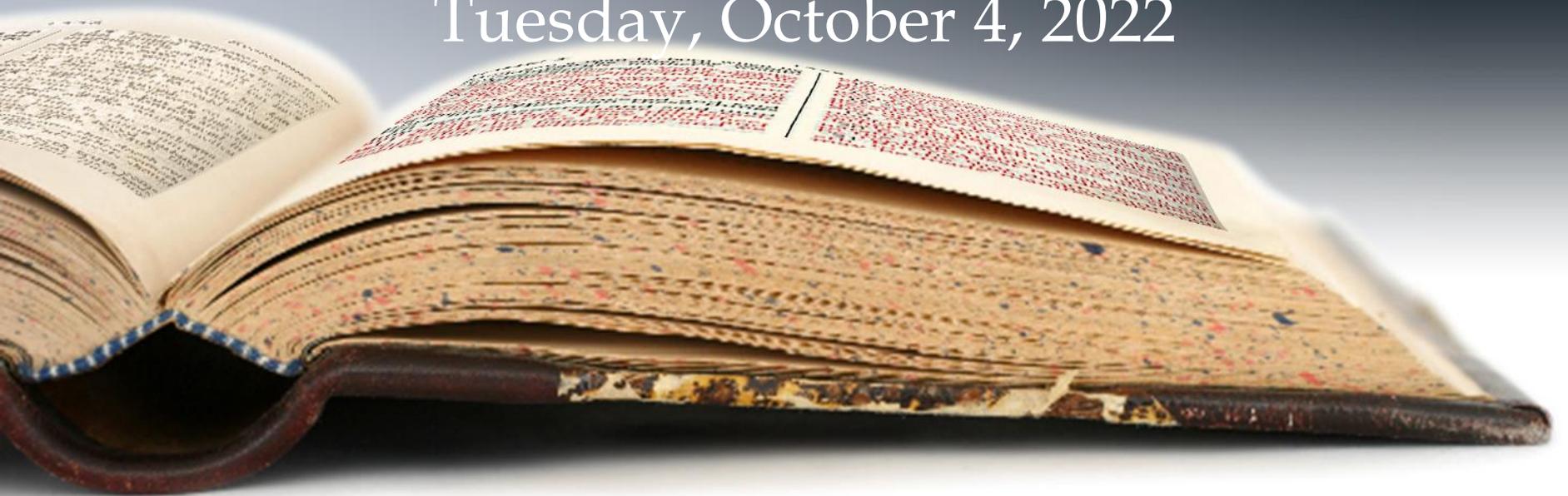


The Gathering

Let There Be Consistency

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Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,
be ye steadfast, unmovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as you know that your labor is
not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:58



Let there be consistency . . .



The word “consistent” is defined as constantly adhering to the same principles, course, form, etc.



It is essentially
“steadfast” adherence to
the same principles,
behavior, actions.



The word “consistent” or “consistently” does not appear in the Bible, but synonyms for it do, such as steadfast, resolute, unwavering, changeless, constant, dependable, never failing, reliable, single minded, devotion, firm, wholehearted.



When we think about God and who he is, as depicted in scripture and in our personal experience, we know that:

- God's nature and character are consistent and unchanging.
- God's plan and purposes are consistent and unchanging.



When we think about God and who he is, as depicted in scripture and in our personal experience, we know that:

- God's plan of salvation is consistent and unchanging.
- Therefore, believers are to live lives consistent with who we are in him and the profession of our faith.



God's nature and character are consistent and unchanging.



