

TWO THINGS

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do not refuse me before I die:
Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, 'Who is the Lord?'
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.

TWO THINGS

1. What are the two requests?
2. What are the two reasons for the request?

PROVERBS 30:7

- . Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die (NIV)
- . [God,] I have asked two things of you; don't deny them to me as long as I live (Complete Jewish Bible)



(Matthew 26:39)

CHRIST IN GETHSEMANE (1890)

Painted by Heinrich Hofmann



Christ at 33

Heinrich Hofmann (1824 - 1911)

“Originally I had painted it for myself. I wanted it to hang over my bed, so that at night, before I would go to sleep, Christ’s eyes would ask me: ‘Have you lived this day according to my commandments?’ ”



PROVERBS 30:7

- . What would you ask God for before you die? What is your desperate prayer request?
- . What would you ask God for as long as you live? What is your prayer of priority in life?

PROVERBS 30:8

1. Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
2. Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread

PROVERBS 30:8A

- . Keep falsehood and lies far from me (NIV)
- . Keep falsehood and futility far from me (Complete Jewish Bible)

FALSEHOOD

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

- . Emptiness
- . Nothingness
- . Vanity
- . Worthlessness
- . Sense of desolation
- . Idolatry
- . Uselessness

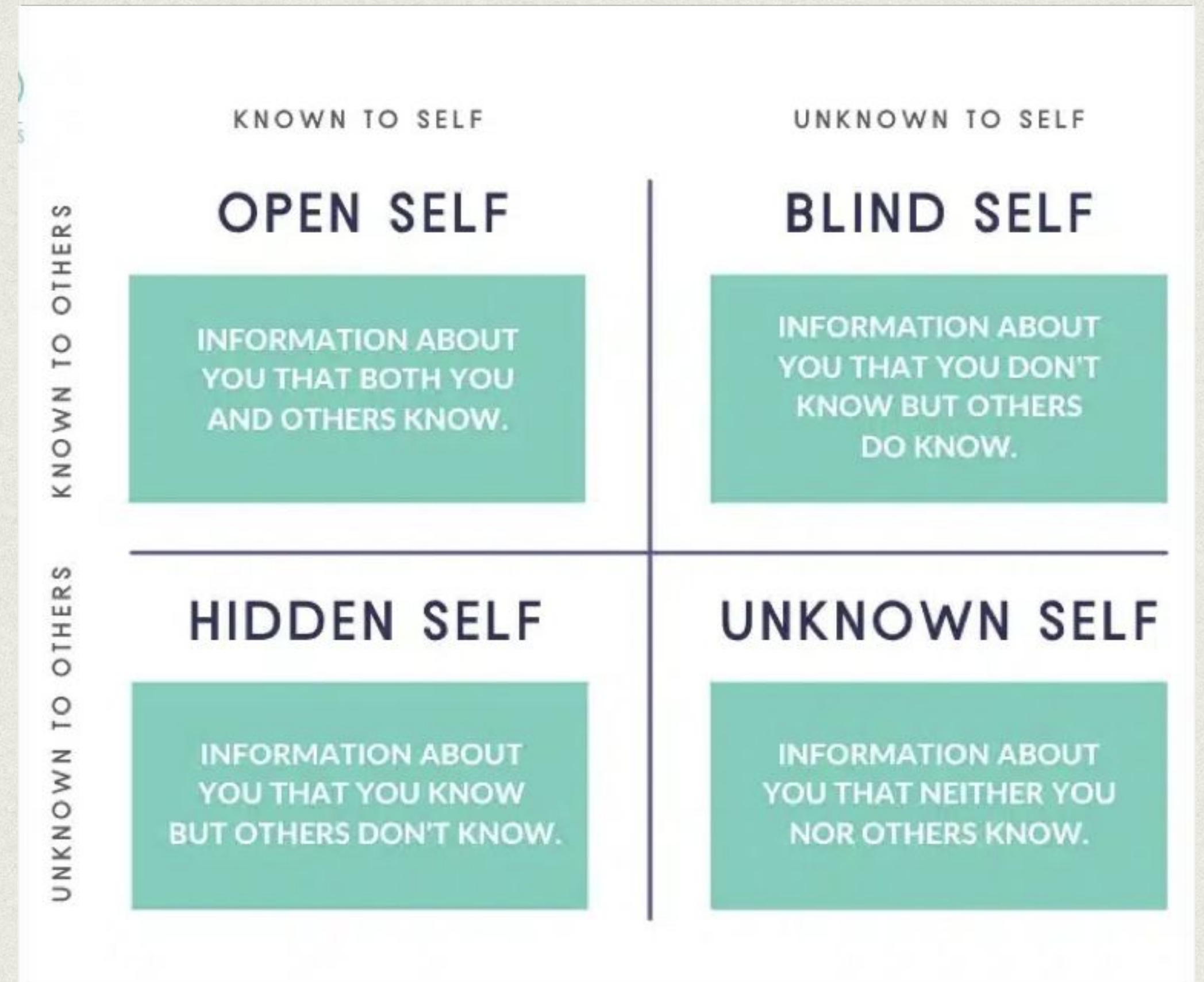


BeReal.

