

# Be Like Christ

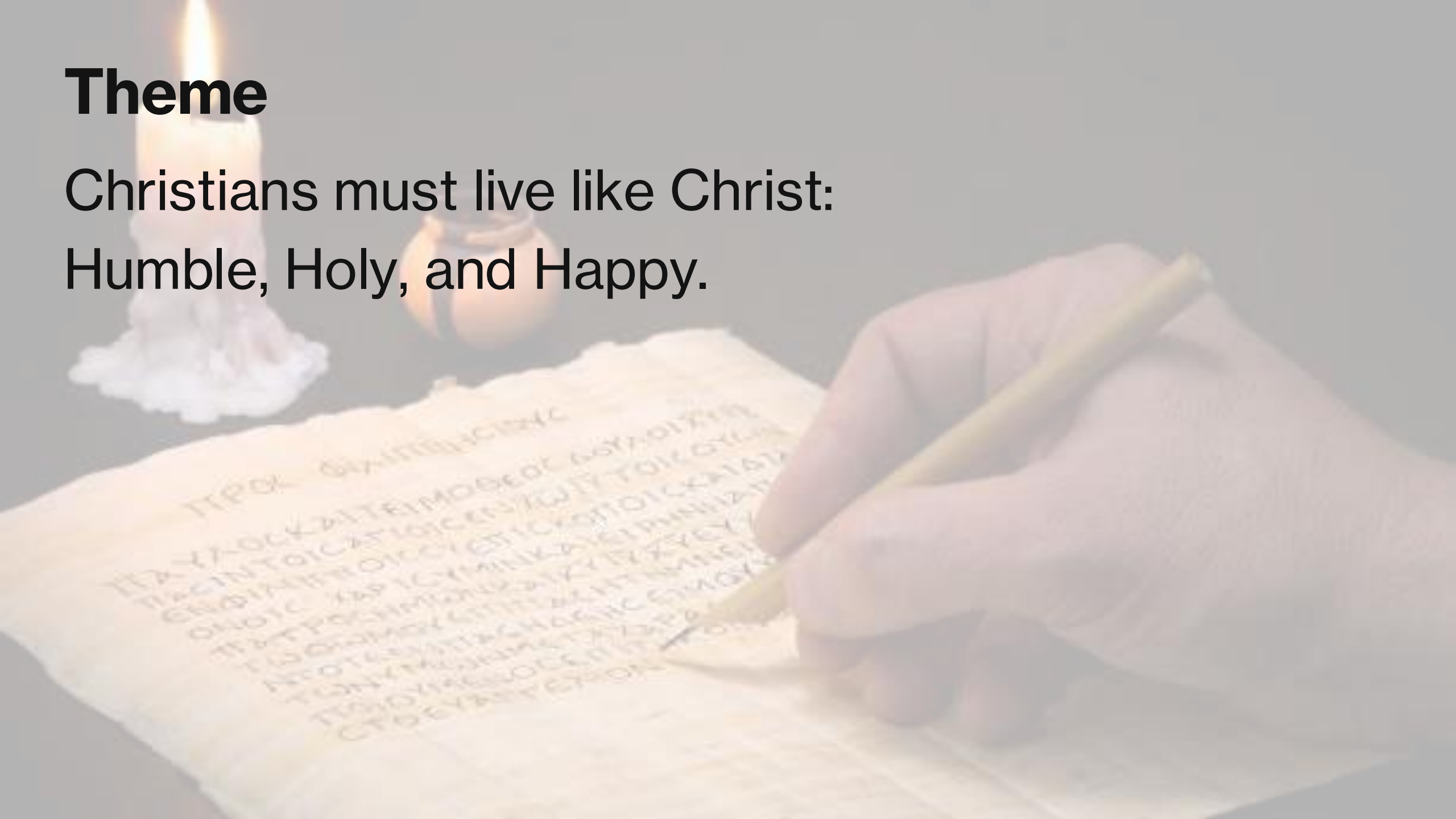
*Philippians 2:1-18*

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# Theme

Christians must live like Christ:  
Humble, Holy, and Happy.

