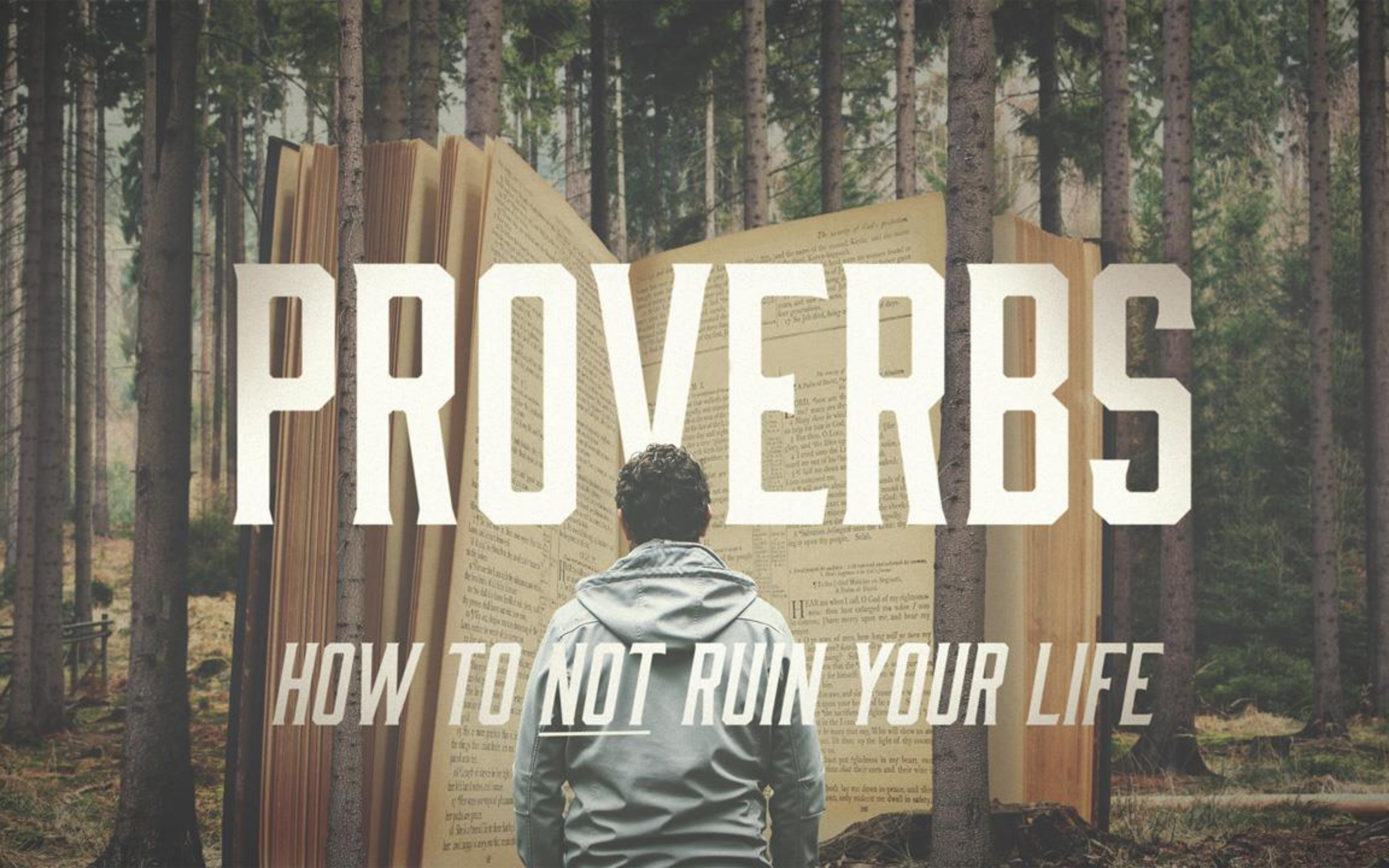


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A person with dark hair, wearing a grey hooded jacket, stands with their back to the camera in a dense forest of tall, thin trees. They are looking up at a massive, open book that appears to be the Book of Proverbs, which is held up by several large, vertical wooden planks. The book's pages are filled with text, and the person's head is positioned as if they are reading it. The scene is bathed in soft, natural light filtering through the trees.

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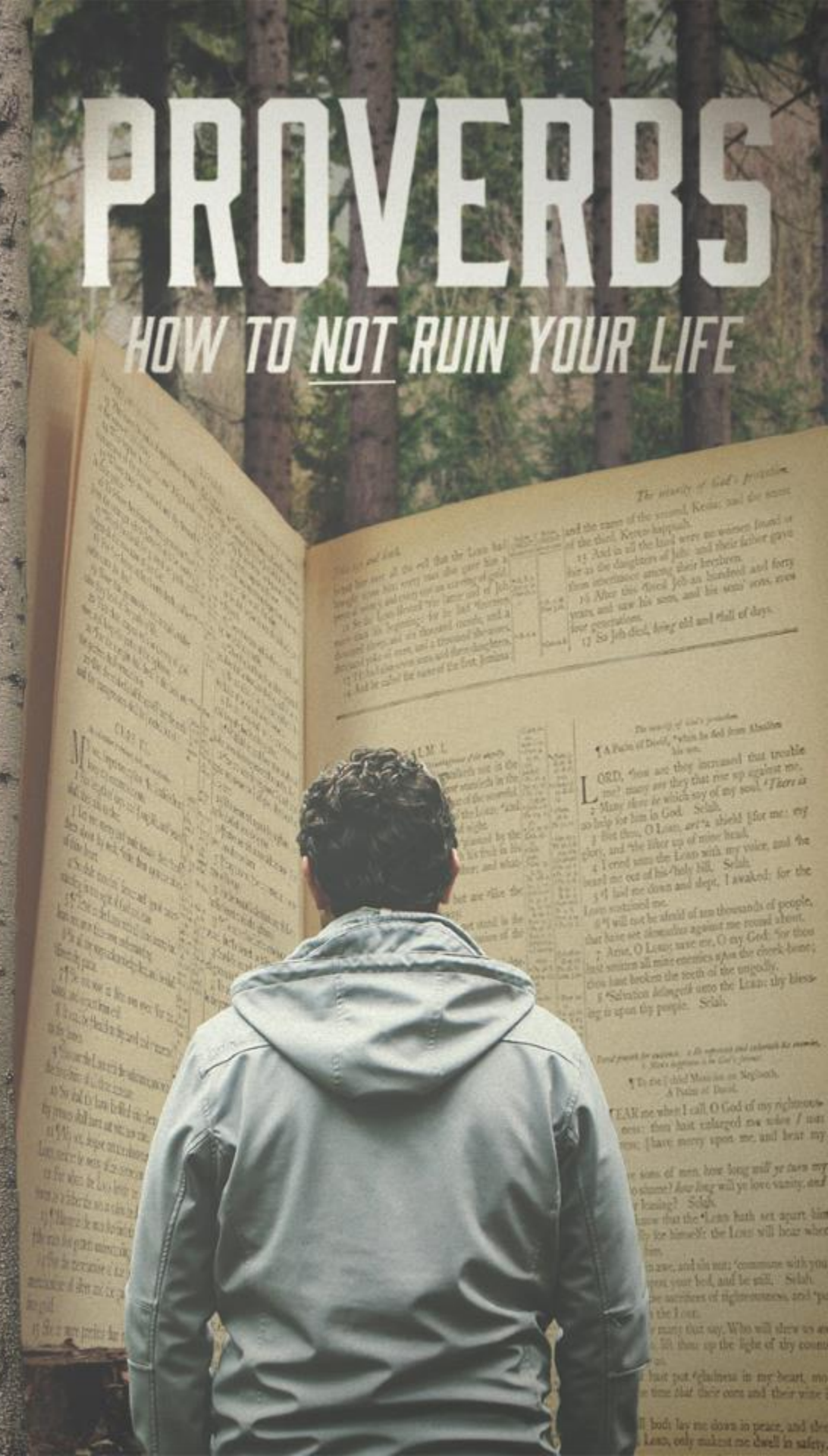
A person with dark hair, wearing a grey hooded jacket, is seen from behind, looking at several large, open books that are propped up in a forest. The books are filled with text, and the person appears to be reading. The forest has many tall, thin trees and some green foliage in the background.

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A Portrait of the Sluggard

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The Sluggard...

#1 Wastes Time and Opportunities to be Productive.

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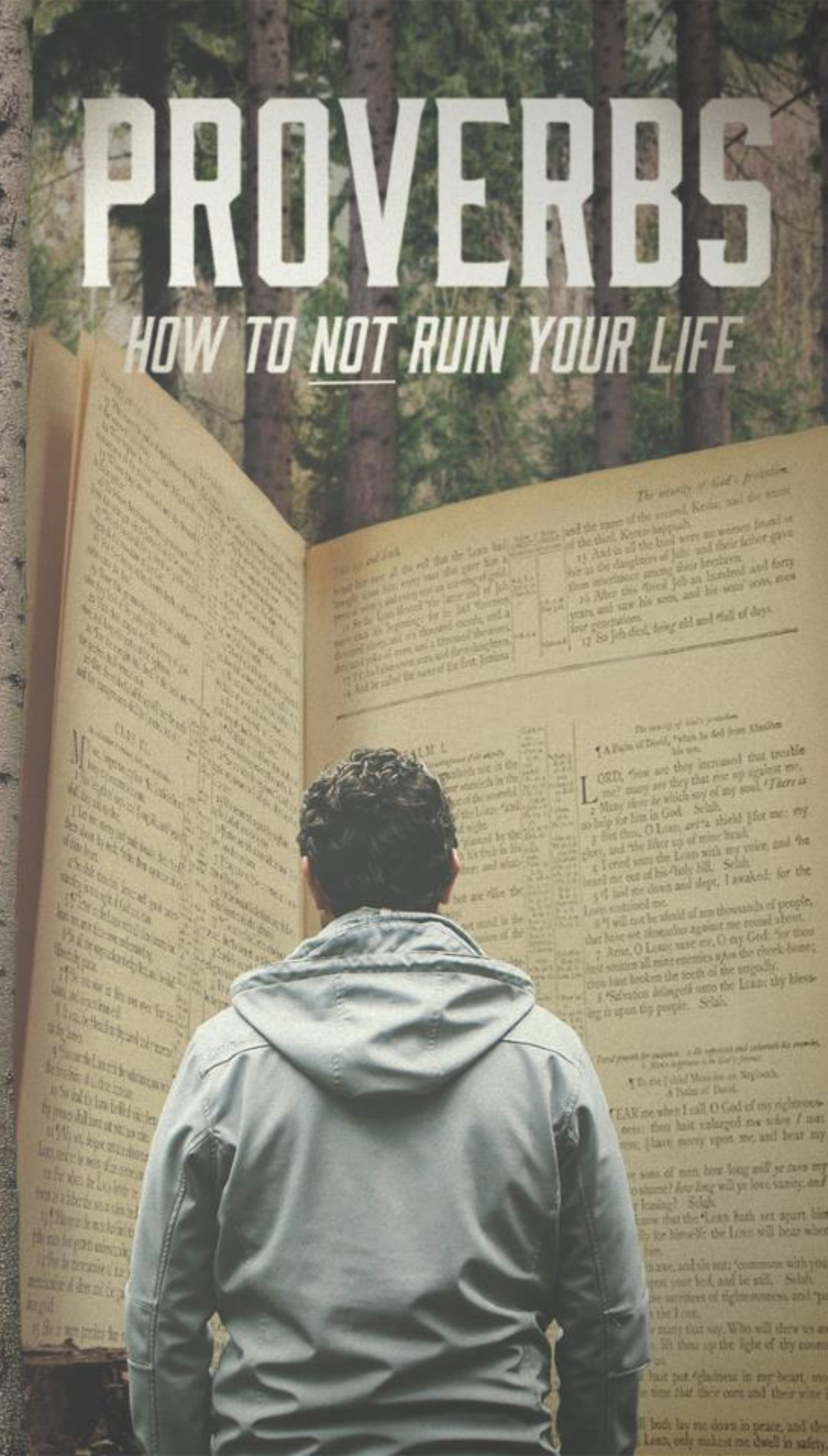


