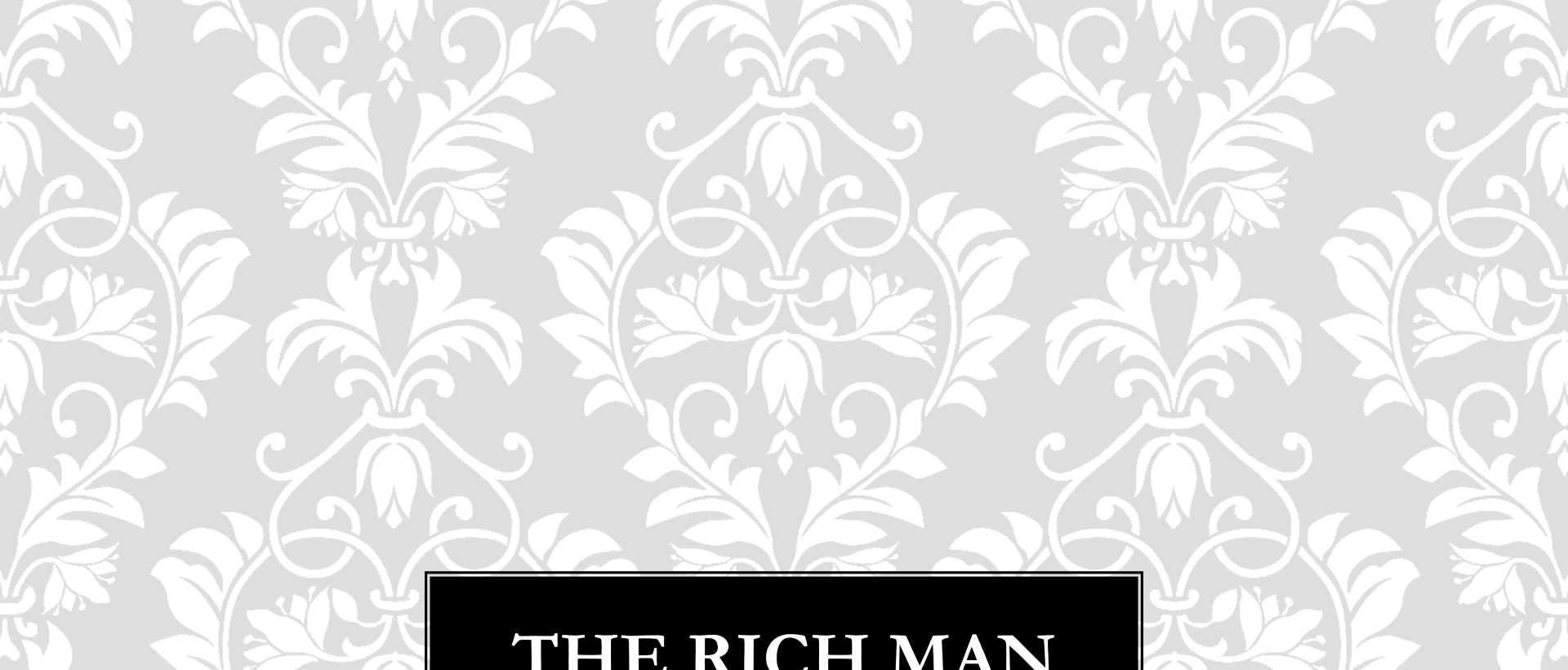


DO YOU WANT TO BE RICH?



“How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God.” – Mark 10:23



THE RICH MAN

AVOID OBSESSIONS

Def. = an idea, thought, or desire that continually preoccupies or intrudes on a person's mind

“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful.
All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought
under the power of any.” (1 Cor. 6:12)

HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

“Good Teacher?”

“Why do you call Me good? No one is
good but One, that is, God.”

(Mk. 10:18)



PRETENDING TO SEEK HIM

“He catches the wise in their own craftiness.” (Job 5:12)



LOOKING FOR SHORTCUTS

“You know the commandments:
‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not
murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false
witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your
father and your mother. ’”
(Mk. 10:19)



*“The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, is hidden in
the commandments, to be revealed practically to
him who practices it.” (St. Mark the Hermit)*

DOES GOD LOVE THOSE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW HIM?