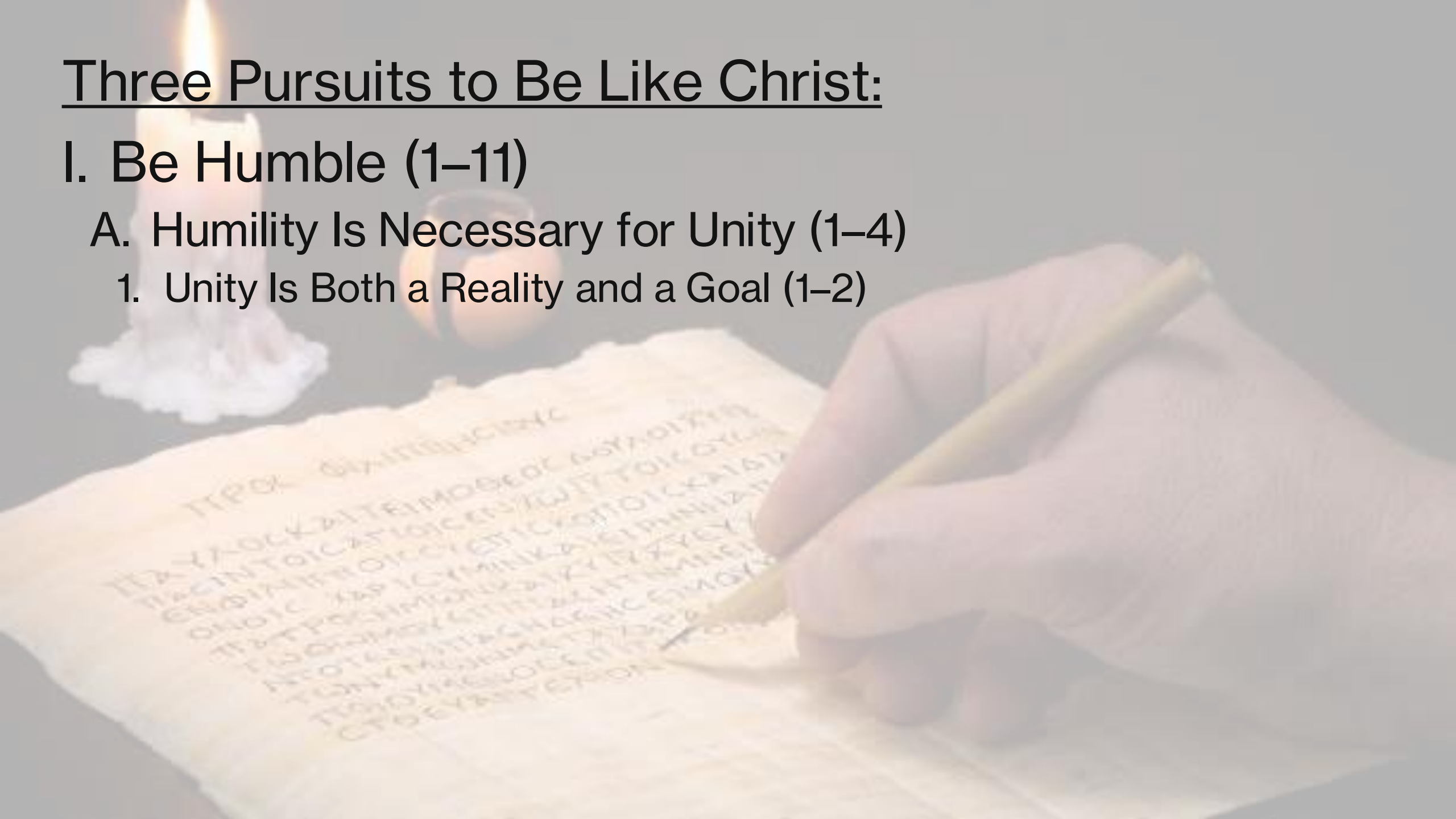


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### A. Humility Is Necessary for Unity (1–4)

