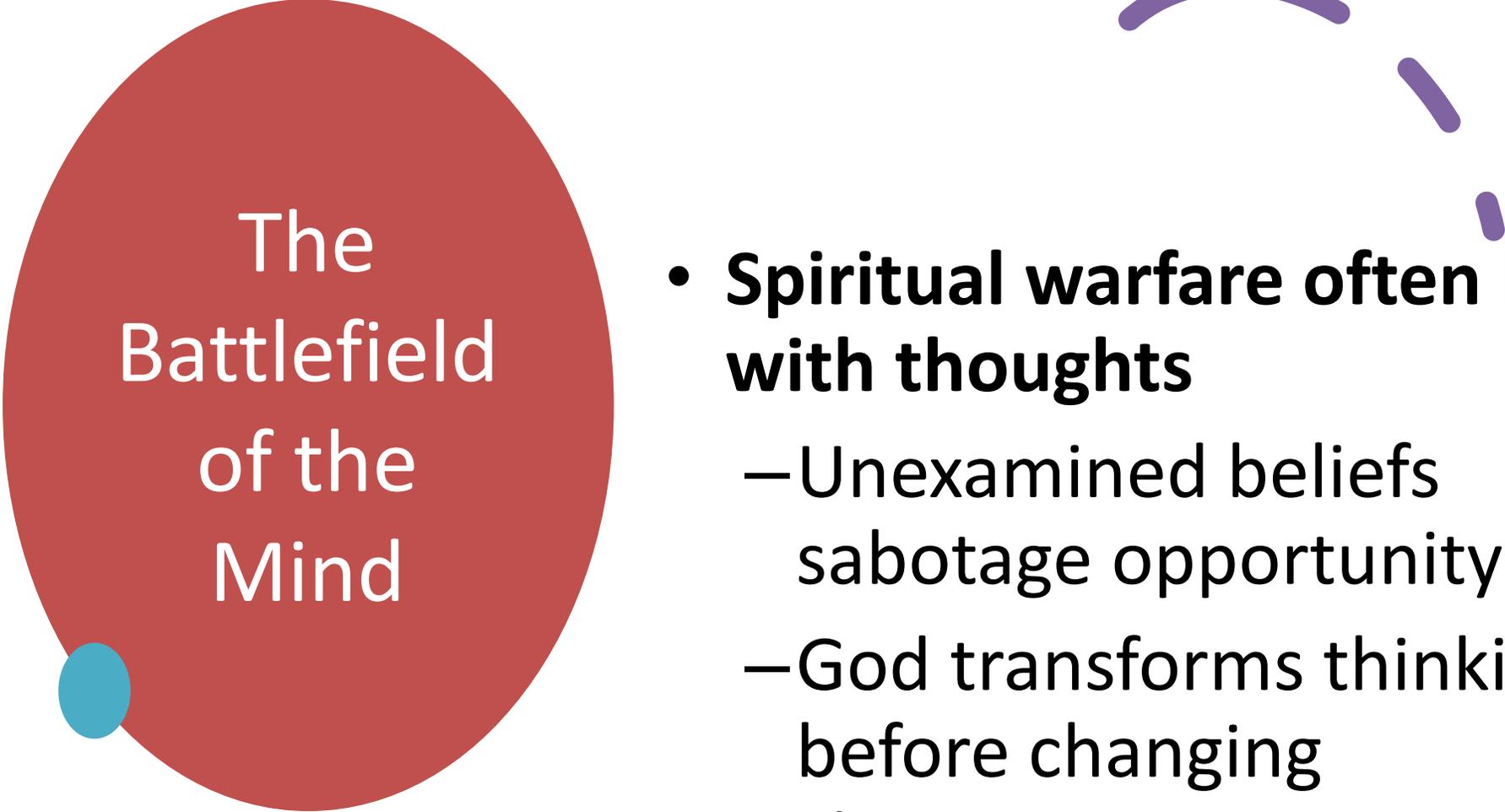
- **You cannot rise above your thinking**
 - What you repeatedly tell yourself becomes your reality
 - Mindsets create money habits



Inherited Financial Thinking

- **‘We’ve always struggled’**
 - ‘Money is evil’
 - ‘People like us don’t get ahead’
 - These are learned scripts, not biblical truth





The
Battlefield
of the
Mind

- **Spiritual warfare often begins with thoughts**
 - Unexamined beliefs sabotage opportunity
 - God transforms thinking before changing circumstances

