



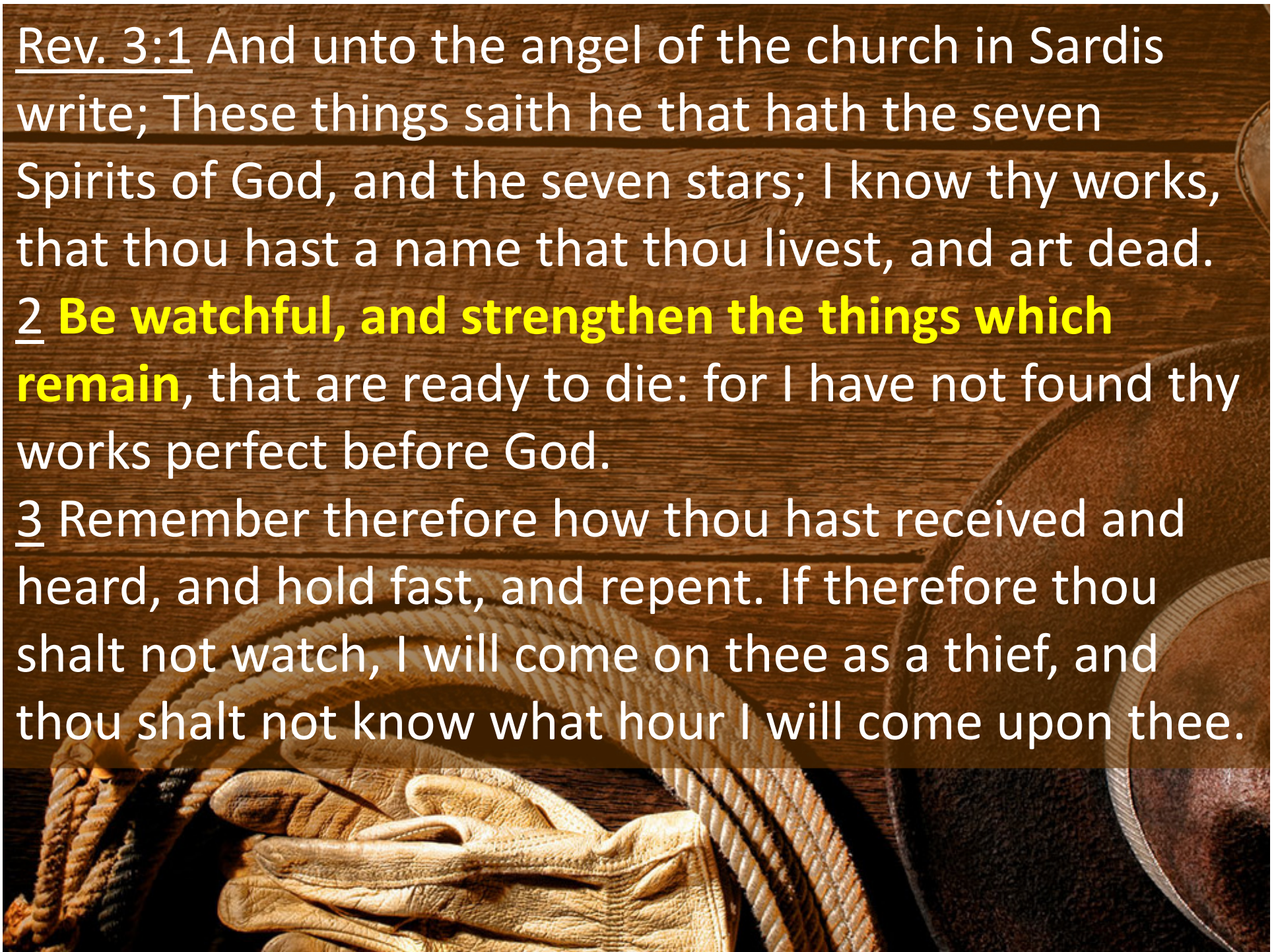
Round-Up Sunday

Rev. 3:1-3

Rev. 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 **Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain**, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