Proverbs 20:4

*The sluggard does
not plow in the
autumn; he will
seek at harvest and
have nothing.*

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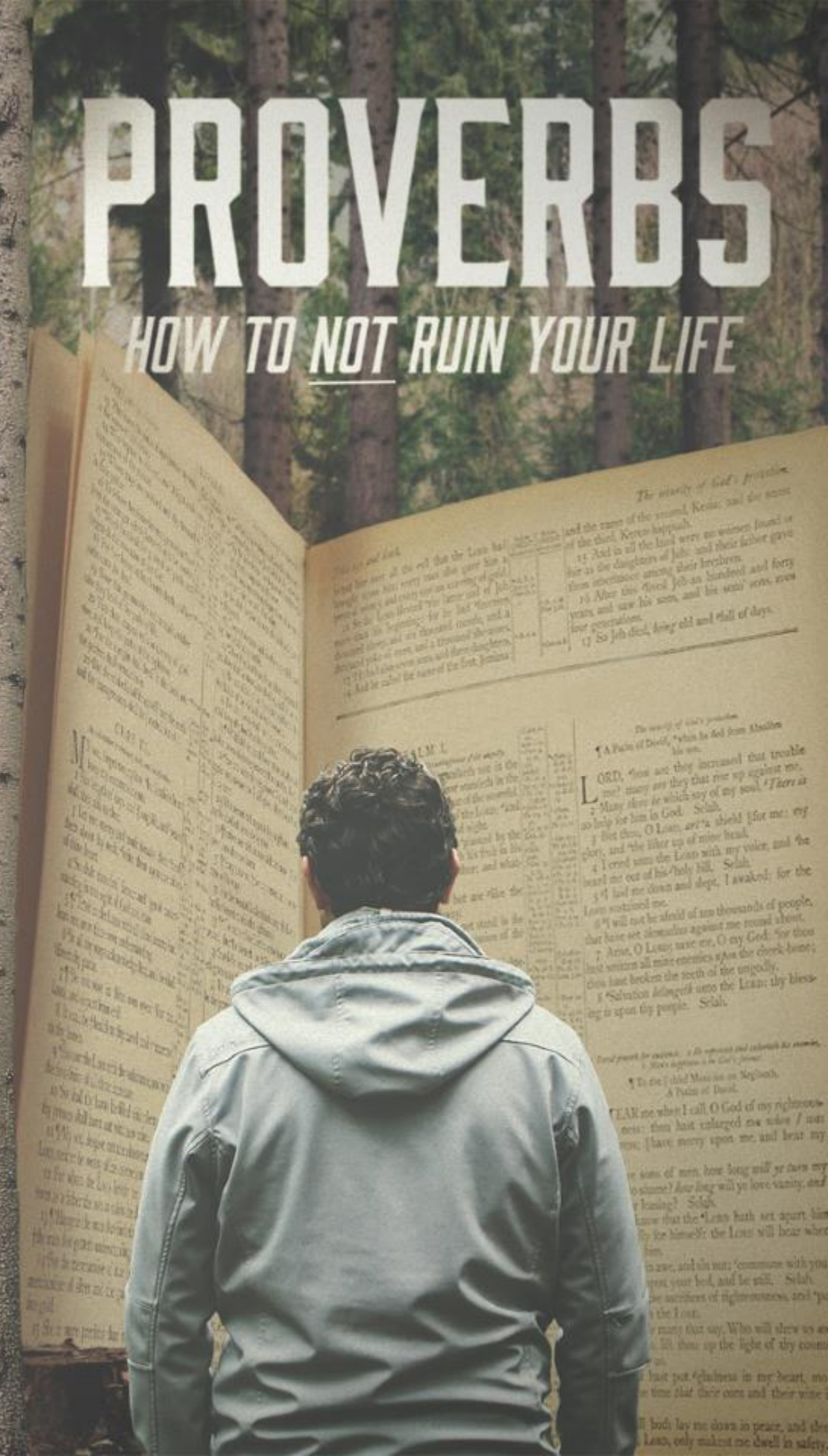


Proverbs 6:6-9a

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise. It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard?

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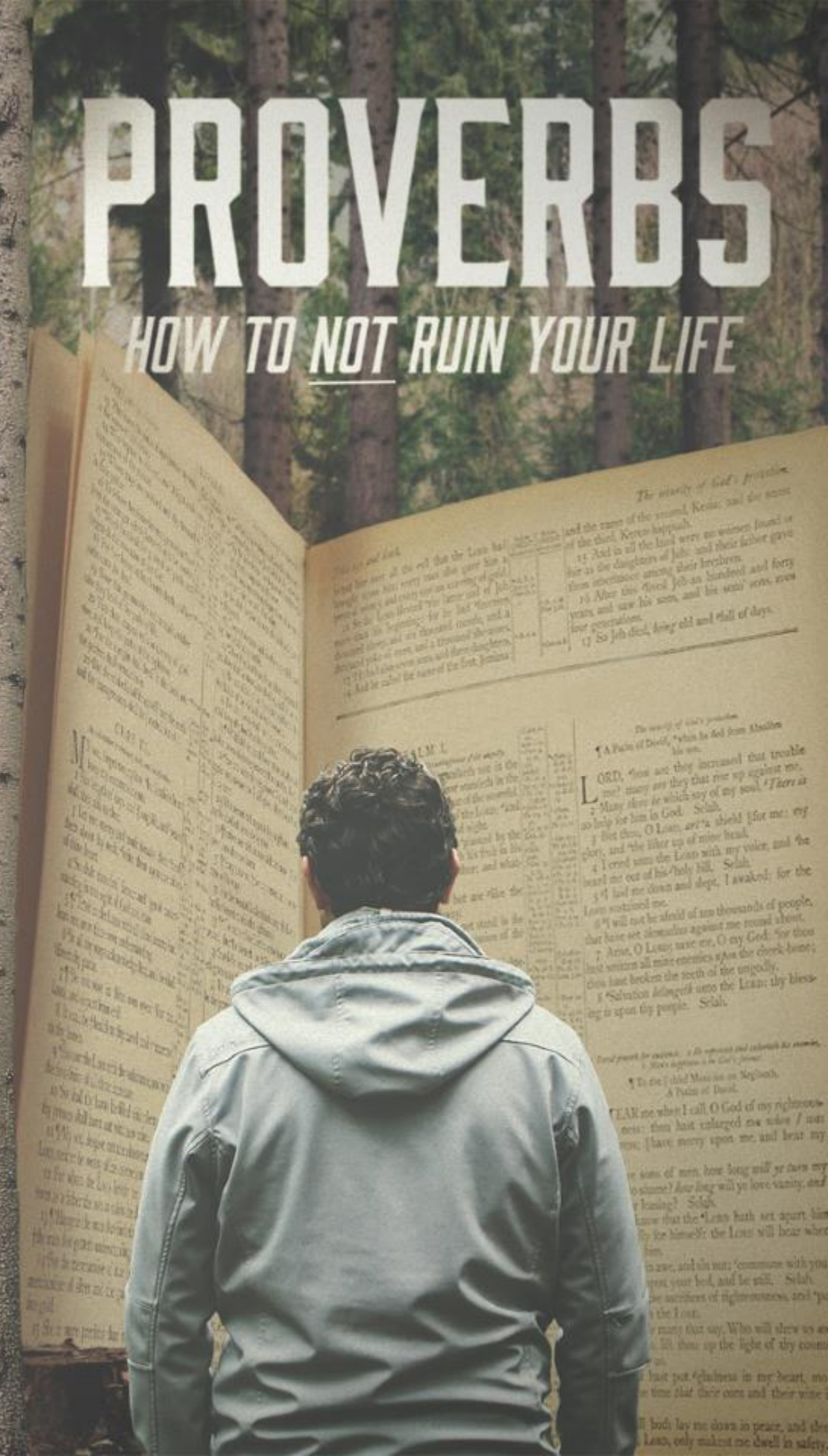
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Laziness is NOT
doing what you
OUGHT to be
doing at the time.

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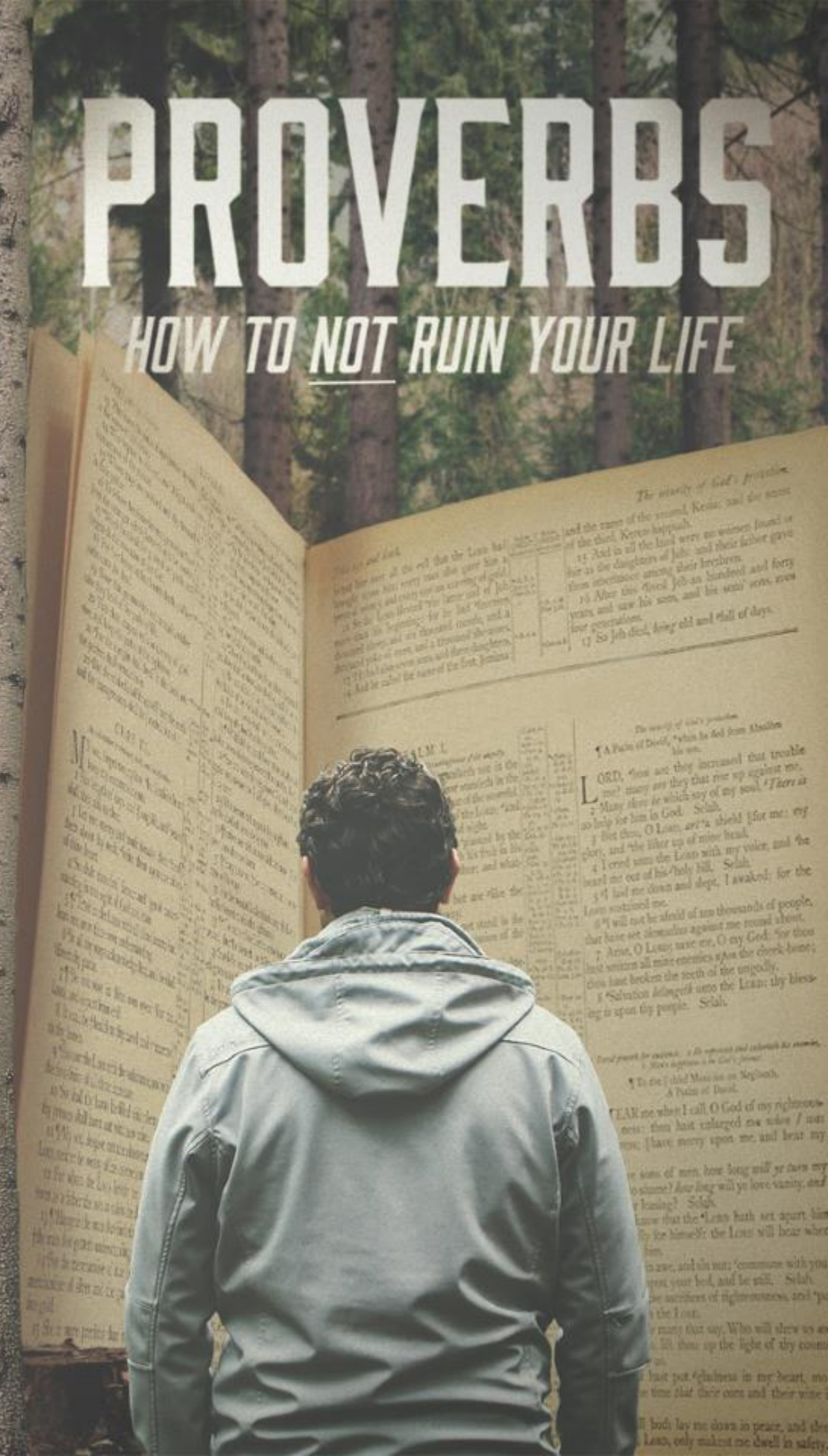


The Sluggard...

