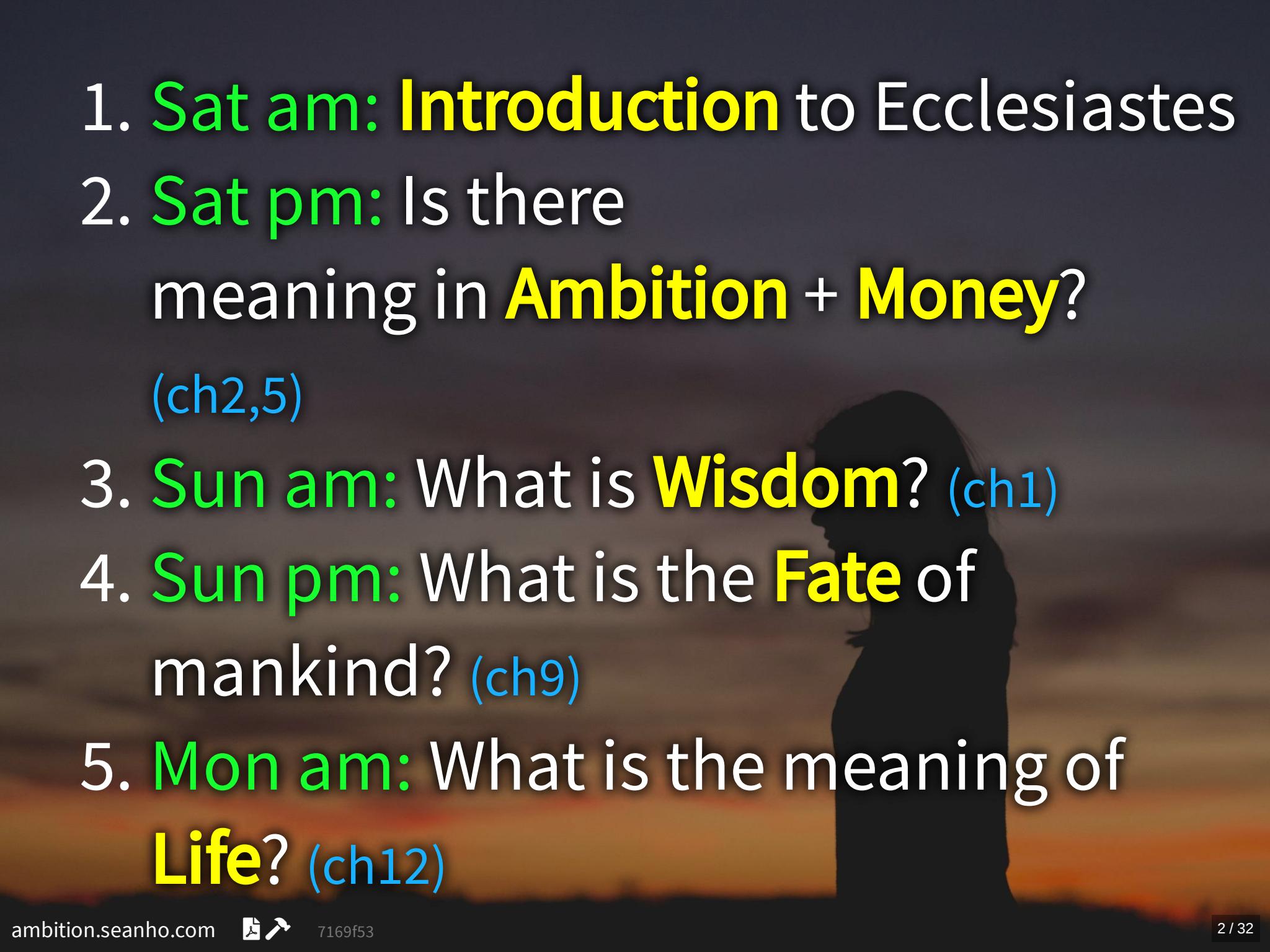


Ambition

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

The Meaning of Life (2/4)

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- A dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, facing right, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with warm orange and yellow hues.
1. Sat am: **Introduction** to Ecclesiastes
 2. Sat pm: Is there meaning in **Ambition + Money**?
(ch2,5)
 3. Sun am: What is **Wisdom**? (ch1)
 4. Sun pm: What is the **Fate** of mankind? (ch9)
 5. Mon am: What is the meaning of **Life**? (ch12)

What are my
goals in life?

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1 I said in my heart, “Come now,
I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.”
But behold, this also was vanity.