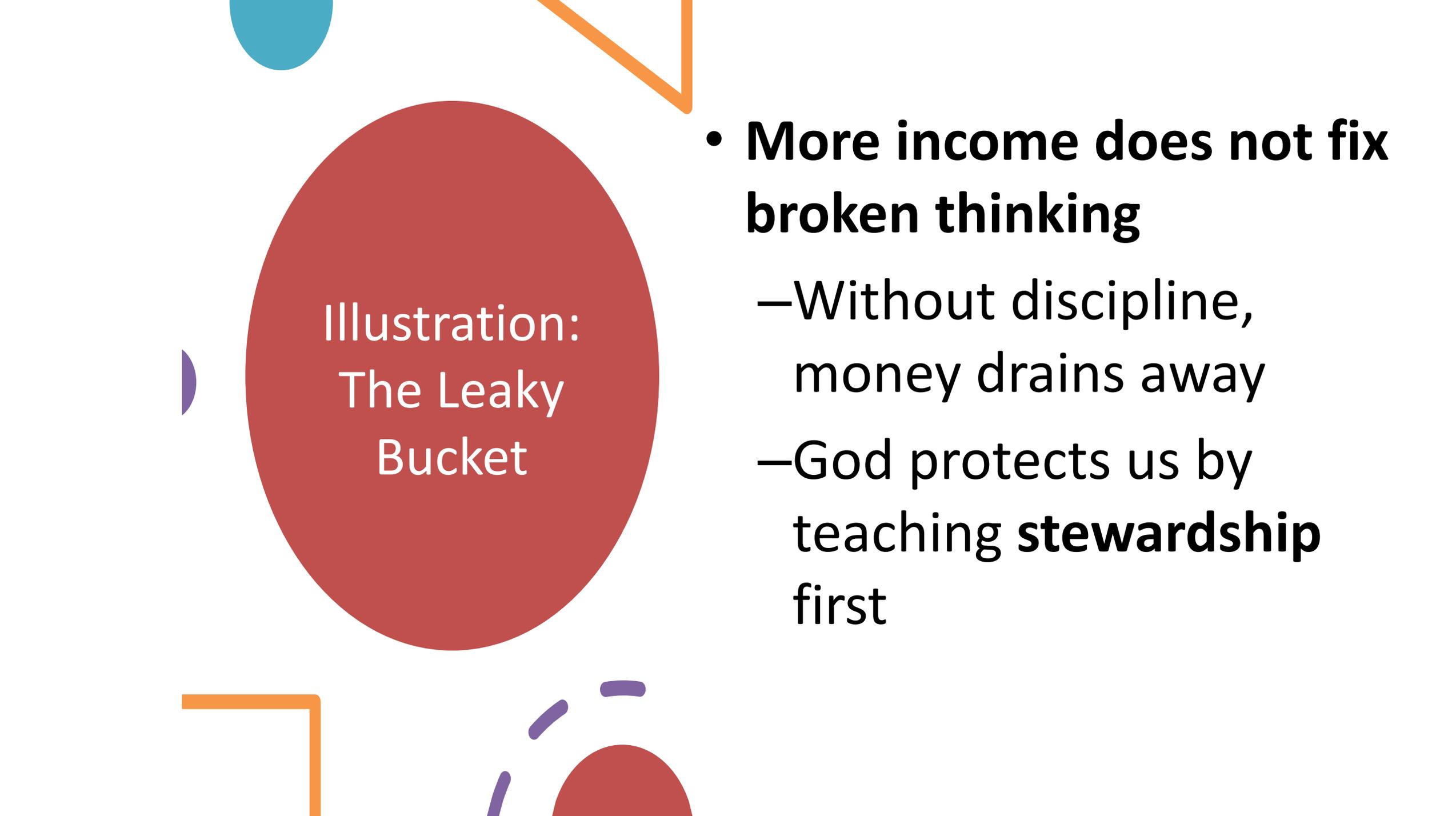