#### 1. Unity Is Both a Reality and a Goal (1–2)



# Philippians 2:2

*“...by being of the same mind...”*

## Application:

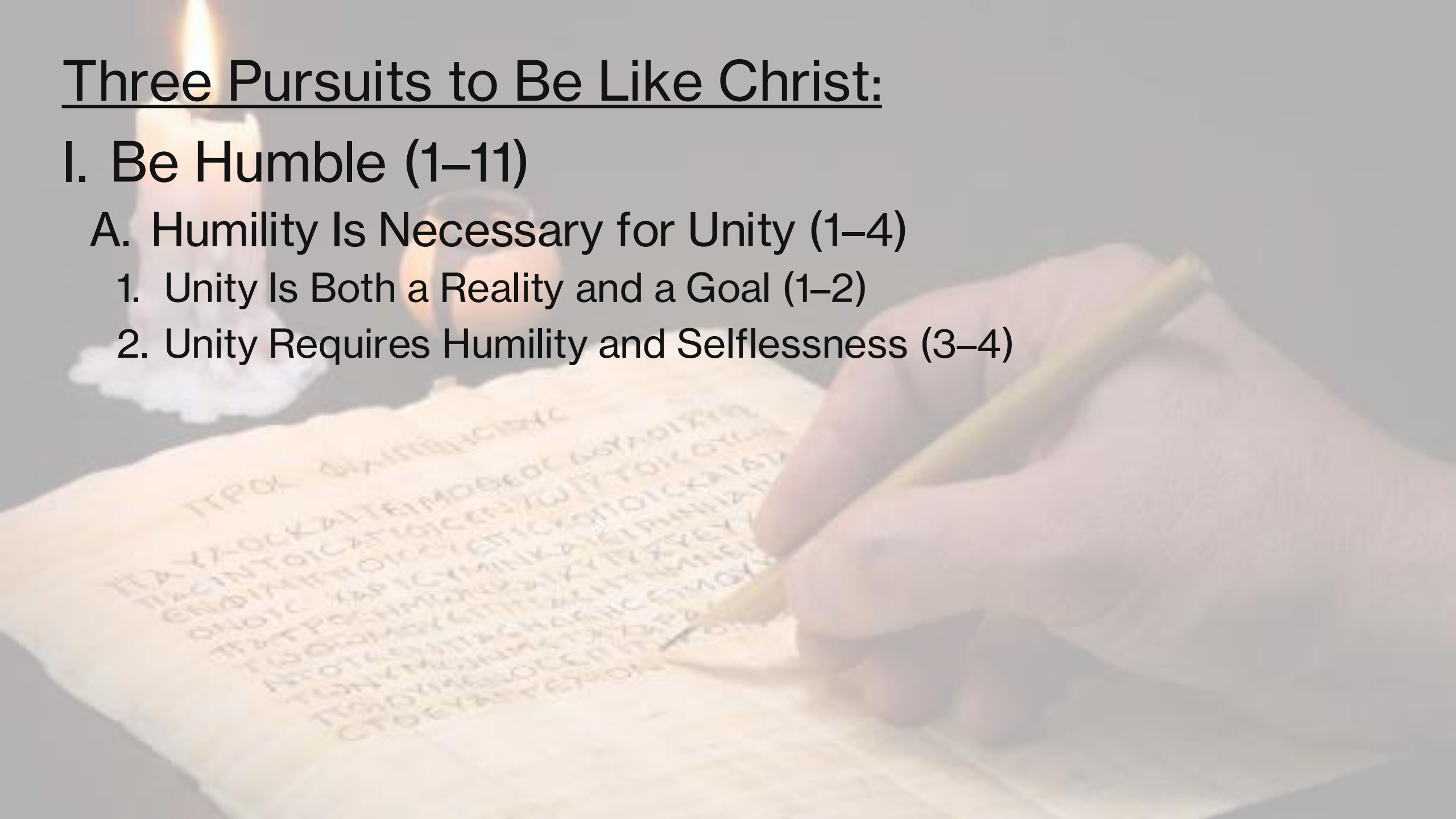
- 1) Commit to one source of truth - the Bible - and diligently study it!
- 2) Direct your heart to love the same things (God, His Word, His people, etc.).
- 3) Remember that you share the same Holy Spirit!
- 4) Consistently communicate with other Christians, so that you can align your thinking around the truth.