2 I said of laughter, “It is mad,”
and of pleasure, “What use is it?”

[1](# "ref") 我 心 裡 說 : 來 罷 , 我 以
喜 樂 試 試 你 ,
你 好 享 福 ! 誰 知 , 這 也 是 虛 空 。

2 我 指 嬉 笑 說 : 這 是 狂 妄 。

3 I searched with my heart
 how to cheer my body with wine
– my heart still guiding me with wisdom –
 and how to lay hold on folly,
till I might see what was good for the children
 of man
to do under heaven during the few days of their
 life.

我心裡察究，如何用酒使我肉體舒
暢，

4 I made great works.

I built houses and planted vineyards for myself.

5 I made myself gardens and parks,
and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees.

6 I made myself pools from which to water
the forest of growing trees.

我爲自己動大工程，
建造房屋，栽種葡萄園，

5 修造園囿，在其中栽種各樣果木
樹；

7 I bought male and female slaves,
and had slaves who were born in my house.

I had also great possessions of herds and flocks,
more than any who had been before me in
Jerusalem.

我買了僕婢，也有生在家中的僕婢
；
又有許多牛群羊群，
勝過以前在耶路撒冷眾人所有的。

8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold
and the treasure of kings and provinces.

I got singers, both men and women,
and many concubines, the delight of the sons of
man.

我又爲自己積蓄金銀和君王的財寶
，
並各省的財寶；
又得唱歌的男女和世人所喜愛的物

9 So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem.

Also my wisdom remained with me.

這樣，我就日見昌盛，
勝過以前在耶路撒冷的眾人。
我的智慧仍然存留。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:9 (ESV/CUV) (p.6/8)

10 And whatever my eyes desired
I did not keep from them.

I kept my heart from no pleasure,
for my heart found pleasure in all my toil,
and this was my reward for all my toil.

凡我眼所求的，我沒有留下不給他
的；

我心所樂的，我沒有禁止不享受的
；

因我的心爲我一切所勞碌的快樂

11 Then I considered all that my hands had done
and the toil I had expended in doing it,
and behold, all was vanity and a striving after
wind,
and there was nothing to be gained under the
sun.

後來，我察看我手所經營的一切事
和我勞碌所成的功。
誰知都是虛空，都是捕風；
在日光之下毫無益處。



Ambition (Ecc2)