#2 Does not finish what they start.

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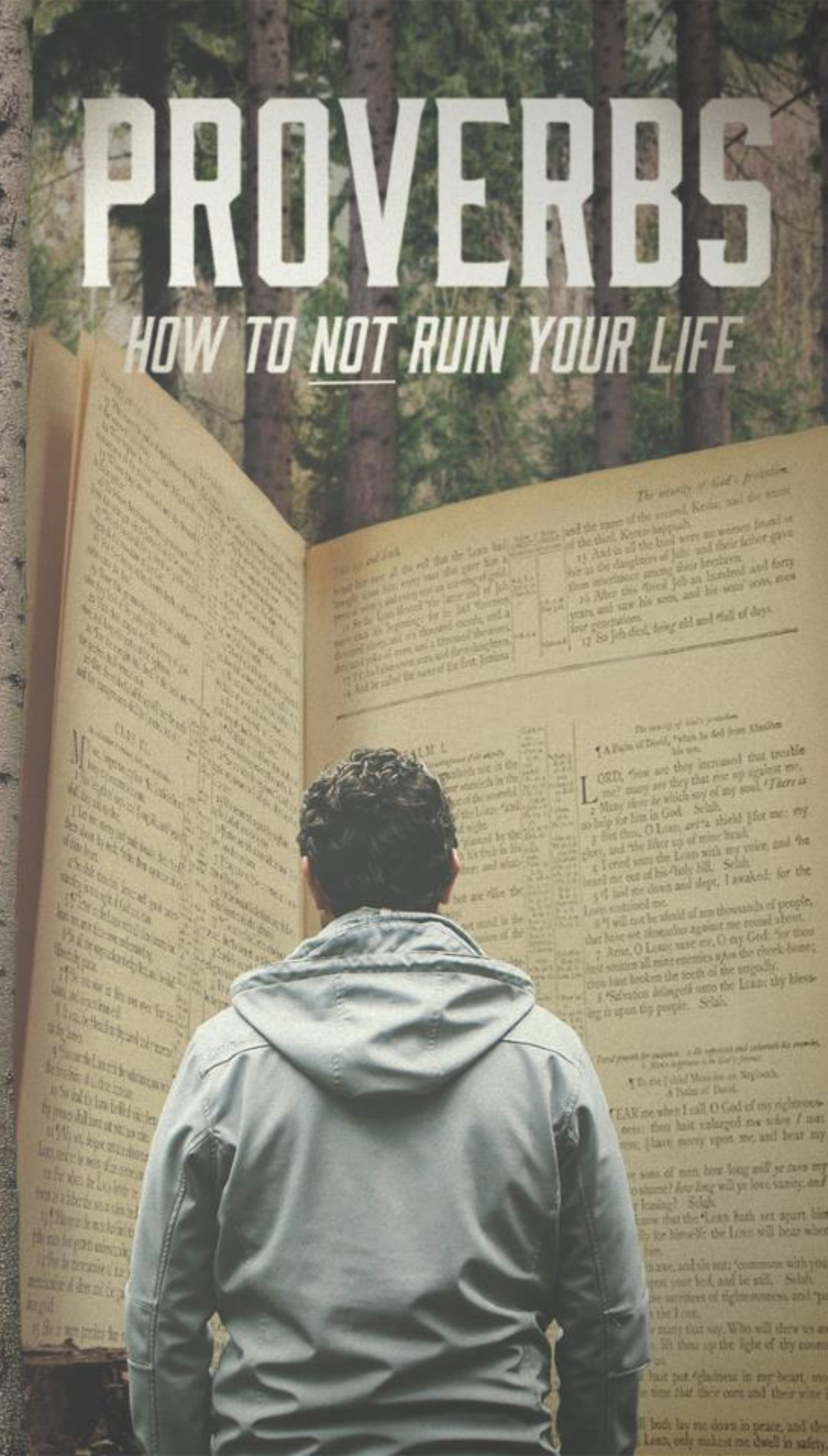


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Proverbs 12:27

*The slothful will not
roast his game; but
the diligent man will
get precious wealth.*

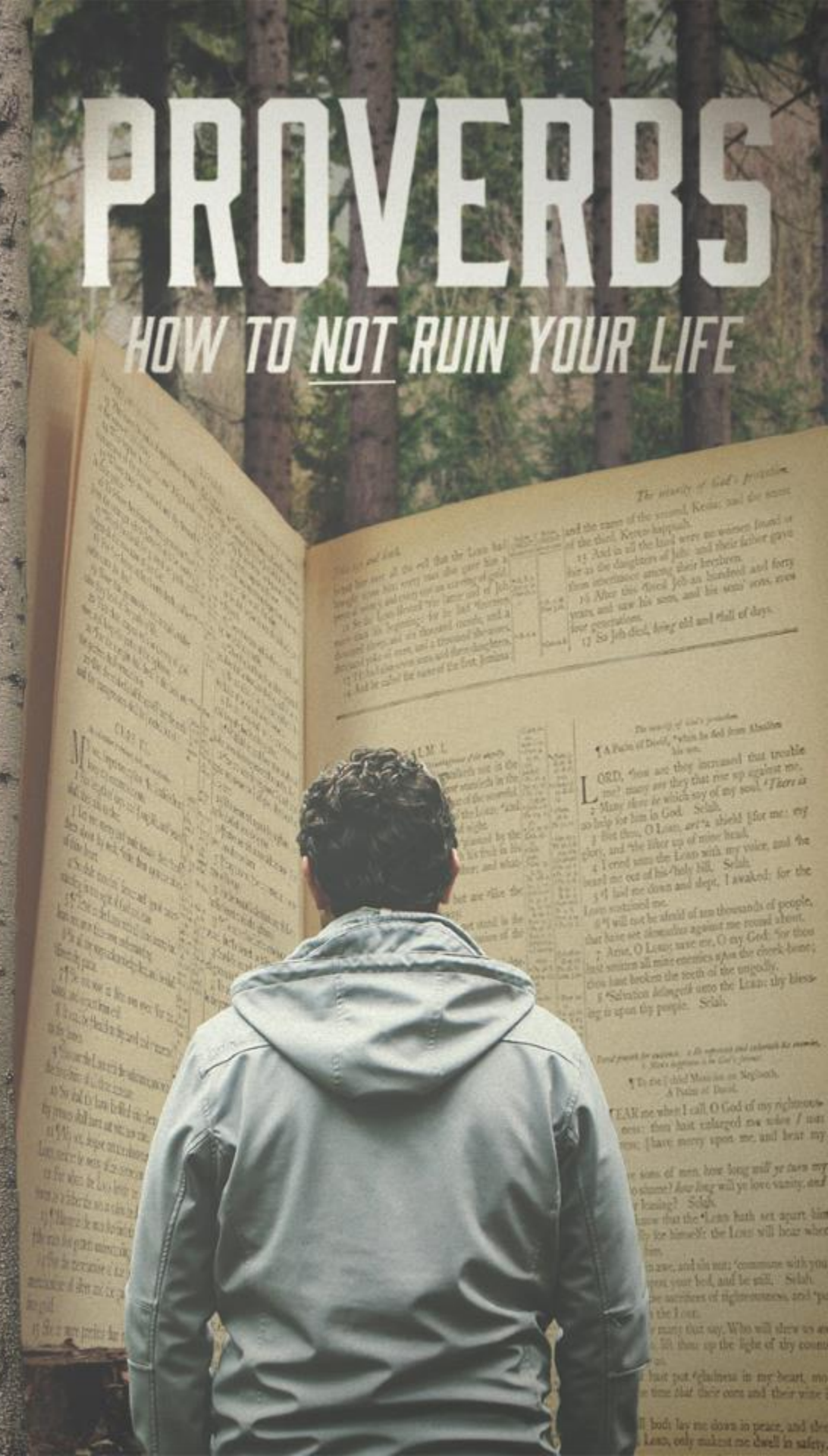


The Sluggard...

#3 Has Undisciplined Sleep Habits.

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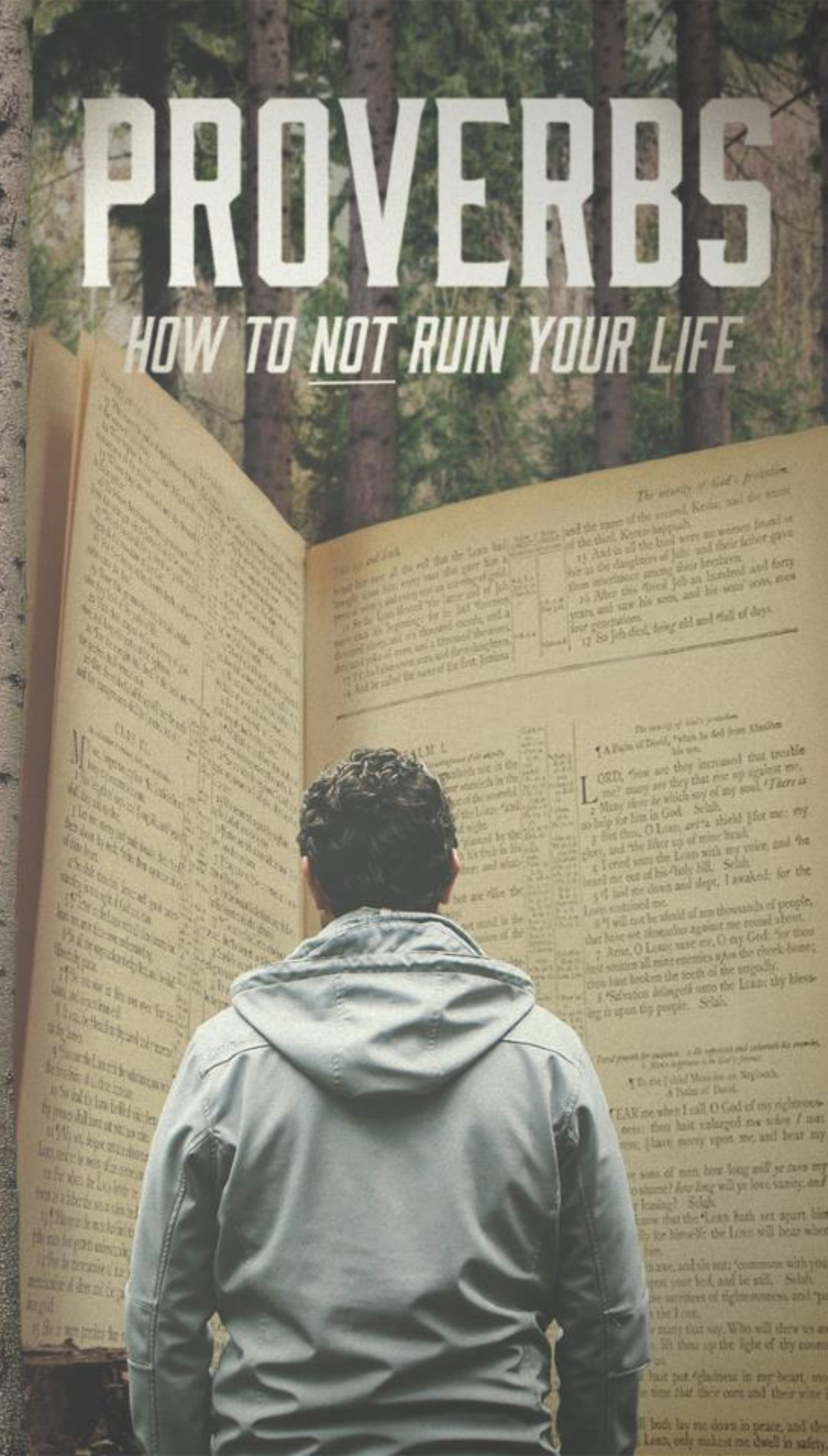