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# Philippians 2:3

*“...regard one another as more important...”*

## Application:

- 1) Be excited to hear other perspectives, not just your own.
- 2) Be willing to be wrong, and freely admit it when you are!
- 3) Give others the benefit of the doubt when you think they may be wrong, and allow them the opportunity to correct themselves!
- 4) Assume that others will get their preference, and not that you will get yours.
- 5) Do not assume authority that is not yours to take.
- 6) Actively look for ways to serve and benefit others, even to the sacrifice of your own convenience and interests.

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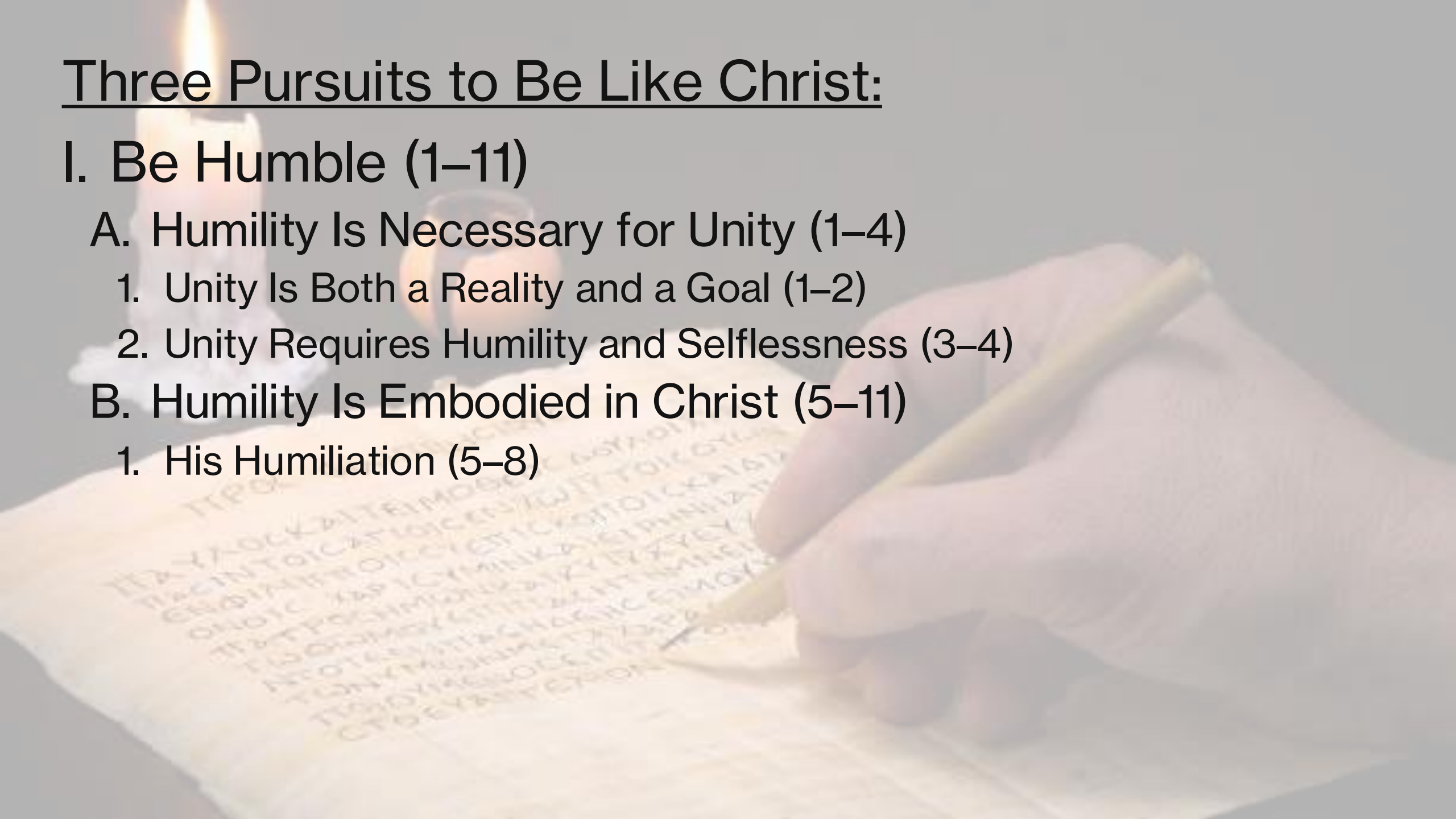
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# Philippians 2:7