1. Pleasure (v1-3)
2. Projects (v4-6)
3. Possessions (v7-9)

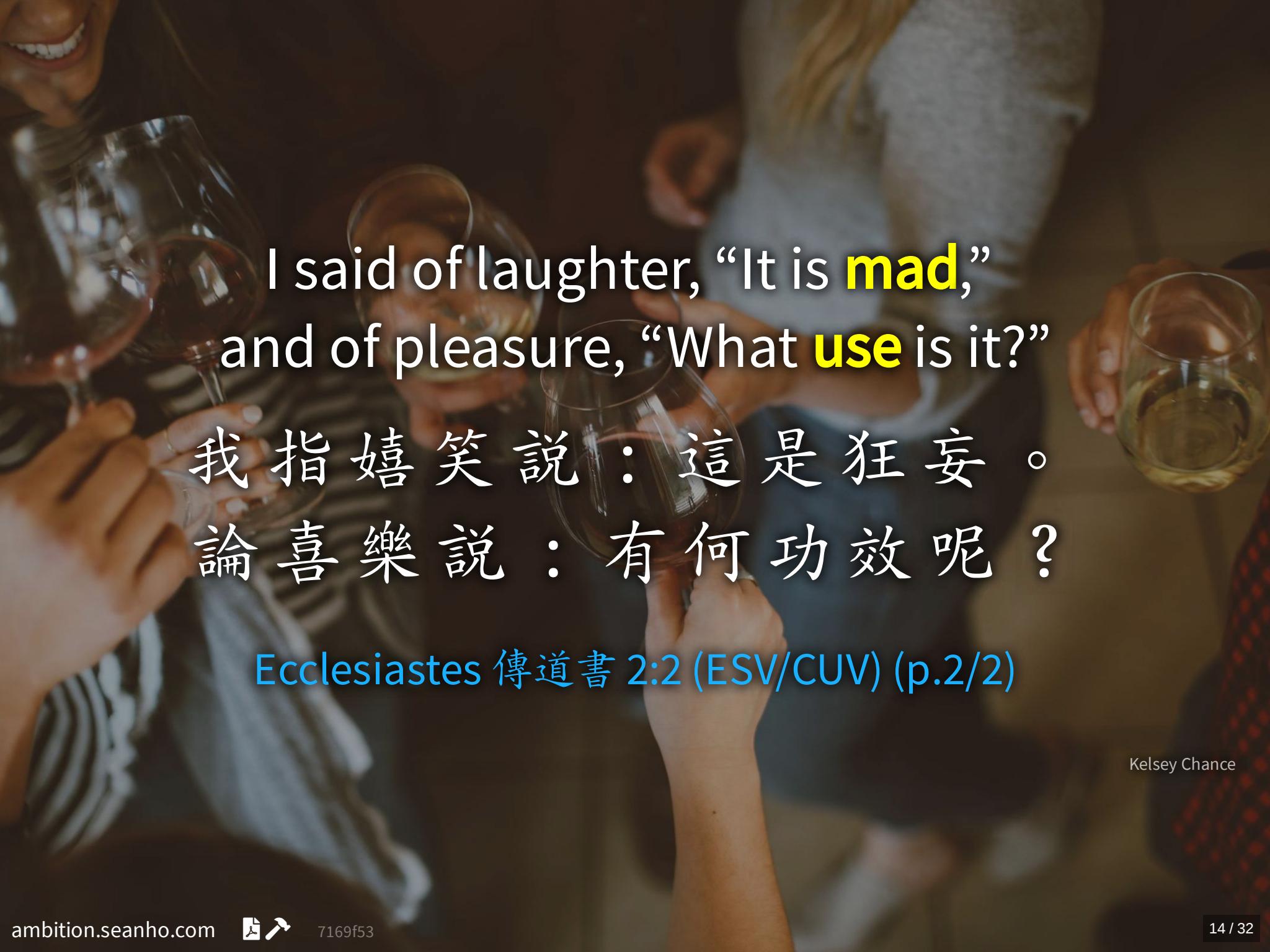


I said in my heart, “Come now,
I will **test** you with **pleasure**; enjoy yourself.”
But behold, this also was **vanity**.

我心裡說：來罷，我以喜樂試試你
，
你好享福！誰知，這也是虛空。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:1 (ESV/CUV) (p.1/2)

Kelsey Chance

A photograph showing several people from the chest up, all holding glasses of wine and smiling. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting a social gathering or party.

I said of laughter, “It is **mad**,”
and of pleasure, “What **use** is it?”

我指嬉笑說：這是狂妄。
論喜樂說：有何功效呢？

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:2 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

Kelsey Chance

A photograph of a person from behind, walking away on a set of railway tracks that curve through a dense forest. The tracks are made of dark wood and metal, and the surrounding trees are lush and green.

Look carefully then how you **walk**,
not as unwise but as **wise**,
16 making the best use of the **time**,
because the **days** are evil.

你們要謹慎行事，
不要像愚昧人，當像智慧人。
16 要愛惜光陰，因為現今的世代邪
惡。

A photograph of a person from behind, walking away on a set of railway tracks that curve through a dense forest. The person is wearing a light-colored jacket and jeans. The tracks are made of dark metal rails and wooden sleepers, surrounded by lush green trees and bushes.

17 Therefore do not be **foolish**, but understand what the **will of the Lord** is.

[17](# "ref") 不要作糊塗人，要明白
主的旨意如何。

Ephesians 以弗所書 5:17 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

Is it wrong to
pursue happiness?



Ambition (Ecc2)

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A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a person's hands working on a pottery wheel. The hands are covered in clay, and the wheel is blurred, indicating motion. The lighting is dramatic, creating strong shadows.