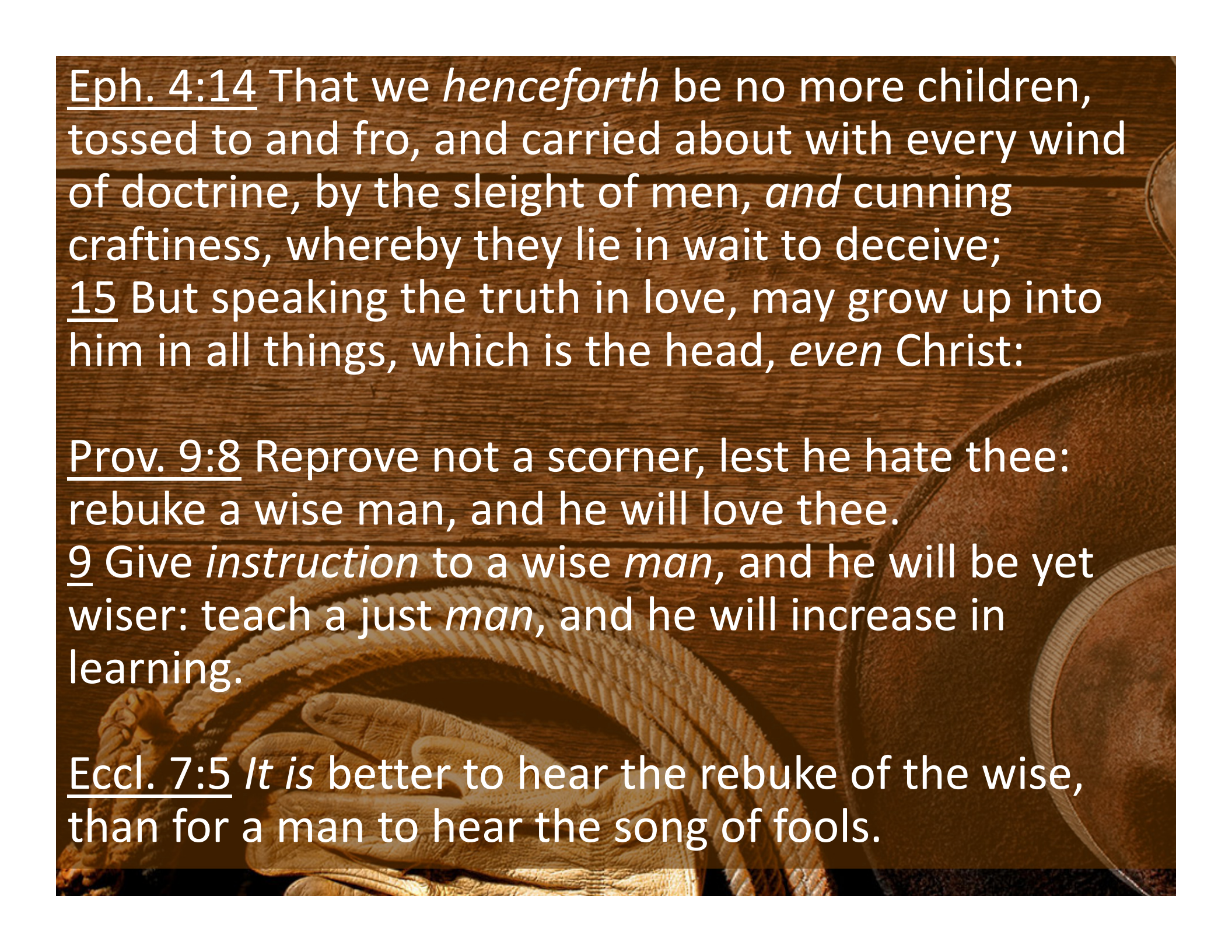
3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.



Welcome to “Round Up” Sunday! This morning we are doing something different from our regular Sunday morning service. For the last few weeks we have been looking at *Spiritual Warfare* and putting on “THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD.” Lord willing, next week we will pick up in Eph. 6:16 and “The Shield of Faith.”

Today, we will focus on the idea of “Round Up” from a spiritual perspective.



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Eph. 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Prov. 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

Eccl. 7:5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

I. WE NEED TO ROUND UP PEOPLE

A. The Church's Responsibility

Deut. 4:10 *Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, **Gather me the people together**, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.