*“...He emptied Himself...”*

## What Does It Mean?

- 1) Jesus forfeited all or part of His deity (God-ness) – NO!
- 2) Jesus forfeited all or part of His divine attributes – NO!
- 3) Jesus temporarily veiled the visible manifestation of His glory (John 17:5)
- 4) Jesus limited the independent exercise of His attributes (Matt 24:36; Luke 5:17)

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## II. Be Holy (12–13)

### A. Our Responsibility to Pursue Holiness (12)

1. A Continual Pursuit
2. An Exhausting Pursuit
3. A Weighty Pursuit

### B. God's Sovereignty to Produce Holiness (13)

1. God Causes the Growth
2. God Changes Our Desires
3. God Receives the Glory

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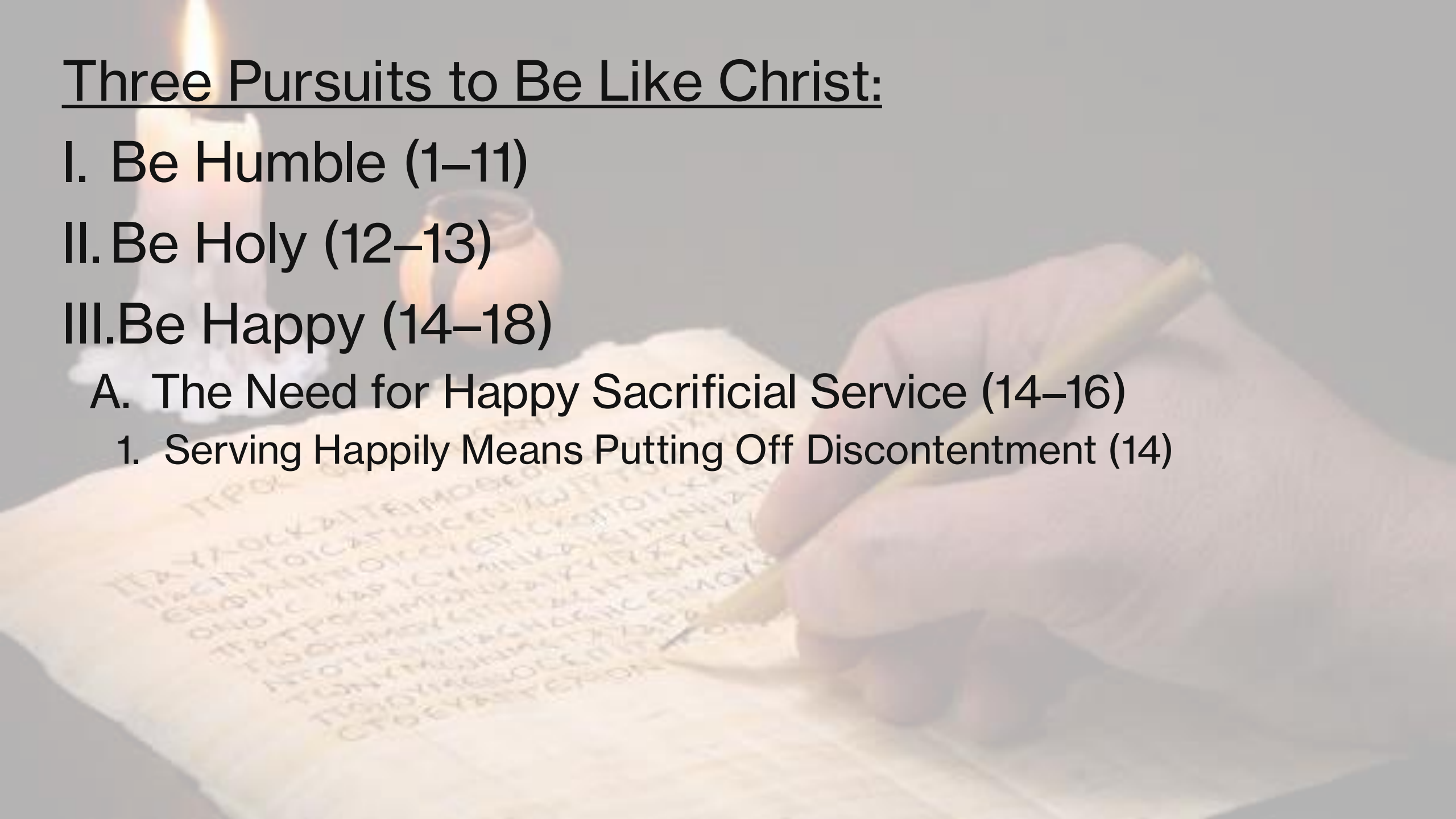
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III. Be Happy (14–18)

A. The Need for Happy Sacrificial Service (14–16)

1. Serving Happily Means Putting Off Discontentment (14)



# Philippians 2:14

*“Do all things without grumbling or disputing”*

## Self-Evaluation Questions:

- 1) Do you find it easier to think of things going wrong, or things going well? Would others describe you as a joyful person, or as a pessimistic person?
- 2) Are you consistently disappointed by the circumstances of your life?
- 3) Are you more likely to give "soapboxes" and "rants" about how you think things ought to be, or to recount your blessings and God's goodness to you?
- 4) Do you keep a mental list of your preferences/pet peeves and constantly notice when they are violated?
- 5) Are you constantly annoyed by others' actions and words, and express that with groans, sighs, comments under your breath, rolling your eyes, or other negative body language?



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2. Serving Happily Is a Powerful Witness (15–16a)

# Philippians 2:15

*“so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent”*

## Self-Evaluation Questions:

- 1) In what areas of your life are you not blameless, innocent, and above reproach?
- 2) Are there areas of your life that you are more like the morally-bent culture than you are like a child of God?
- 3) How has your pursuit of personal holiness WITH happiness in the Lord been a witness to an unbeliever recently?
- 4) How is your Christlikeness reflecting His light into a world of darkness? Or is it?

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3. Serving Happily Results In Eternal Reward (16b)

B. The Sharing of Happy Sacrificial Service (17–18)

1. Serving Happily Is Worth the Sacrifice (17a)
2. Serving Happily Is a Mutual Effort (17b–18)

## Philippians 2:18

*“...rejoice in the same way, and share your joy with me.”*

### Application:

How have you shared gospel joy with another believer this week?

- 1) Share with a fellow Christian some instances of gospel growth to rejoice about.
- 2) Tell another believer what growth you see in their life that you are rejoicing in.
- 3) Thank God together for the salvation and sanctification you see in your church, family, community.

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