Proverbs 6:9-11 (24:33)

How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

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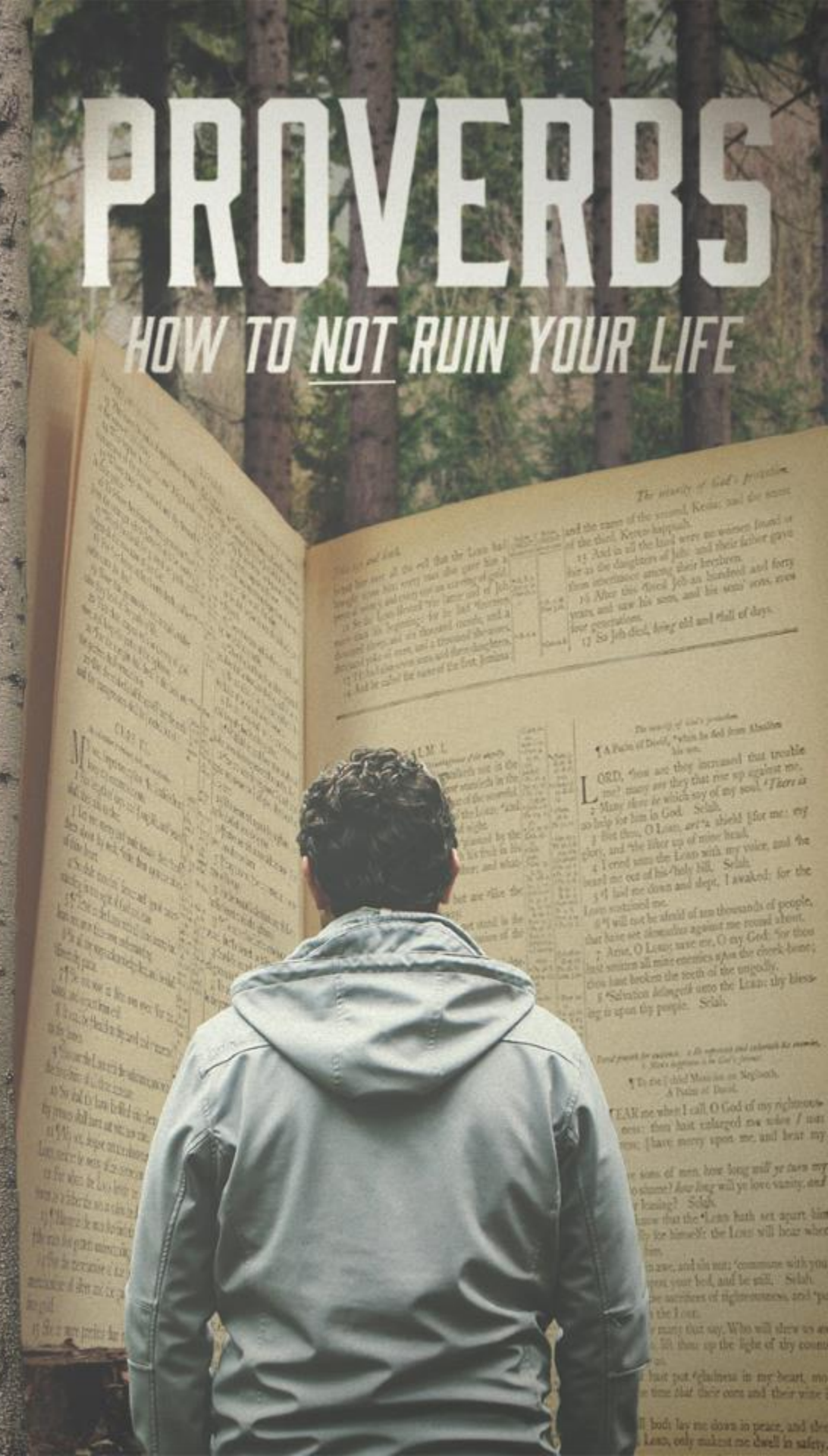
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Proverbs 19:15
*Slothfulness casts
into deep sleep; the
idle person will be
hungry.*

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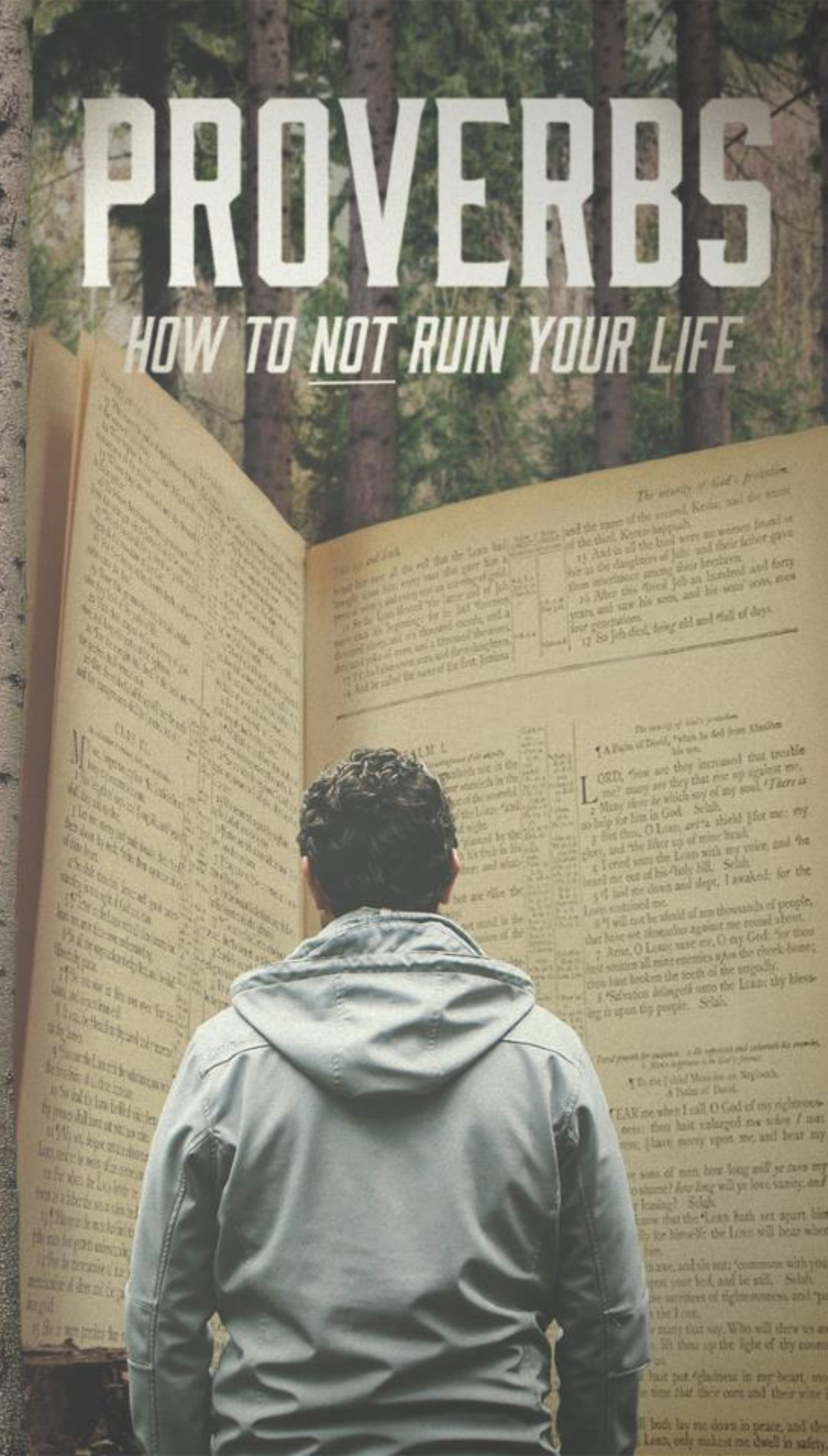


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Proverbs 20:13

*Love not sleep, lest
you come to poverty;
open your eyes and
have plenty.*

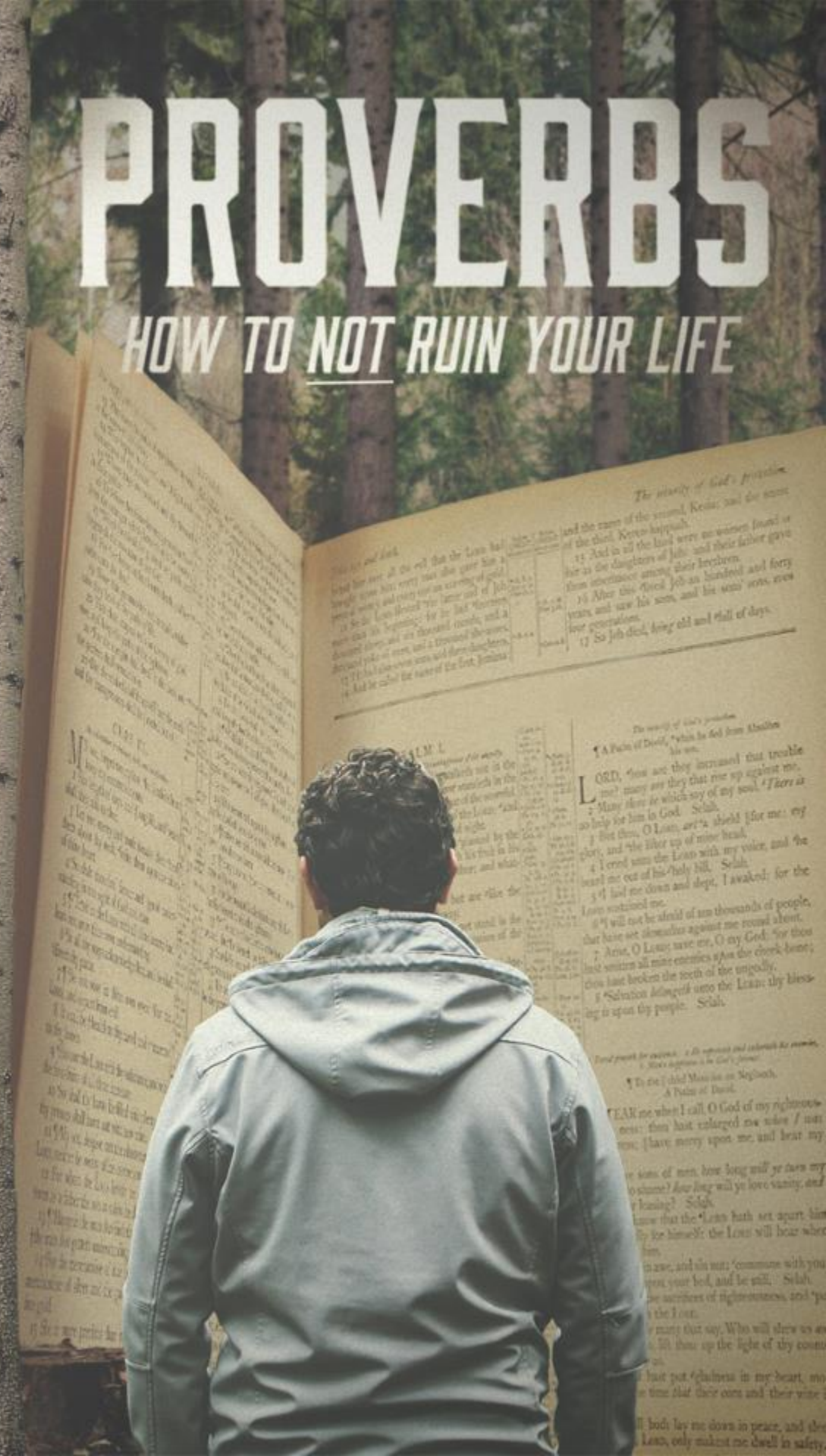


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Proverbs 26:14

*As a door turns on its
hinges, so does a
 sluggard on his bed.*



The Sluggard...