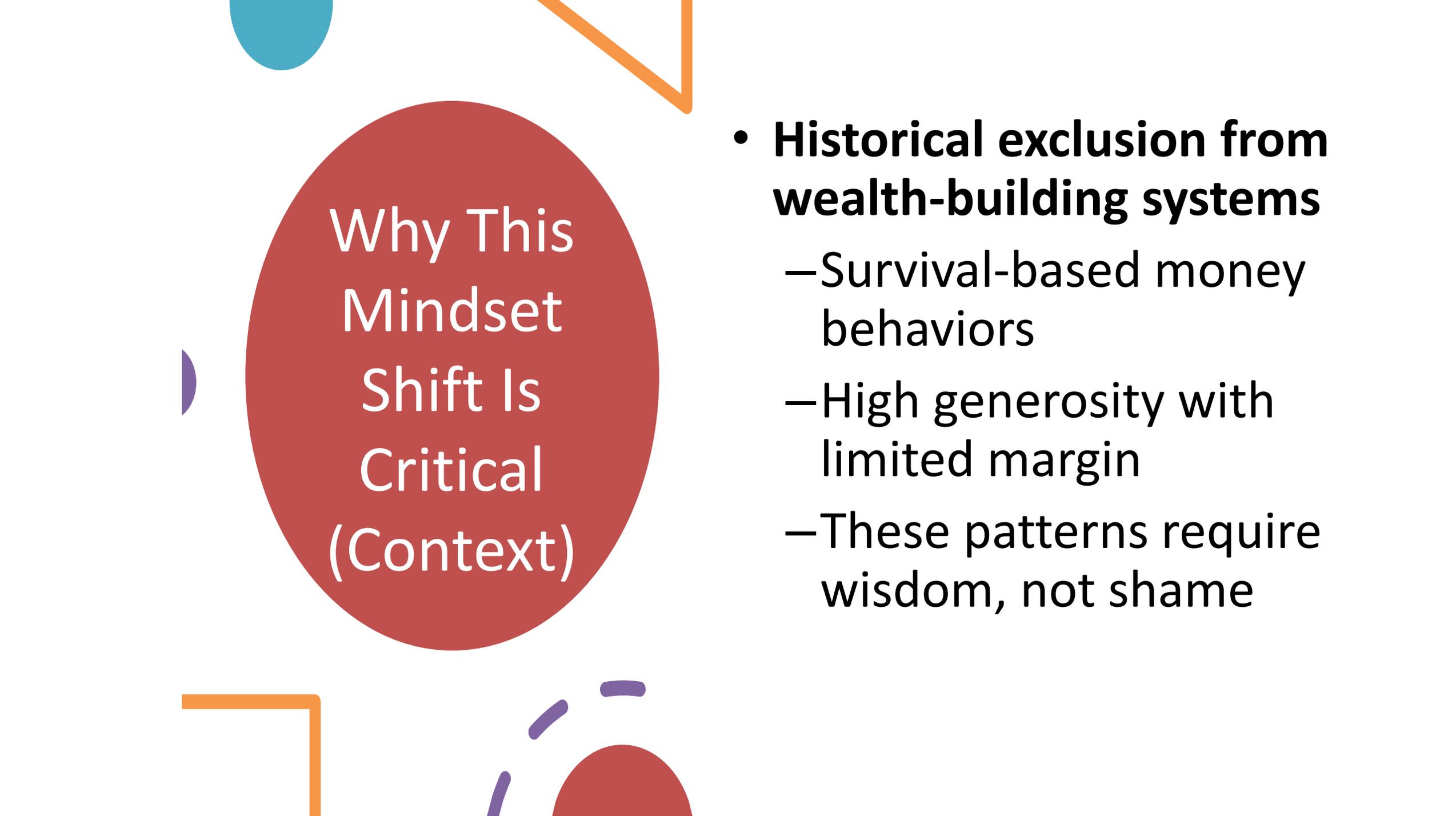