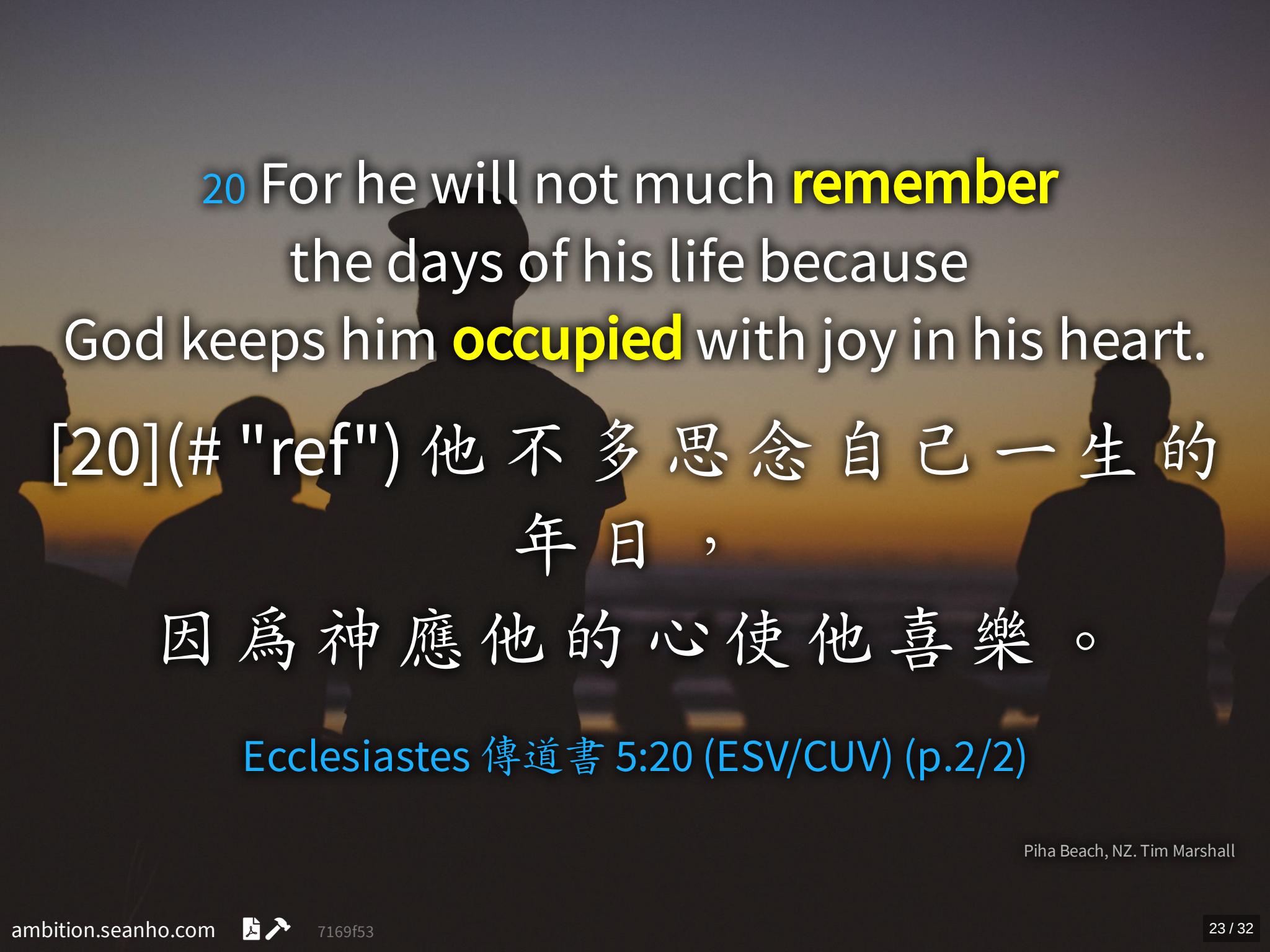
My heart found pleasure in all my **toil**,
and this was my **reward** for all my toil.

我的心爲我一切所勞碌的快樂，
這就是我從勞碌中所得的分。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:10 (ESV/CUV)

19 Everyone also to whom God has given
wealth and possessions and power to **enjoy**
them,
and to **accept** his lot and **rejoice** in his toil
– this is the **gift** of God.

[19](# "ref") 神 賦 人 資 財 豐 富 ， 使 他
能 以 吃 用 ，
能 取 自 己 的 分 ， 在 他 勞 碌 中 喜 樂 ，
這 乃 是 神 的 恩 賦 。

A photograph showing silhouettes of several people standing on a beach at sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, and the horizon shows the ocean.

20 For he will not much **remember**
the days of his life because
God keeps him **occupied** with joy in his heart.

[20](# "ref") 他 不 多 思 念 自 己 一 生 的
年 日 ，
因 爲 神 應 他 的 心 使 他 喜 樂 。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 5:20 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

Piha Beach, NZ. Tim Marshall

Well done, **good** and **faithful** servant.

You have been faithful over a **little**;

I will set you over **much**.

Enter into the **joy** of your master!

好，你這又良善又忠心的僕人，
你在不多的事上有忠心，
我要把許多事派你管理；
可以進來享受你主人的快樂。

Matthew 馬太福音 25:21 (ESV/CUV)

Have I had the
satisfaction of
a “job well done”?