#4 Makes an IDOL out of being IDLE.

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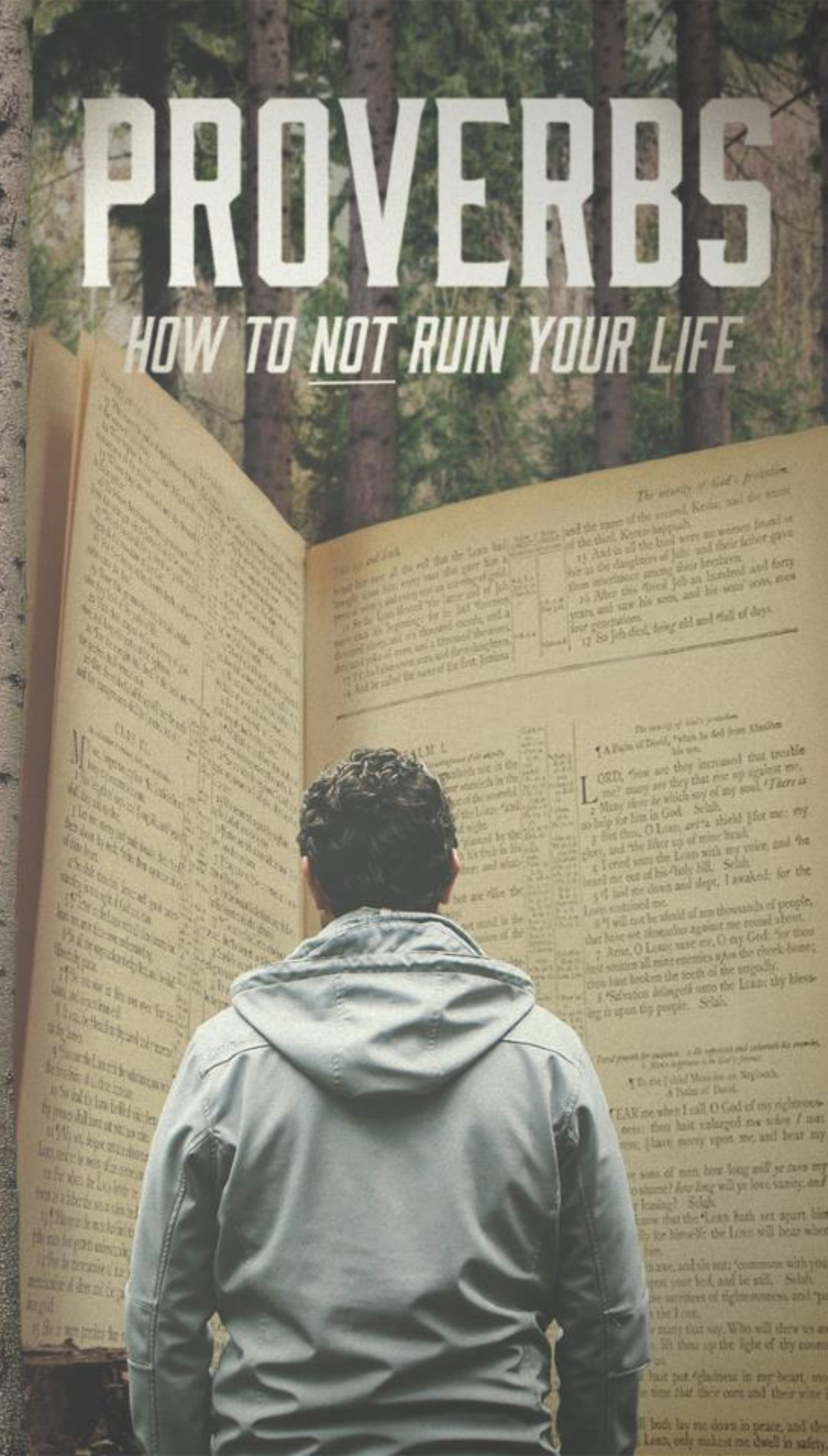


Proverbs 21:17

*Whoever loves
pleasure will be a
poor man; he who
loves wine and oil
will not be rich.*

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The Sluggard...

#5 Creatively finds excuses for inactivity.

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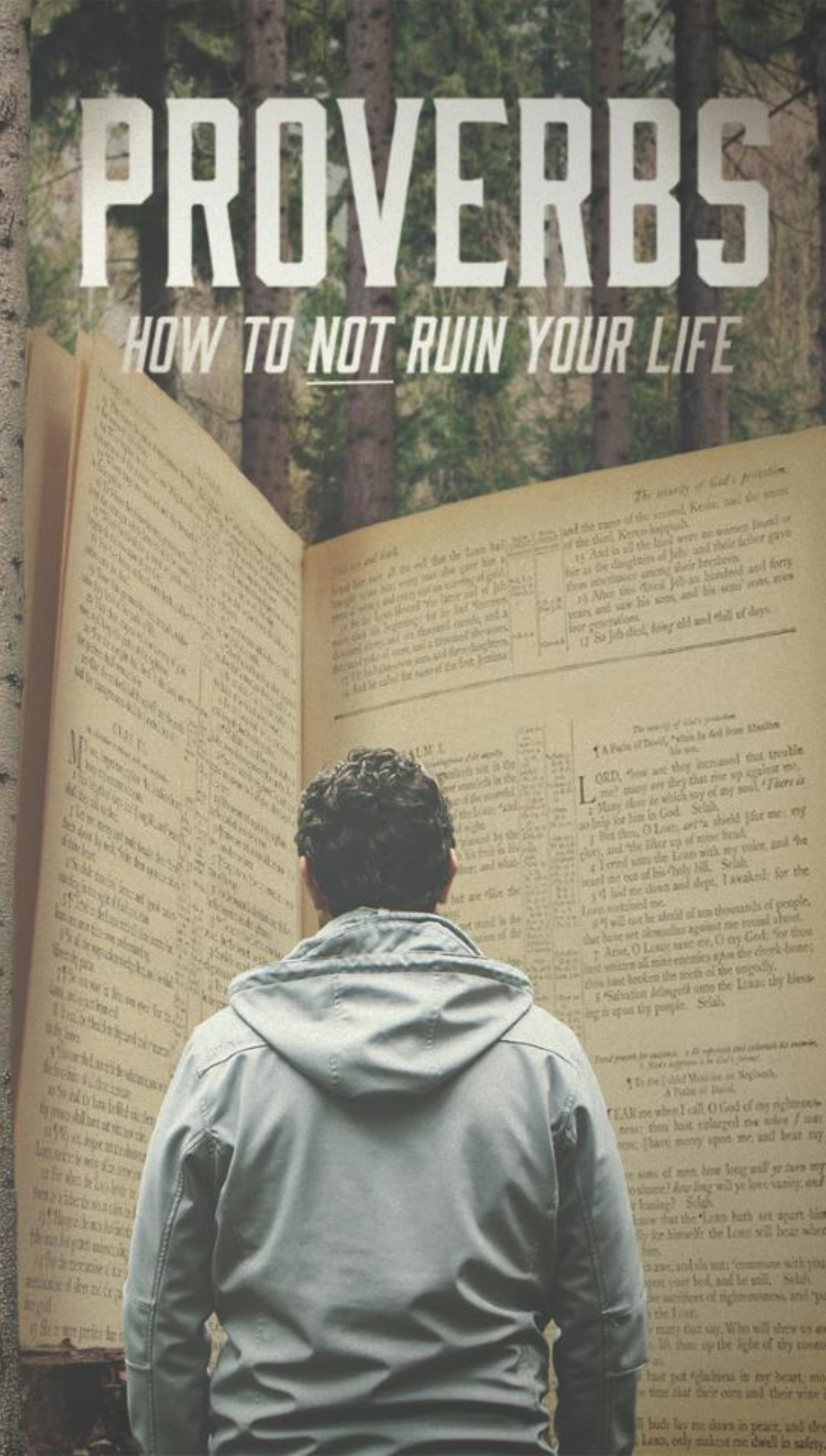


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Proverbs 14:23

*In all toil there is
profit, but mere talk
tends only to poverty.*

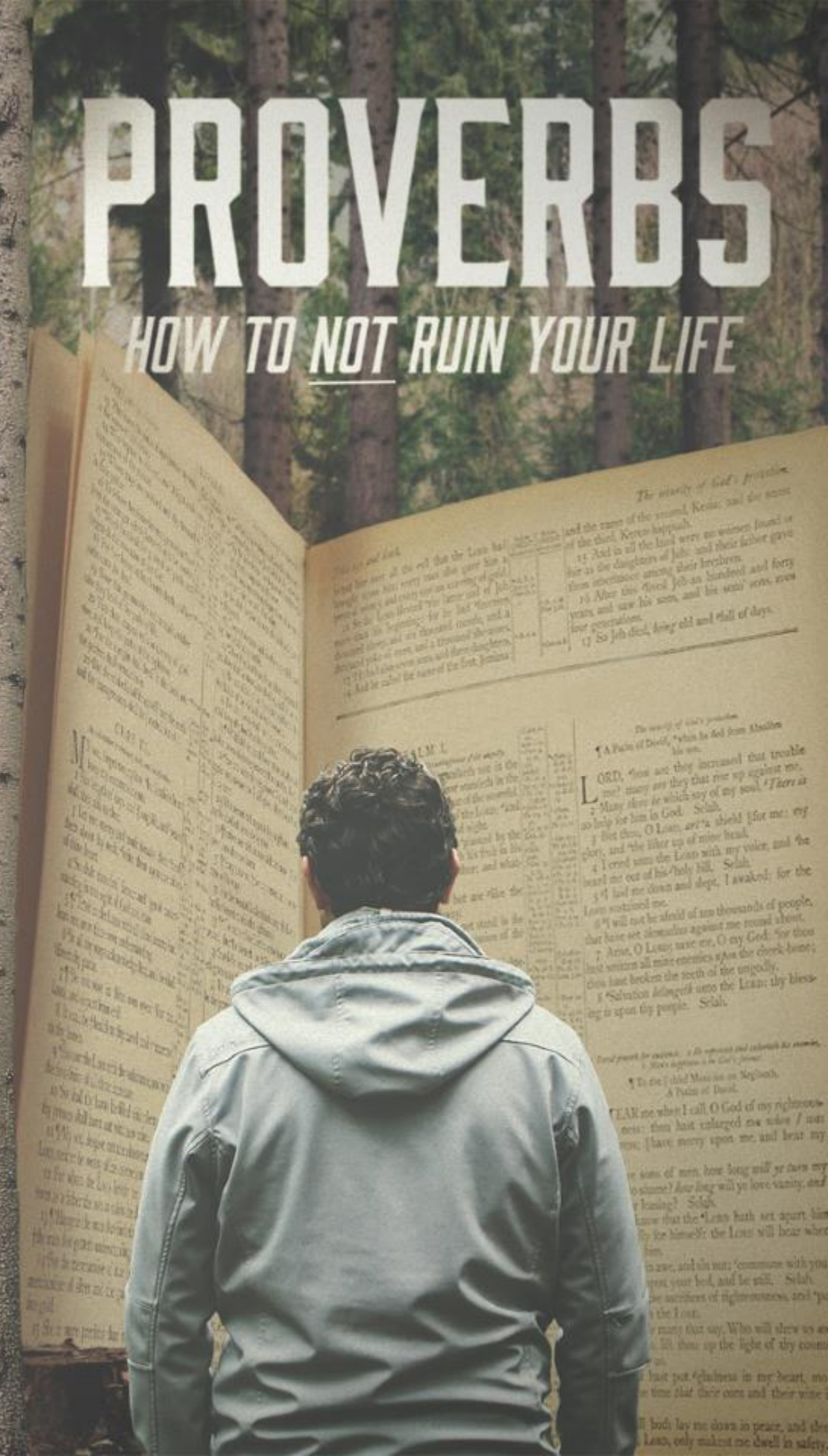


Proverbs 22:13, 26:13

*The sluggard says,
“There is a lion in the
road! There is a lion
in the streets!”*

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The Sluggard...