Psalm 102:25-27



27. But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.



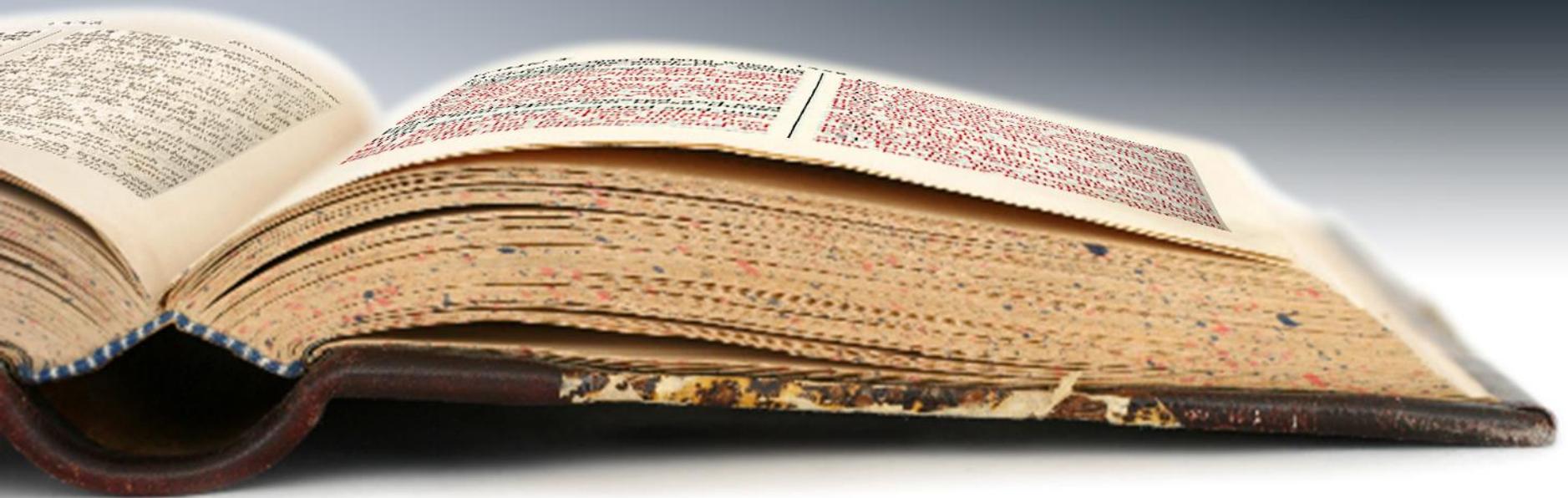
I, the Lord, do not change.
So, you, O descendants of Jacob,
are not destroyed.

Malachi 3:6



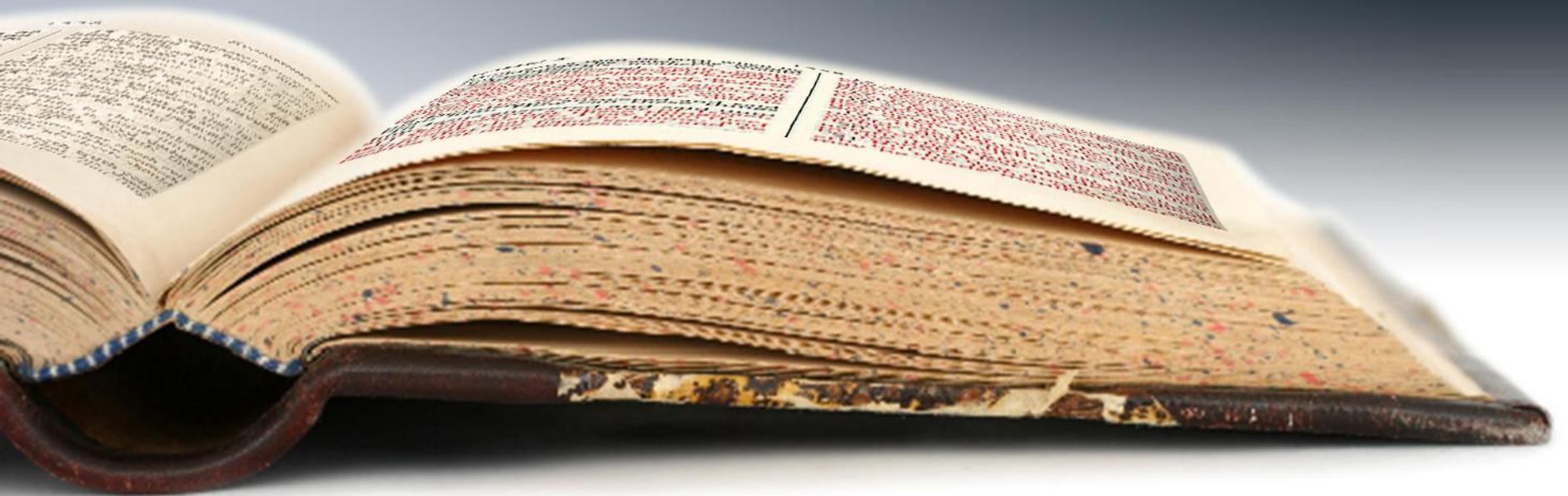
Because of the Lord's great love,
we are not consumed, for his compassions
(KJV mercies) never fail. They are new every
morning. Great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21



God does not change like
shifting shadows.