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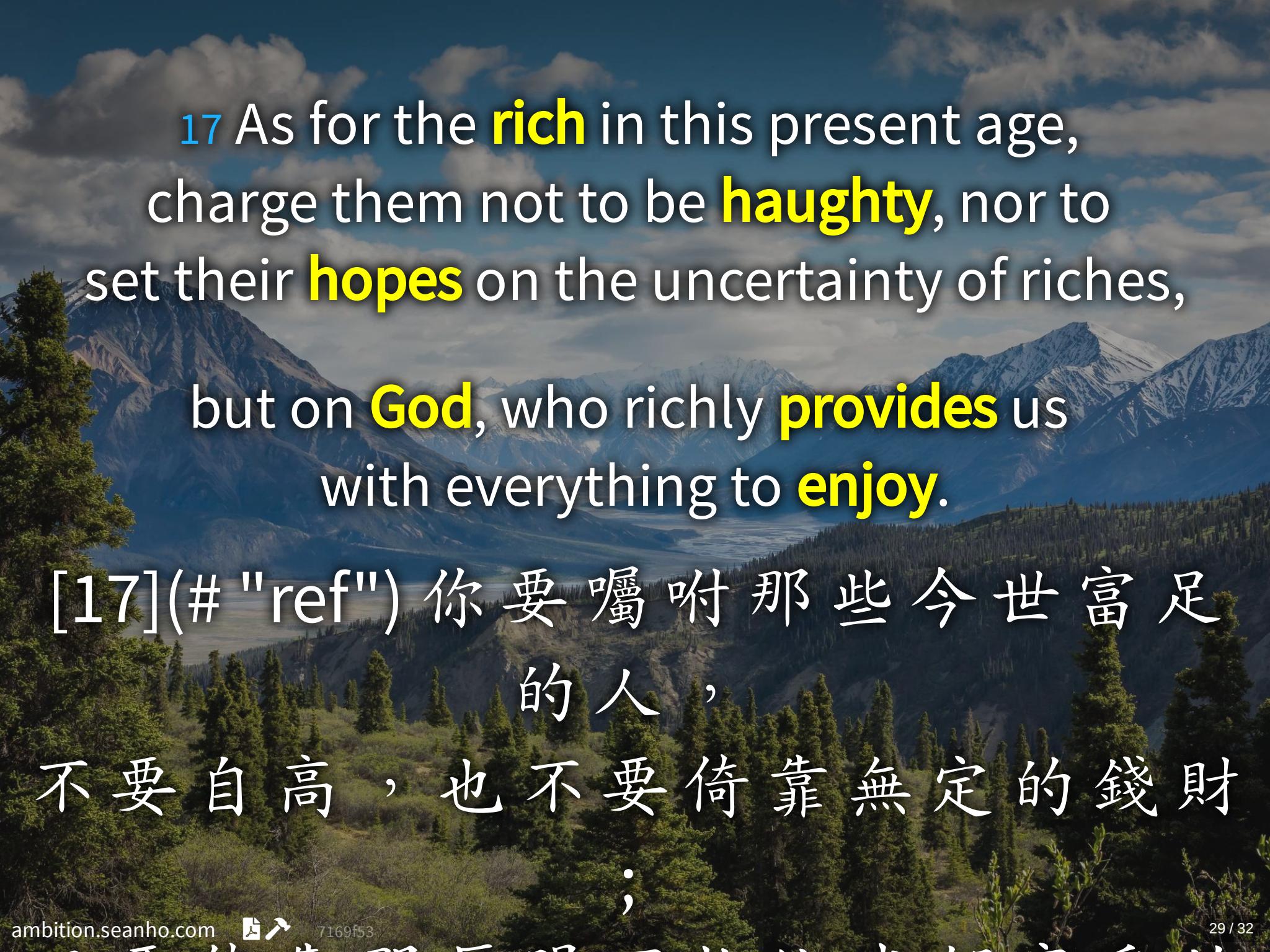


Take care, and be on your **guard**
against all **covetousness**,
for one's **life** does not consist in
the abundance of his **possessions**.