Illustration:
The Leaky
Bucket

- **More income does not fix broken thinking**
 - Without discipline, money drains away
 - God protects us by teaching **stewardship** first



Why This
Mindset
Shift Is
Critical
(Context)

- **Historical exclusion from wealth-building systems**
 - Survival-based money behaviors
 - High generosity with limited margin
 - These patterns require wisdom, not shame

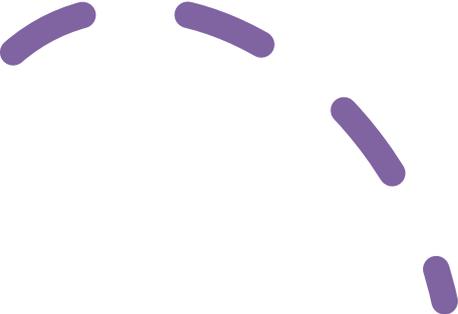


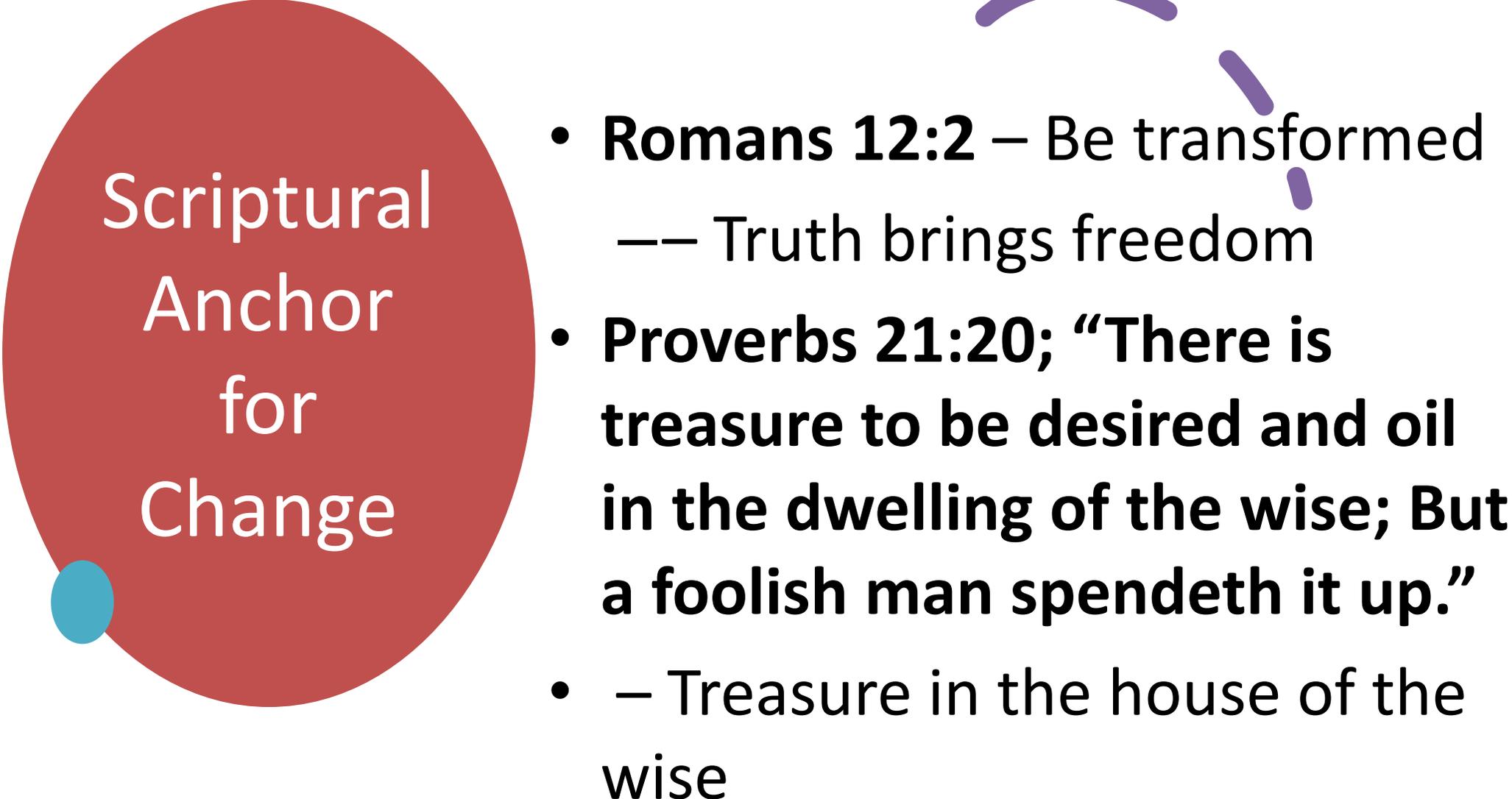
Emotional
& Image-
Driven
Spending

- **Spending to feel dignity**
 - Spending to appear successful
 - Spending to soothe stress
 - Renewed thinking brings freedom



Ownership
Over
Appearance

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- **Looking rich is not the same as being free**
 - The Bible prioritizes substance over show
 - Stewardship builds stability and legacy



Scriptural
Anchor
for
Change

- **Romans 12:2** – Be transformed
— Truth brings freedom
- **Proverbs 21:20**; “There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; But a foolish man spendeth it up.”
- – Treasure in the house of the wise



Changing
Confession

- **Death and life are in the power of the tongue**
 - Words are directional, not magical
 - Faith-filled language reinforces discipline
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Practical
Application
(Week 1)

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- **Conduct a thought audit**
 - Replace lies with scripture
 - Track spending for awareness, not judgment

Financial Freedom Covenant

- A commitment, not a contract
 - Direction, not perfection
 - Wisdom, stewardship, and legacy



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Covenant Commitment: Renewed Thinking

- **Reject fear and scarcity**
 - Think like a steward, not a survivor
 - **Romans 12:2;**
 - **Proverbs 23:7; “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; But his heart is not with thee.”**

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Covenant Commitment: Wise Spending

- **Break emotional spending patterns**
 - **Choose discipline over impulse**
- **Luke 12:15; “And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”**
- **Proverbs 13:11; “Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: But he that gathereth by labour shall increase.”**