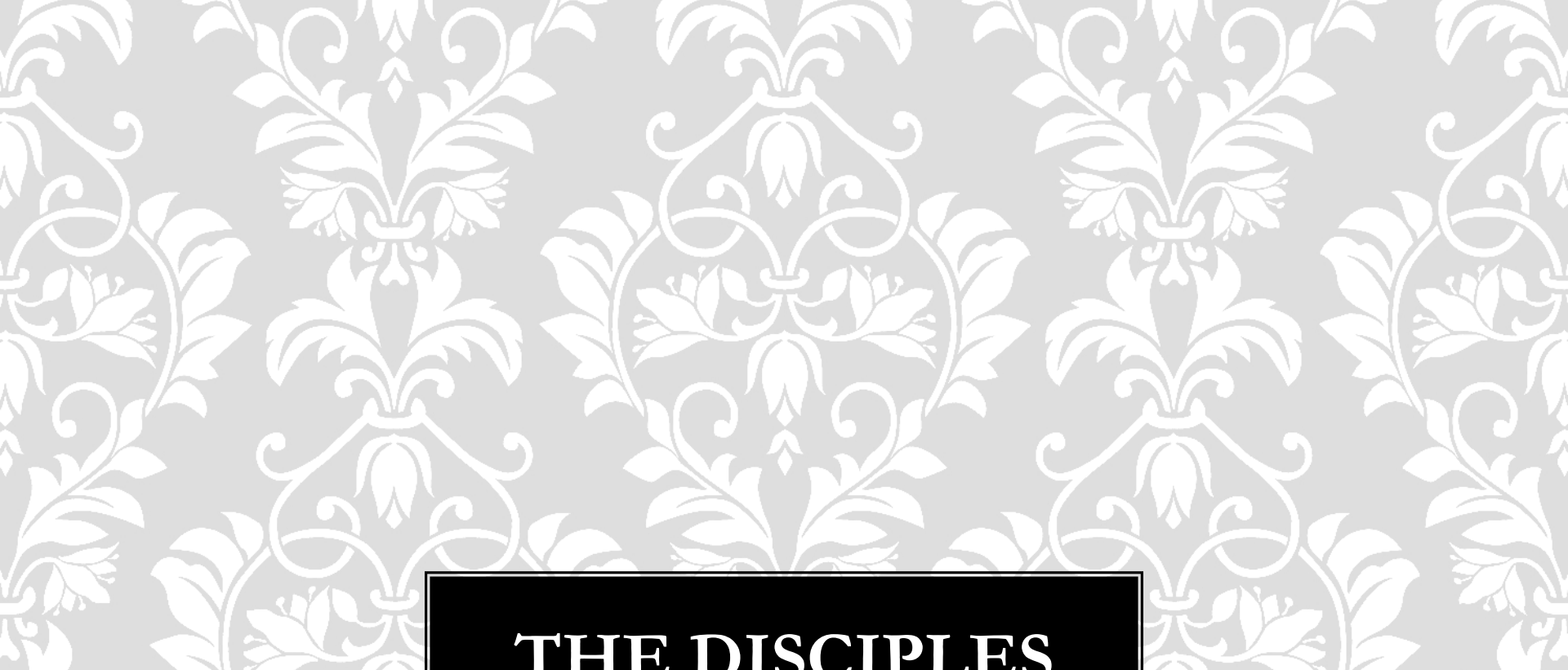
He loves the man's good beginnings, but rejects his later deviation.

Illustration: Discipline of the Foal

“One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”

(Mk. 10:21)





THE DISCIPLES

WHAT GRIEVED THE LORD'S HEART?

He saw that the things in this world, created by God to be used by man, have enslaved him.



DO NOT BE ASHAMED OF YOUR POVERTY

“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.” (Phil. 3:8)

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” (Rom. 8:18)

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (1 Cor. 2:9)

THOSE ON THE PATH OF WEALTH NEED GREAT GRACE AND PRAYERS

The same as those entrusted with honor and/or
responsibility

Do I pray for the spiritual well-being of other
prior to health or wealth?



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