James 1:17



Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday,
and today and tomorrow.

Hebrews 13:8

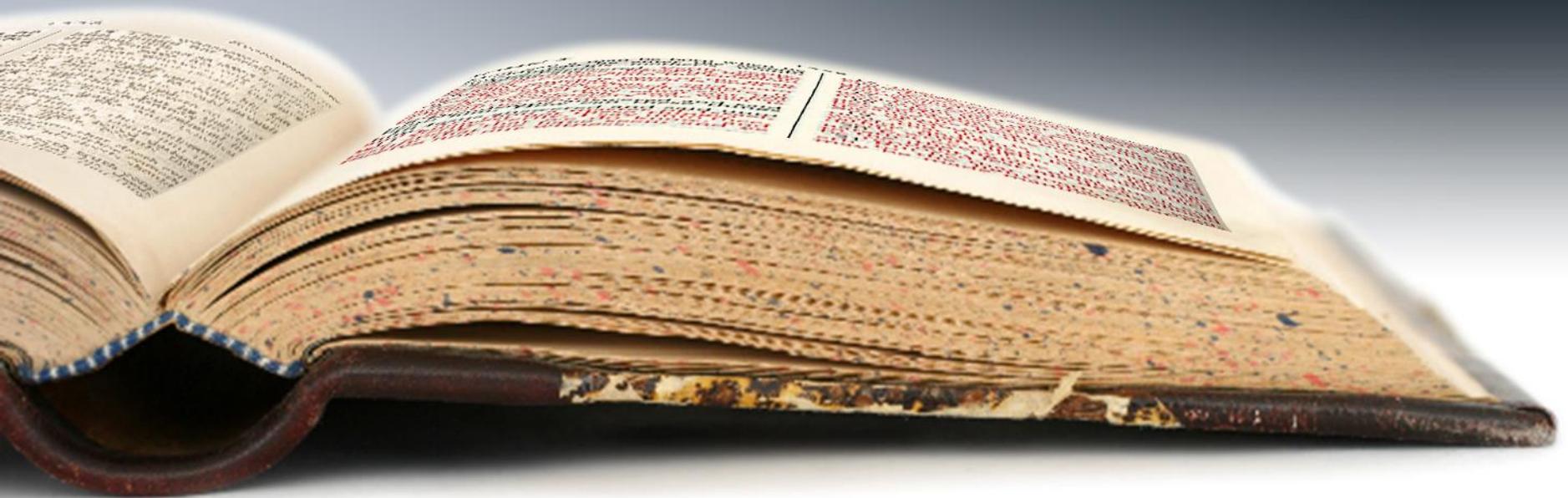


God's plans and purposes are consistent and unchanging.



But the plans of the Lord stand
firm forever, the purposes of his
heart through all generations.

Psalm 33:11



I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give your hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



Genesis 12:1-3



I AM NOT LIKE THEM!!!



I will not violate my covenant or
alter what my lips have spoken.

Psalm 89:34



He who is the glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind, for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind.

I Samuel 15:29



God says what he means
and means what he says.



God's plan for salvation
is consistent and unchanging.