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Covenant Commitment: Generational Legacy

- **Interrupt destructive cycles**
 - **Teach financial wisdom at home**
 - **Proverbs 13:22; A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.**

Covenant Commitment: Preparation

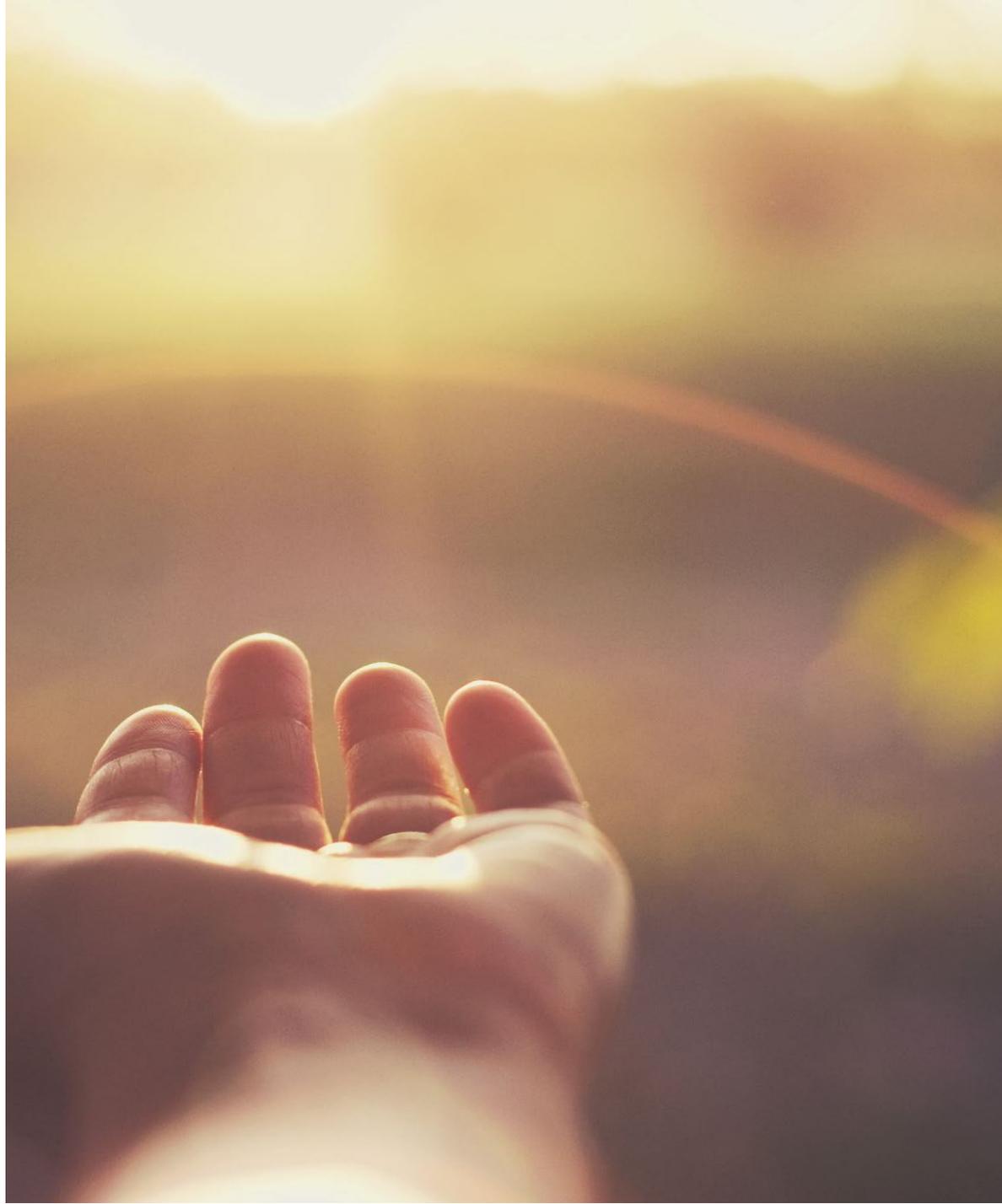
- **Save and plan for emergencies**
 - **Seek wisdom and counsel**
- **Proverbs 6:6–8; “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, Overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, And gathereth her food in the harvest.**
- **Genesis 41:29-30; “Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;”**



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Corporate Declaration

- **We choose wisdom over impulse**
 - Stewardship over struggle
 - Legacy over survival
 - In Jesus' name, Amen



Closing Charge

- This is the foundation for freedom
 - The mind must change before the money
 - Next week builds on this truth