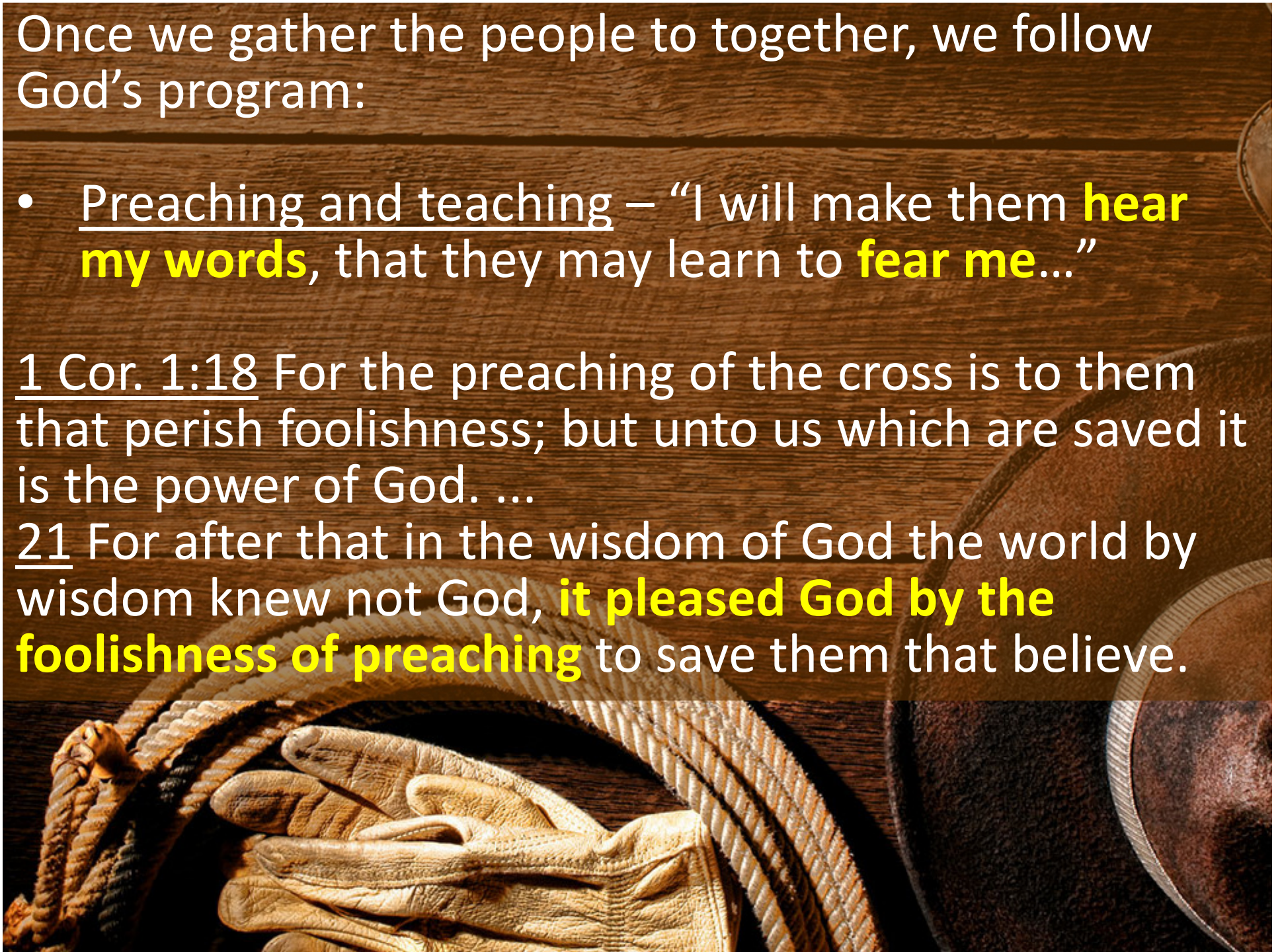
Acts 14:27 And when they were come, and had **gathered the church together**, they rehearsed **all that God had done with them**, and how **he had opened the door** of faith unto the Gentiles.

Once we gather the people together, we follow God's program:

- Preaching and teaching – “I will make them **hear my words**, that they may learn to **fear me...**”

1 Cor. 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. ...

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching** to save them that believe.



Rom. 10:15 And how shall they **preach**, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that **preach** the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! ...

17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and **hearing by the word of God**.

- Living and learning – “...all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.”

B. The Christian's Responsibility

Mt. 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and **he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad**.

Prov. 14:25 A **true witness delivereth souls**: but a **deceitful witness speaketh lies**.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

II. WE NEED TO ROUND UP PRINCIPLES

Rev. 3:2 “**Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain**, that are ready to die...”