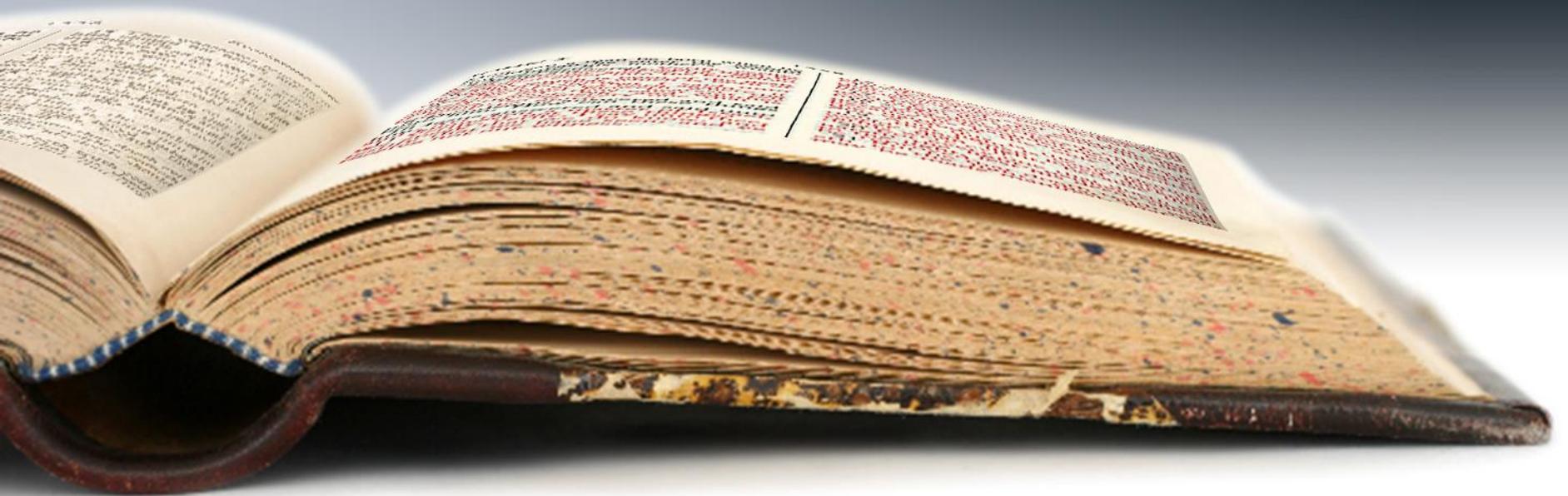


And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring (or seed) and hers; he will strike your head and you will strike his heel.

Genesis 3:15



Hebrews 1:14 - 17



Atonement

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Atonement

The means by which the guilt-punishment chain produced by violation of God's will is broken, as well as the resulting state of reconciliation with God.



Discussion:

In what ways has the consistent and changing nature, plans and purposes of God impacted your life, your family?



As believers, we are to live lives consistent with who we are in him and the profession of our faith.



Discussion or Personal Reflection:

In what ways is your life inconsistent with who you are in Christ?
What do you intend to do about it?



Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:58



That Christ died for our sins according
to the Scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures.

I Corinthians 15:3-4



Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, conquering, and giving us the continuing victory over sin, death, hell, and the grave.



Therefore... my brothers and sisters, we
are to be steadfast, unshakable,
immovable, and devote ourselves at all
times to the work of the Lord!



If we want to be consistent, we have to first of all be honest with ourselves about our areas of inconsistency.



Becoming consistent in any area
is going to require that we desire
to be consistent.



Becoming consistent in every area
of our lives requires devotion.



Devotion is “single minded devotion to a certain course of action.”



Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2



Seek first the Kingdom of God and
his righteousness and all other
things will be added to you as well.



Do you not know that in a race all the runners run,
but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as
to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the
games goes into strict training. They do it to get a
crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown
that will last forever.

I Corinthians 9:24 - 27



Discipline means giving up the good and the better for the best.