#6 Brings Ruin on Themselves and Others.

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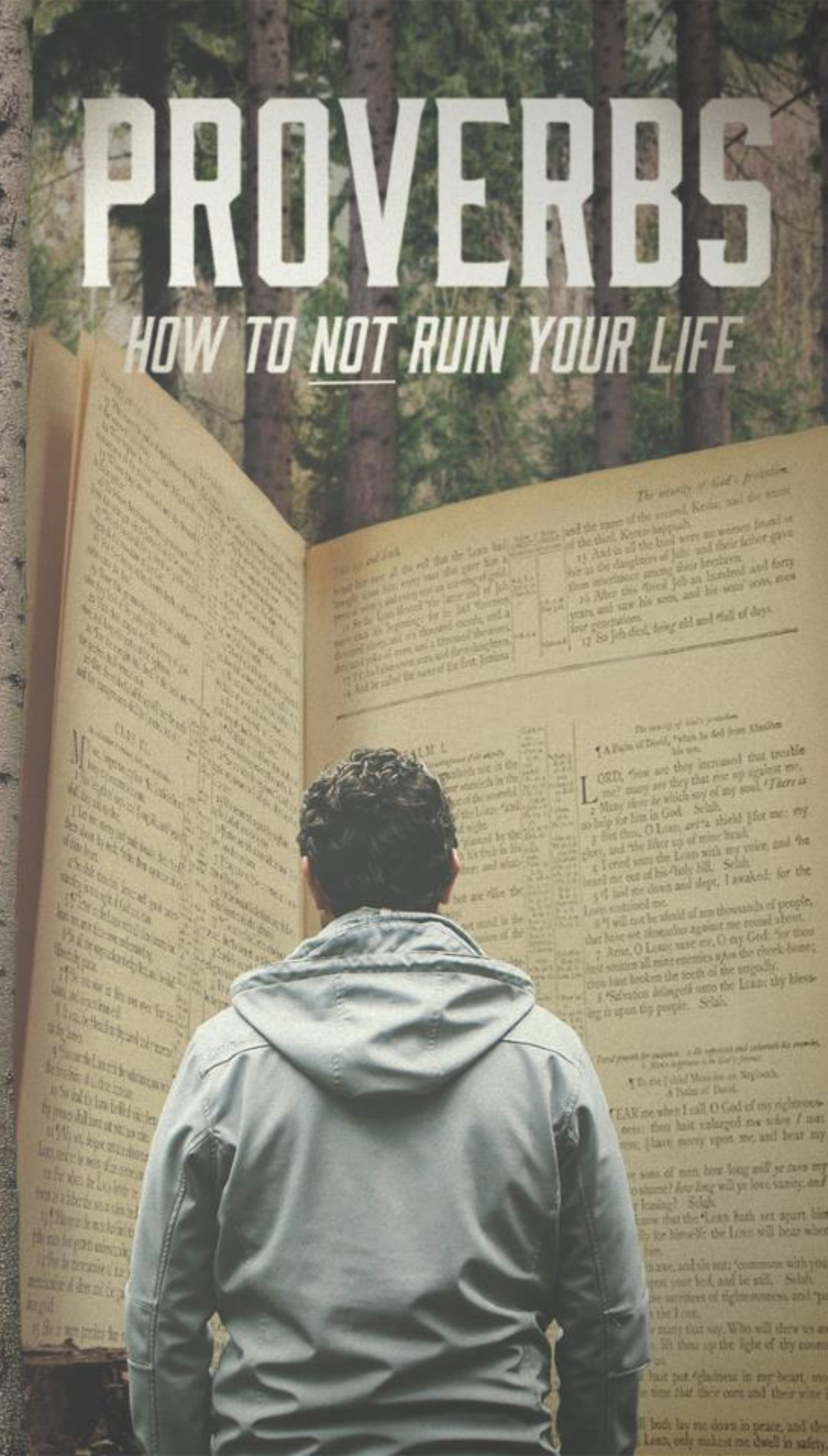


Proverbs 24:30-31

I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.

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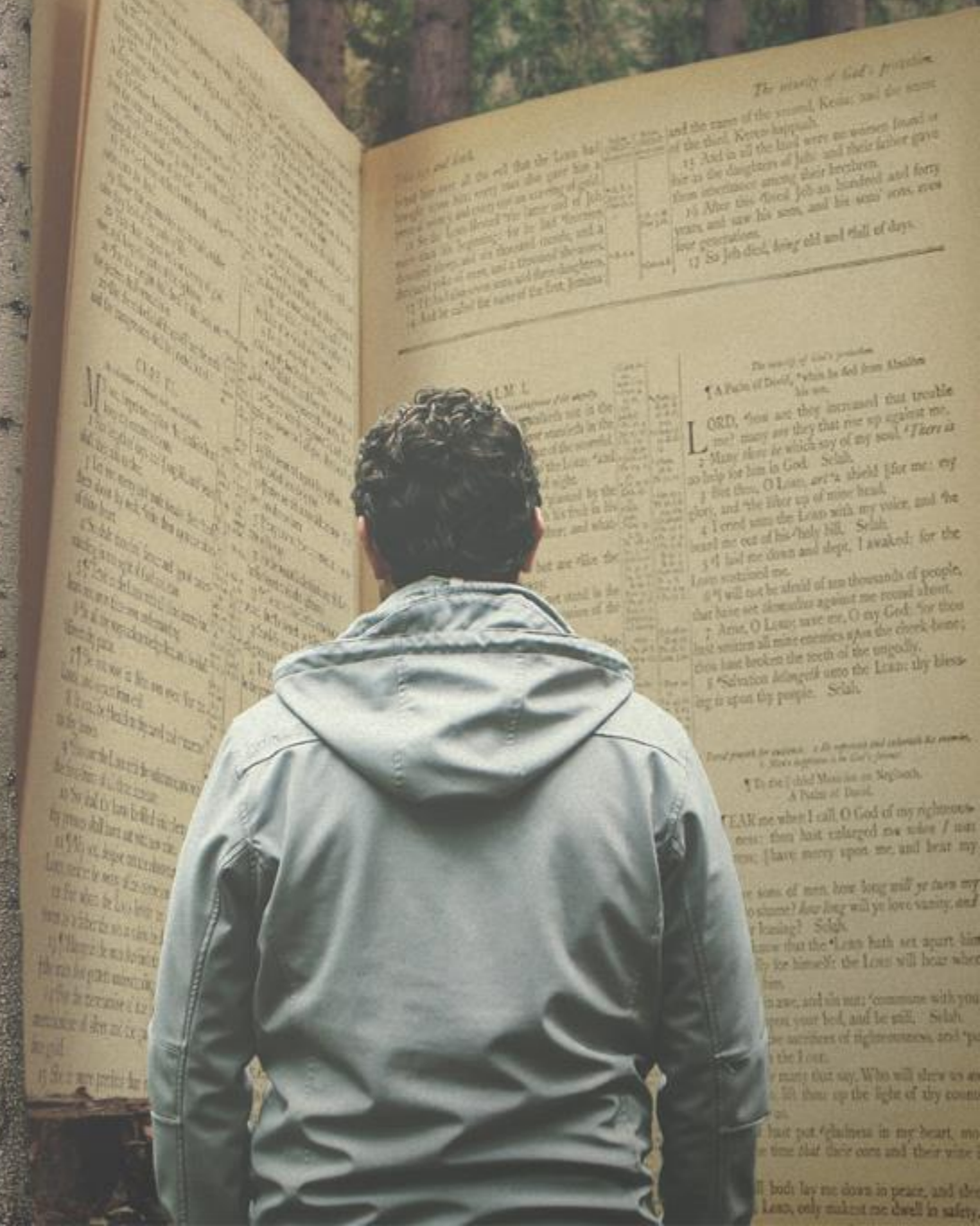


“Our hearts and the sphere
God gives us to occupy will
be sure to produce
something. If we do not
produce a harvest of good
wheat, by labouring for
Christ, we shall sow tares
to be bound up in bundles
for the last dread burning.”

Charles Spurgeon

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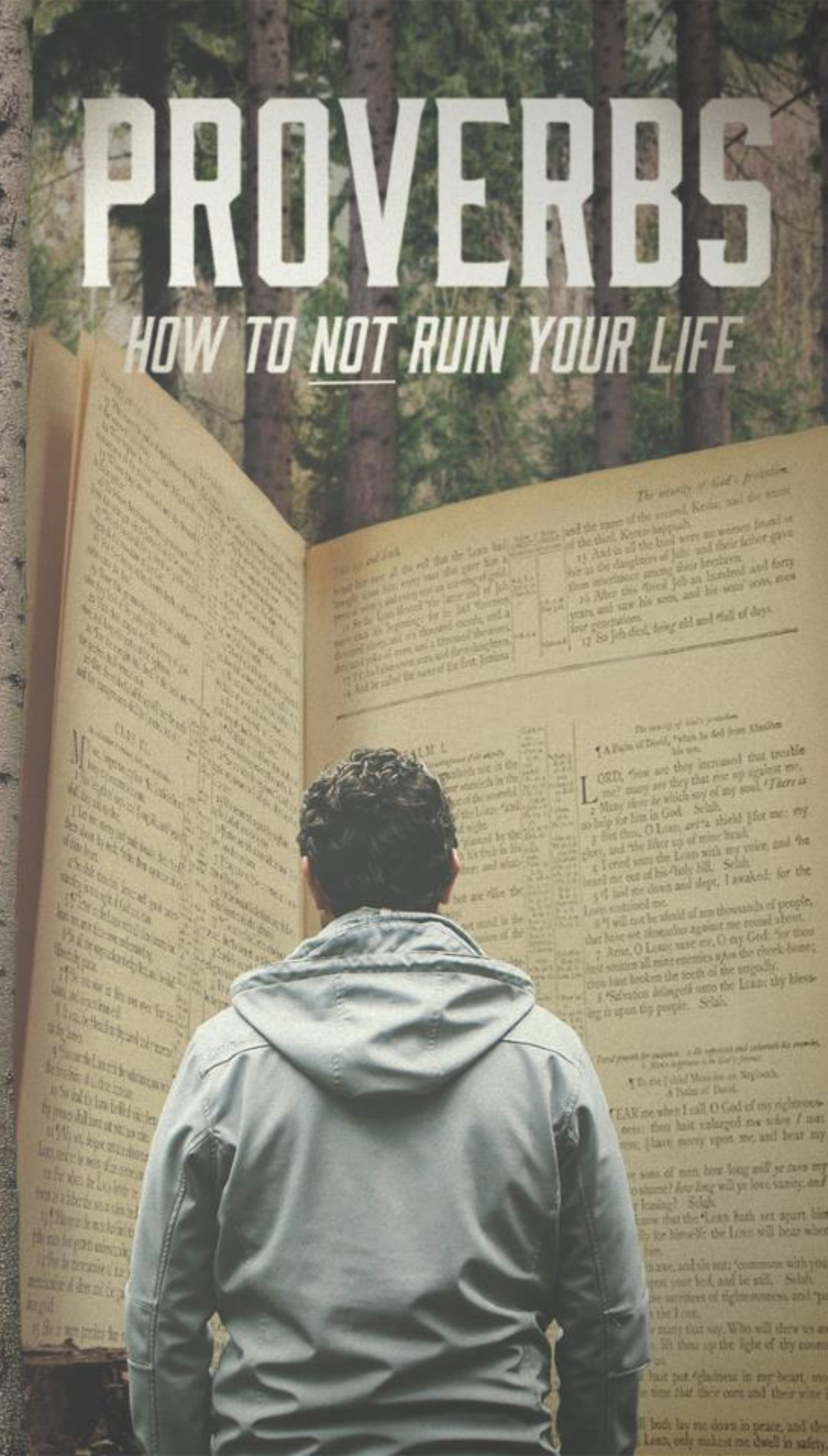