Caption

JOHARI WINDOW THEORY

- Written by psychologists Joseph Luft (1916–2014) and Harrington Ingham (1916–1995) in 1955
- Self help
- Increase self awareness



LIES (FUTILITY)

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

- Conscious deception
- Deliberate falsehood
- Seeking advantage through denial of truth

**SELF DECEPTION / CONDITIONAL
THINKING**



Caption

PROVERBS 30:8B

- give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread
(NIV)
- give me neither poverty nor wealth. Yes, provide just the food I need
today (Complete Jewish Bible)

EXODUS 16:35

The Israelites ate **manna** forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.



God gave
them manna
to keep them
alive.



TWIN PEAKS PARADOX

- . Dr. Yanis Varoufakis (Economics professor, Greek economist and politician)
- . One peak - mountain of debts
- . Second peak - mountain of idle cash



Idle cash (\$5.1T)

Investment (\$3.4T)



Church / Personal cash reserves

Needs of the community



PROVERBS 30:9

1. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' (Adonai - Master)
2. Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

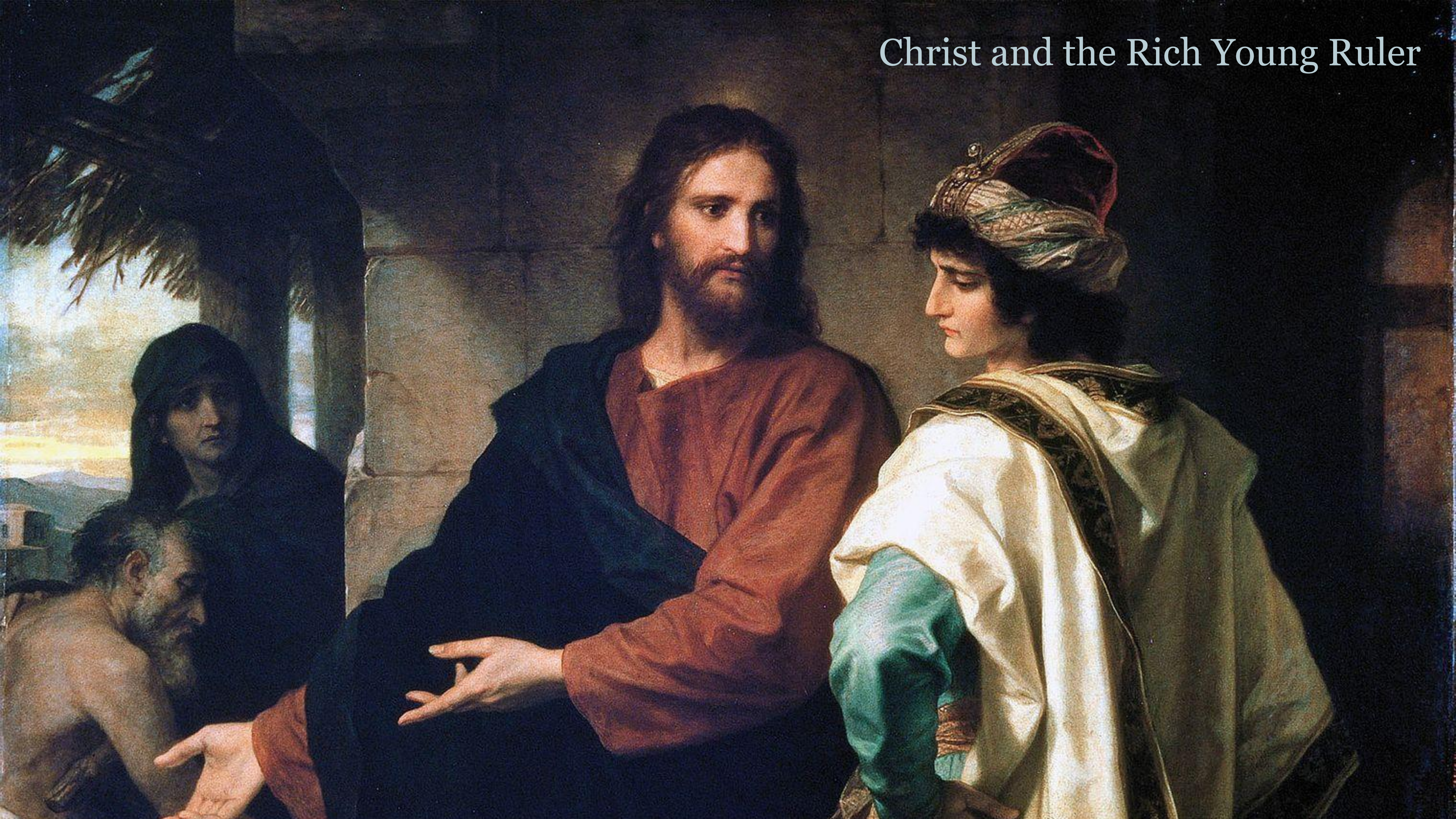
HONOR GOD WITH YOUR WEALTH

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to **put their hope in God**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.
(1 Timothy 6:7-8)



Lydia painted by Edward Irvine Halliday

Christ and the Rich Young Ruler



PROVERBS 30:7-9

Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die:

1. Keep falsehood and lies far from me; **(Be Real)**
2. give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. **(Be Contented)**

Otherwise,

1. I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?'
2. Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

(Not to dishonour God)

THE WIDOW WITH THE TWO COINS

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in **two very small copper coins**, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, **put in everything**—all she had to live on.”

(Mark 12:41-44)