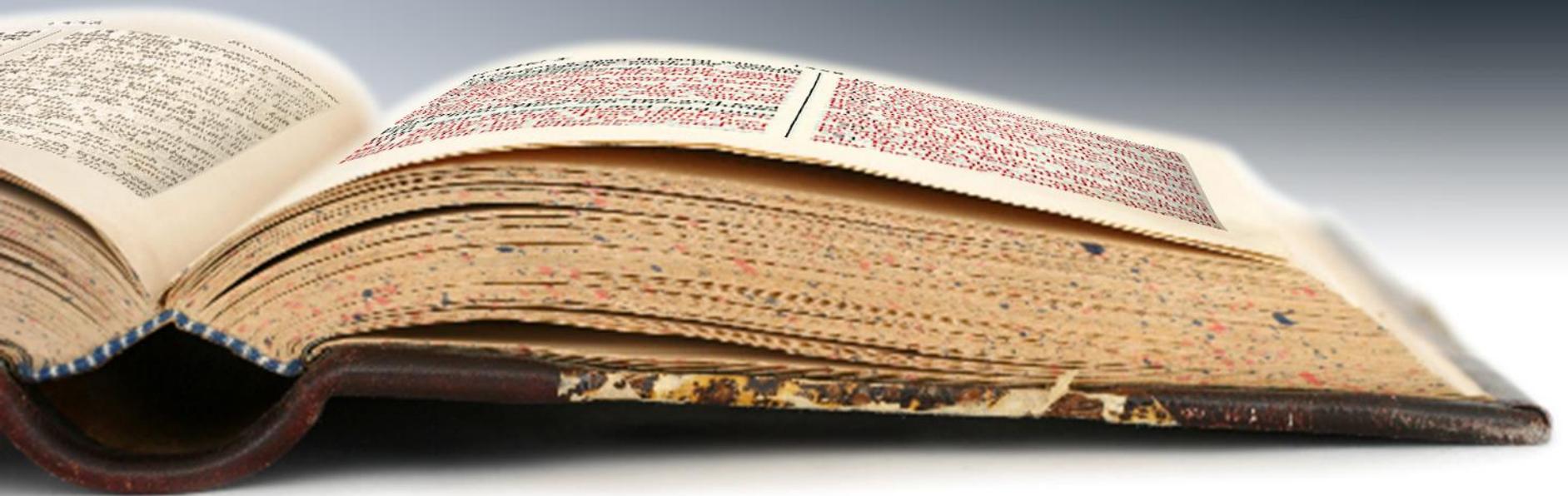


Lastly, in order to be consistent,
we must persevere. Perseverance
is persisting or enduring
in spite of opposition.



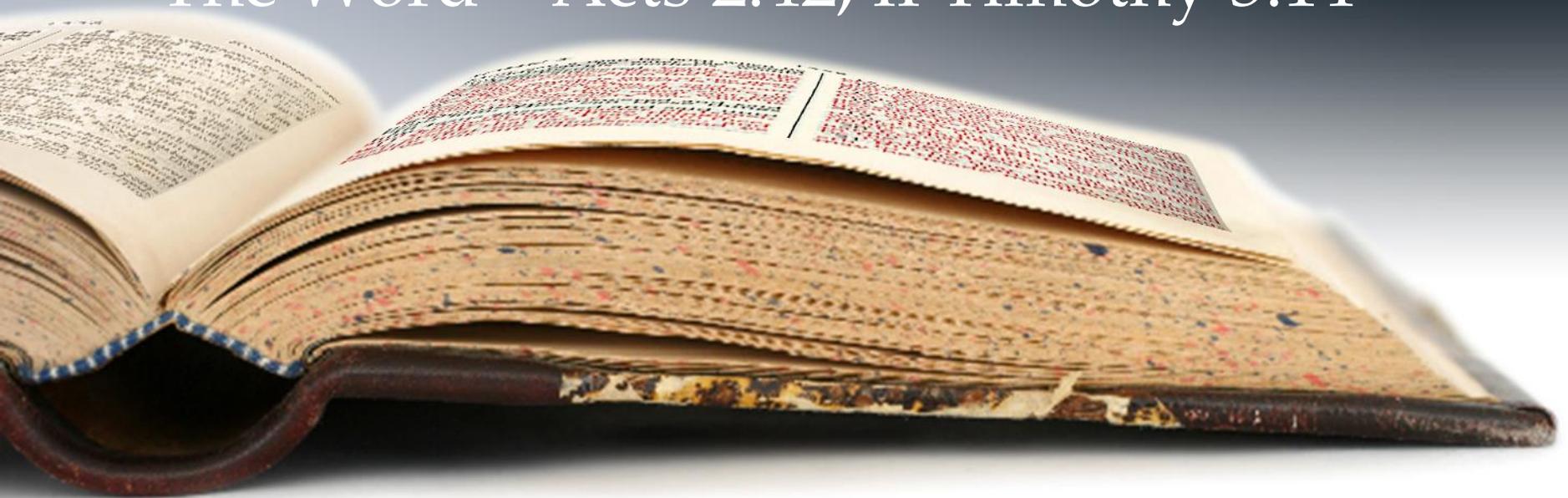
Discussion:

What are some of the hindrances you experience to consistency?



Some of the areas that we are called to be consistent in scripture that will require persistence are:

- Prayer – Luke 18:1
- Well-doing – Galatians 6:9
- The Word – Acts 2:42; II Timothy 3:14



Some of the areas that we are called to be consistent in scripture that will require persistence are:

- Remaining true to the Faith – Acts 14:22
- Abiding in God's Love – John 15:9



Some of the areas that we are called to be consistent in scripture that will require persistence are:

- Standing Firm – I Corinthians 16:13
- Being zealous to confirm your call and election – II Peter 1:10



Do not be weary in well-doing,
for in due season, you will reap,
if you faint not.

Galatians 6:9



We reap peace of mind, a clear conscience, God's pleasure, and blessing in what we do and a witness that is more eloquent than words.