Proverbs 21:25-26

The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor. All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

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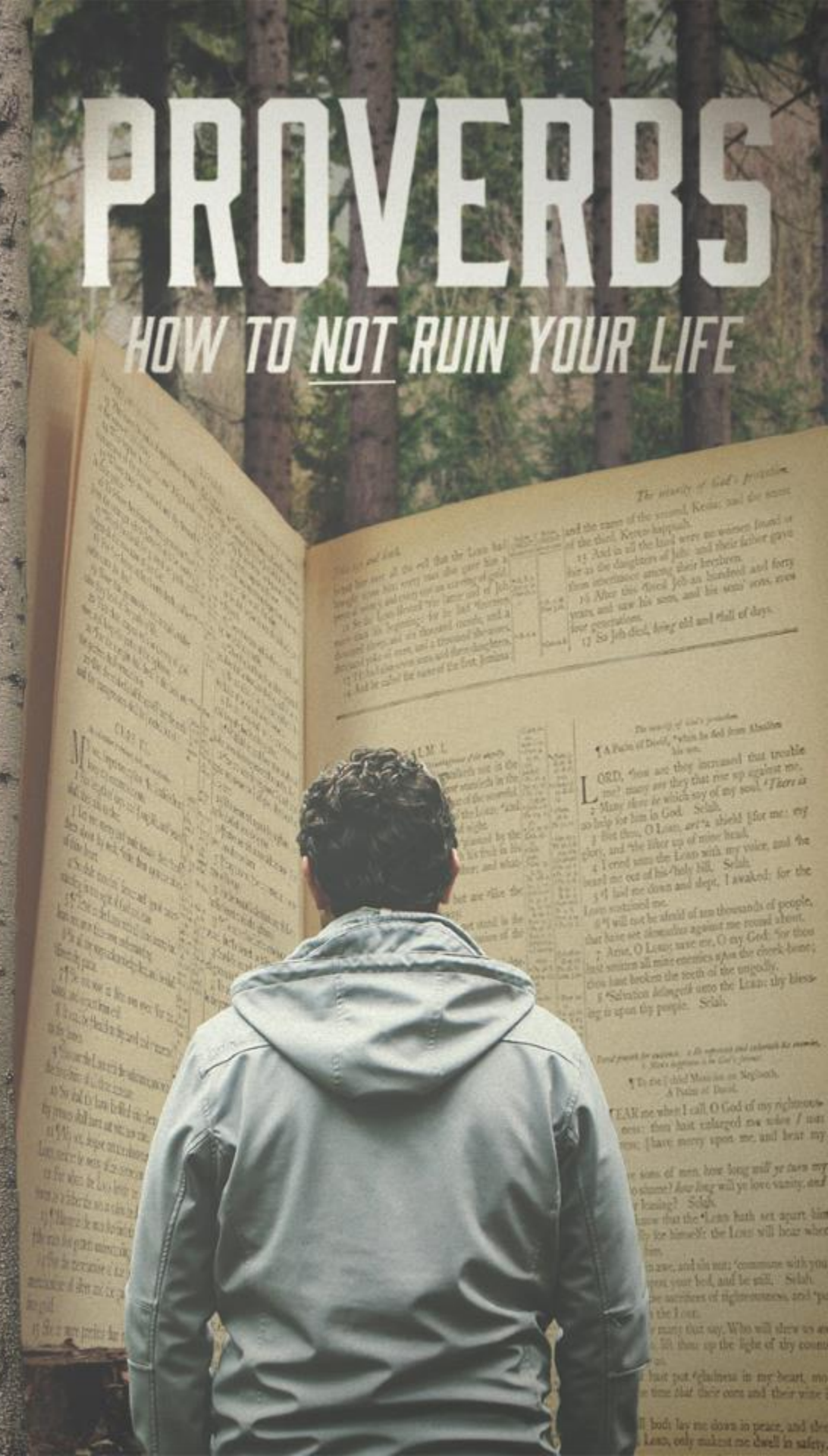
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The Power to Overcome Laziness

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The Power to Overcome Laziness

1. Admit that we need God's Help.

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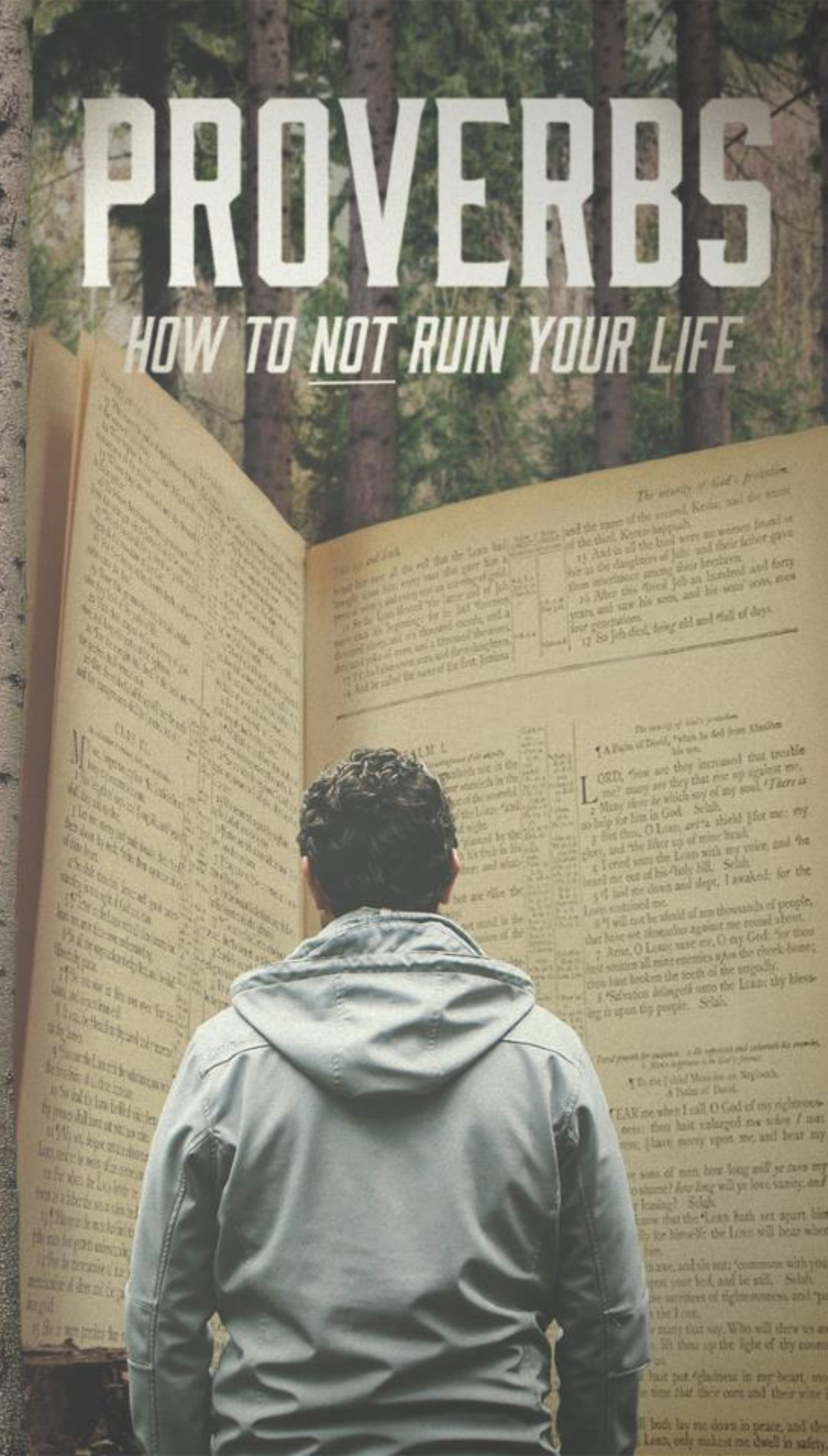


2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

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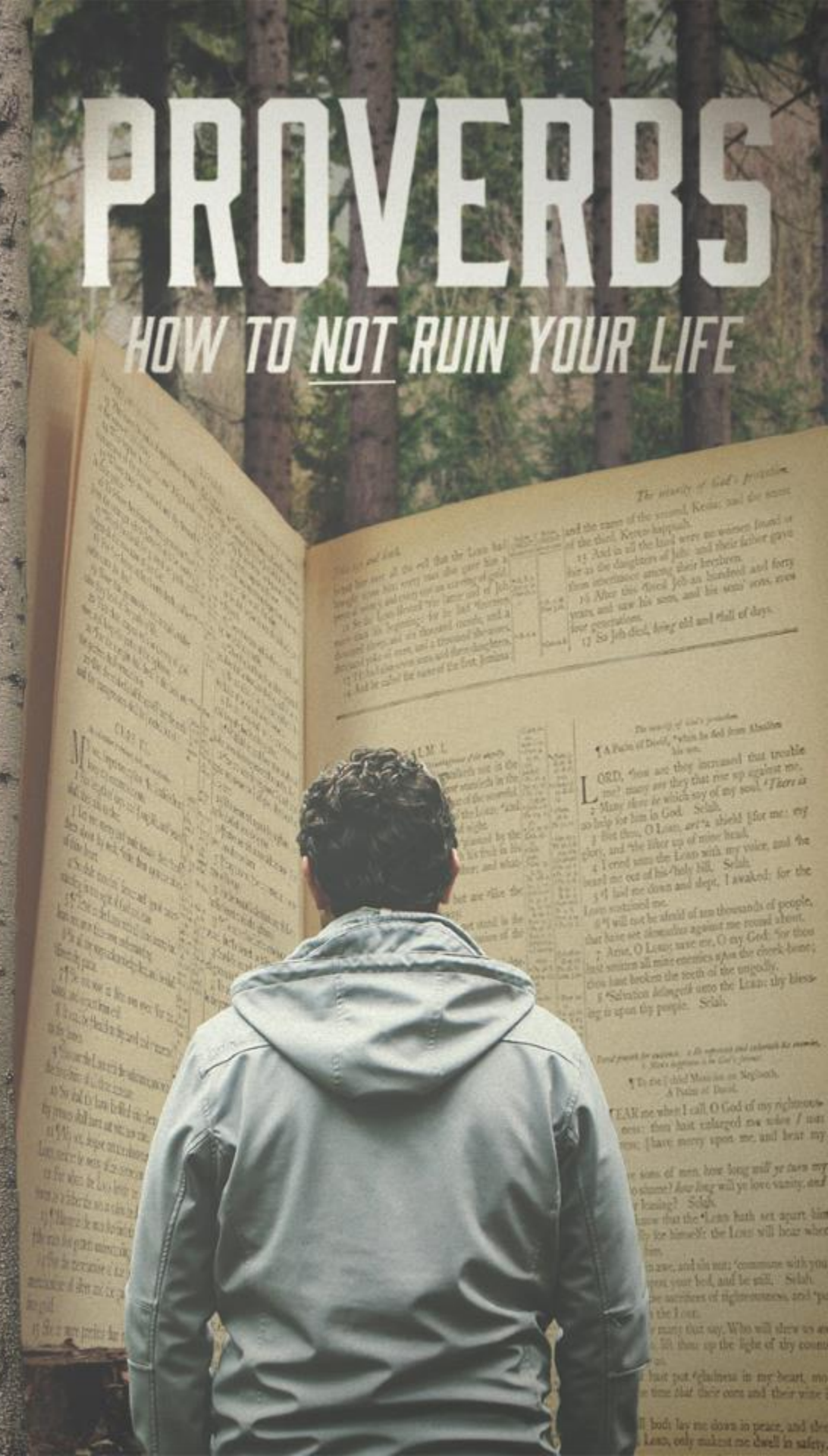


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2. Look to Christ.