A. The Command to Strengthen Principles

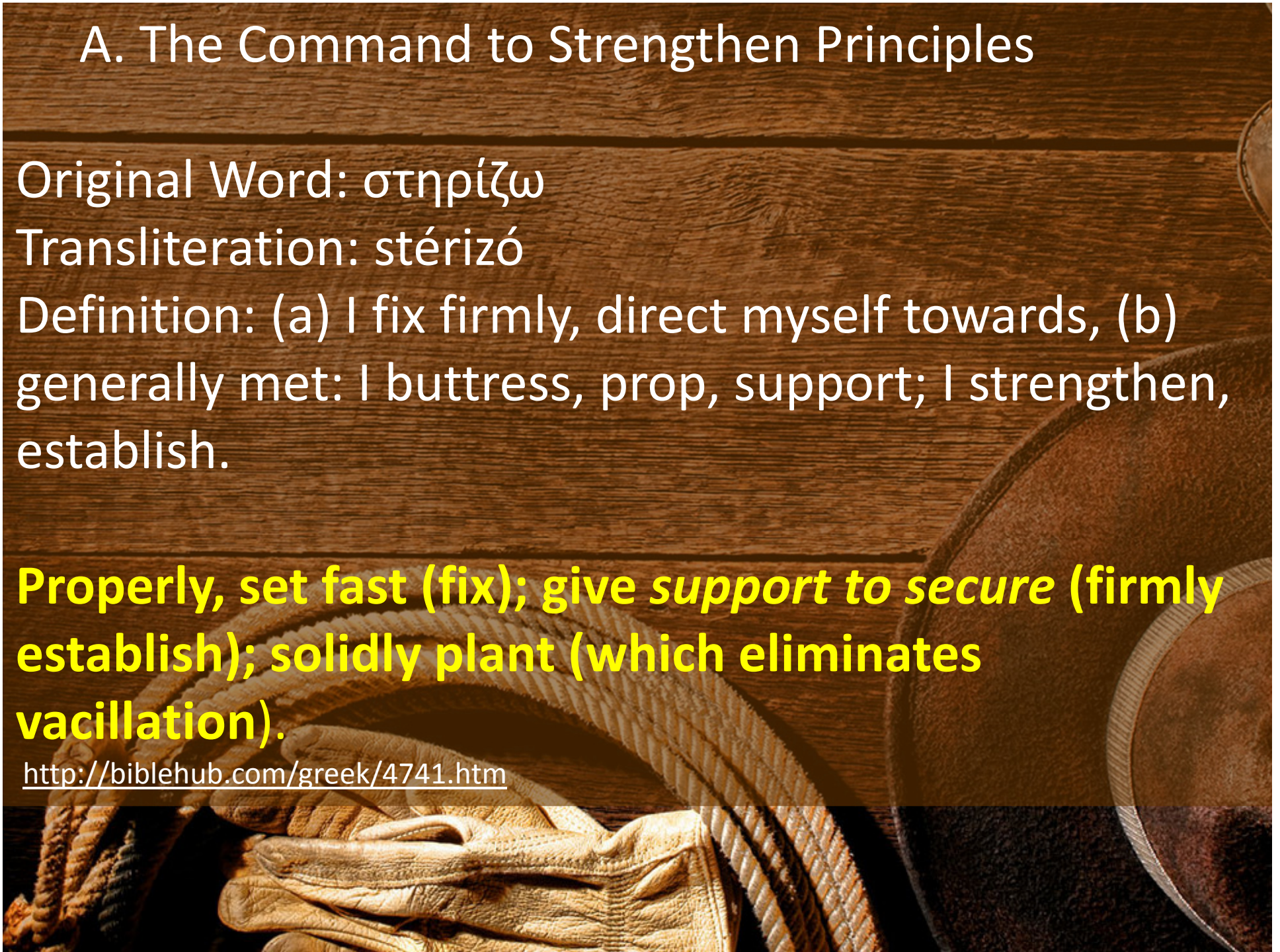
Original Word: στηρίζω

Transliteration: stérizó

Definition: (a) I fix firmly, direct myself towards, (b) generally met: I buttress, prop, support; I strengthen, establish.

Properly, set fast (fix); give *support to secure* (firmly establish); solidly plant (which eliminates vacillation).

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- We are to restore and maintain principles that will preserve society:
 - FREEDOM
 - FAITH
 - FAMILY
 - FIDELITY
 - FEARLESSNESS
 - FORTITUDE
 - FIRMNESS

B. The Commitment to Secure Principles

Jer. 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.** But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

Isa. 58:12 And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: **thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations;** and thou shalt be called, **The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.**

Psa. 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and **his righteousness unto children's children;**

Prov. 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.

Prov. 17:6 **Children's children are the crown of old men;** and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

III. WE NEED TO ROUND UP PRIORITIES

A. The Priority of Relationship with Christians

Mt. 7:5 Thou hypocrite, **first** cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

B. The Priority of Relationship with Christ

Mt. 6:33 But seek ye **first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

38 **This is the first and great commandment.**

39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Jn. 15:4 **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, **except ye abide in me.**

5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you,** ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ...

10 **If** ye keep my commandments, **ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Conclusion

2 Thess. 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and **by our gathering together unto him,**

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2 Tim. 1:7 For **God hath not given us the spirit of fear;** but **of power,** and **of love,** and **of a sound mind.**