你們要謹慎自守，免去一切的貪心
,

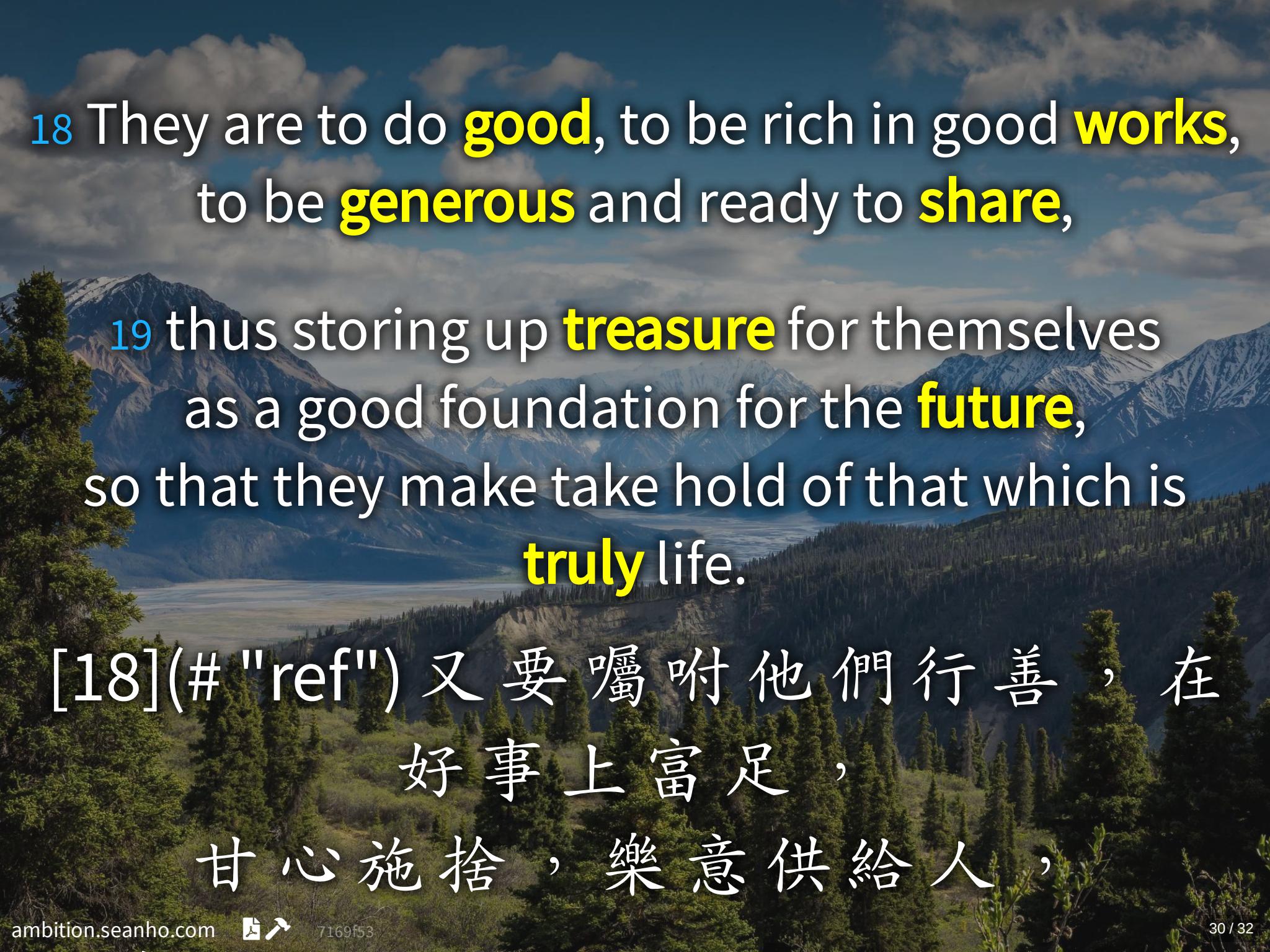
因為人的生命不在乎家道豐富。

Luke 路加福音 12:15 (ESV/CUV)



17 As for the **rich** in this present age,
charge them not to be **haughty**, nor to
set their **hopes** on the uncertainty of riches,
but on **God**, who richly **provides** us
with everything to **enjoy**.

[17](# "ref") 你要囑咐那些今世富足
的人，
不要自高，也不要倚靠無定的錢財
；



18 They are to do **good**, to be rich in good **works**,
to be **generous** and ready to **share**,

19 thus storing up **treasure** for themselves
as a good foundation for the **future**,
so that they make take hold of that which is
truly life.

[18](# "ref") 又要囑咐他們行善，在
好事上富足，
甘心施捨，樂意供給人，

**What gives me
security?**

1. What are my **goals** in life?
2. Is it wrong to pursue **happiness**? (**Eph5:15-17**)
3. Have I had the **satisfaction** of a “job well done”? (**Mt25:21**)
4. What gives me **security**?
(1Tim6:17-19)