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Hebrews 12:2-3

Fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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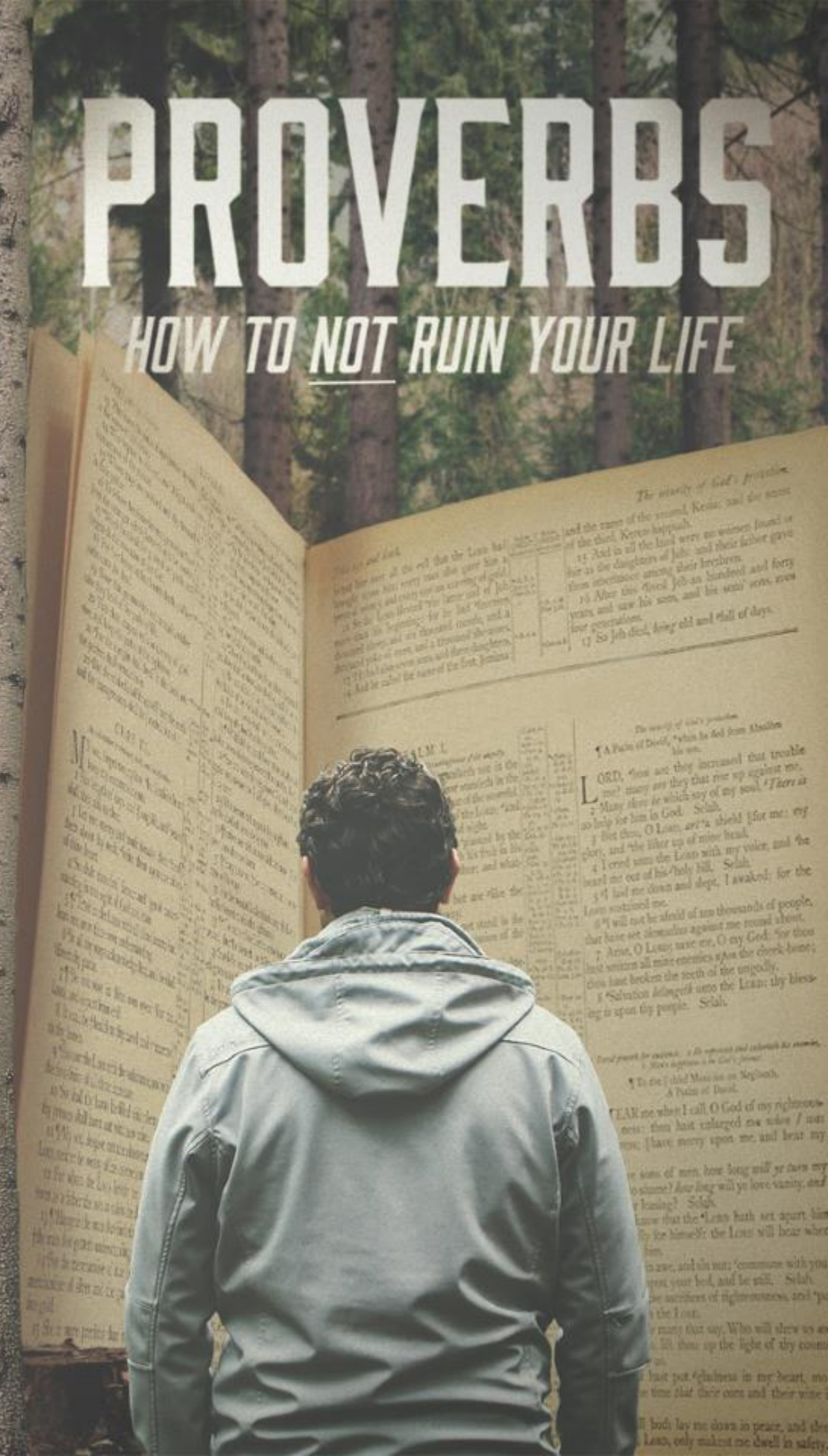
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3. Work for the Glory of the Lord.

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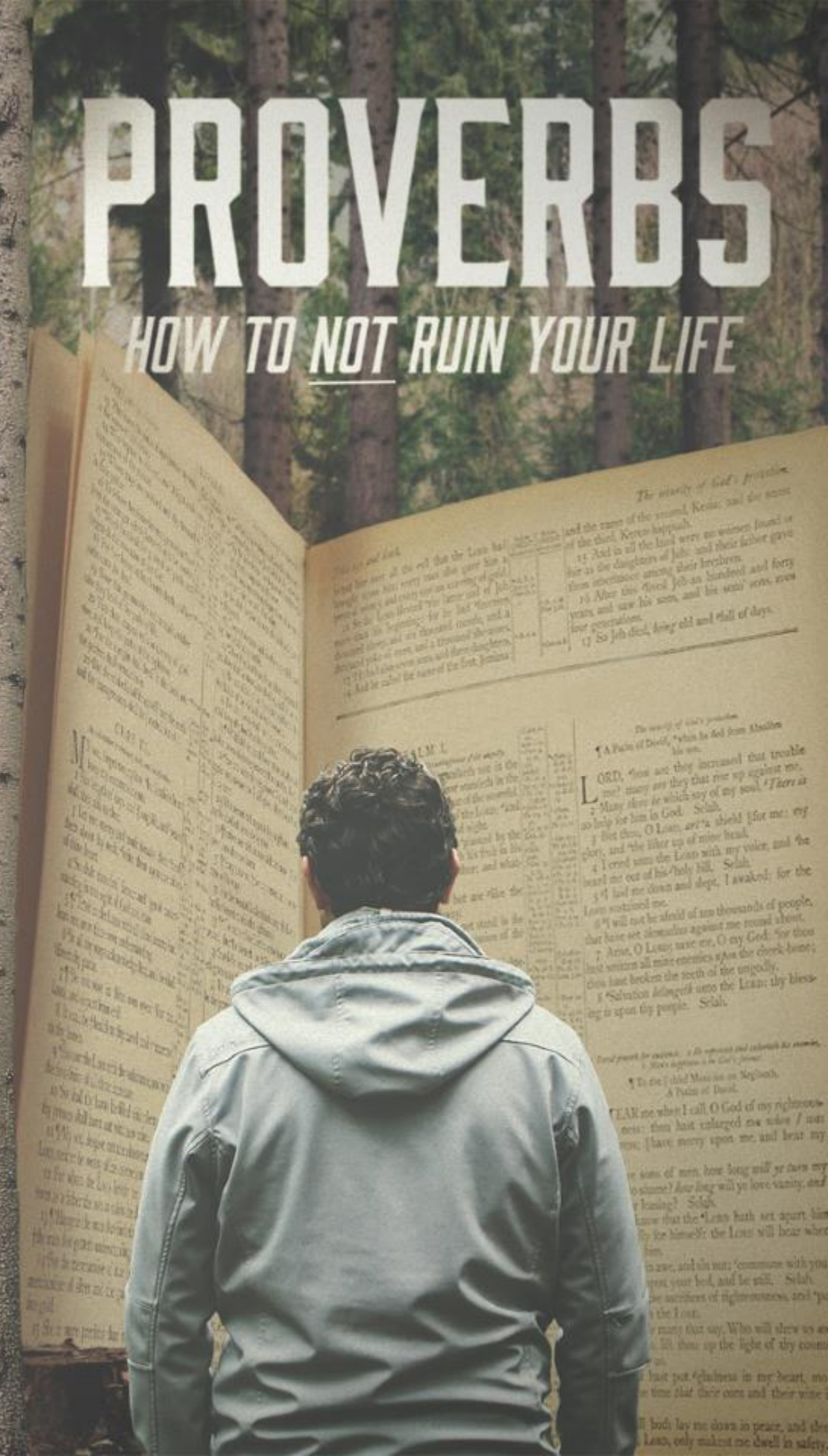


Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

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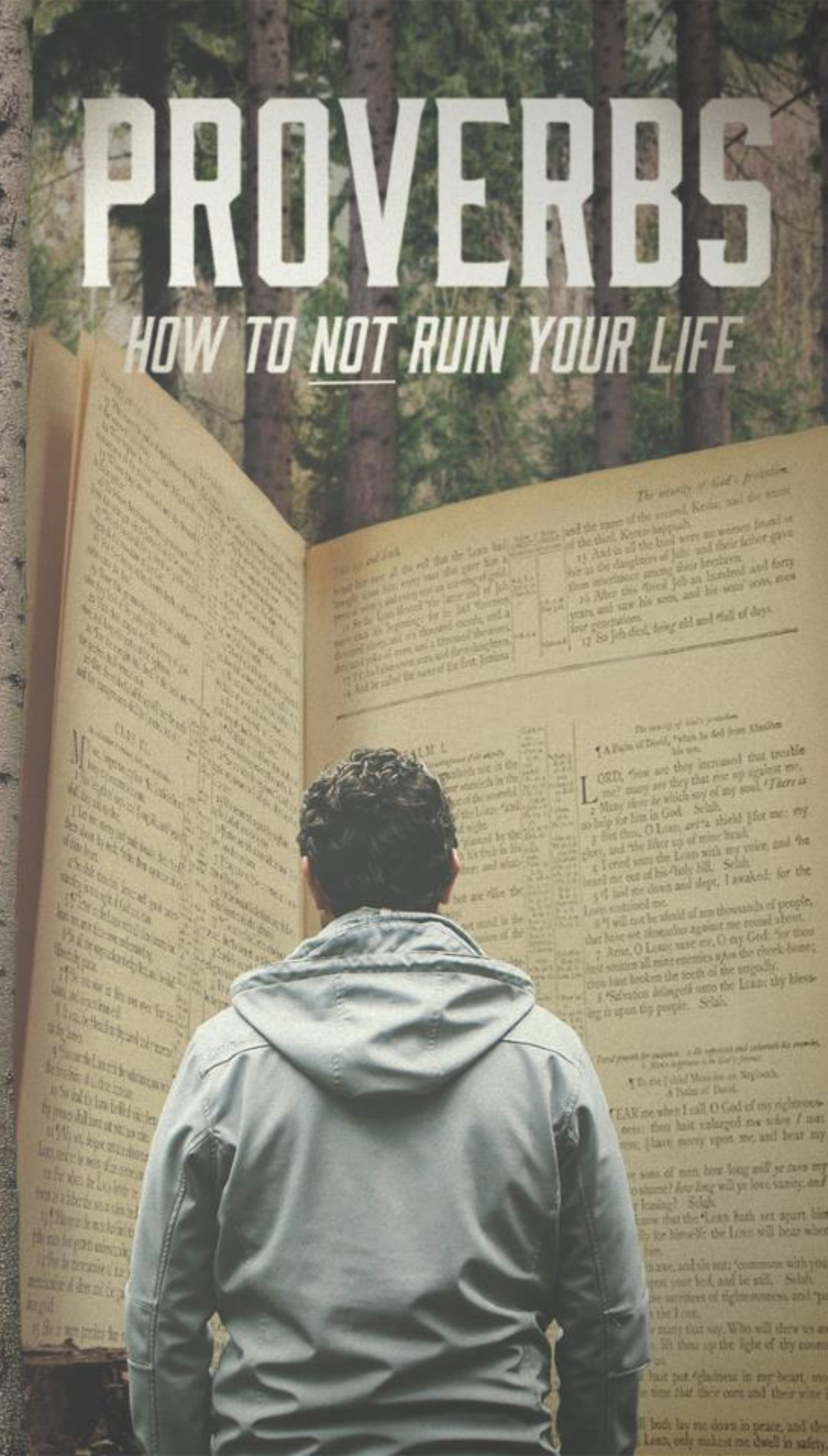


Philippians 2:12-13

*Therefore, my dear friends,
as you have always
obeyed—not only in my
presence, but now much
more in my absence—
continue to **work out**
your salvation with fear
and trembling, for it is
God who works in you to
will and to act in order to
fulfill his good purpose.*

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