

PERSONIFICATIONS IN PROVERBS

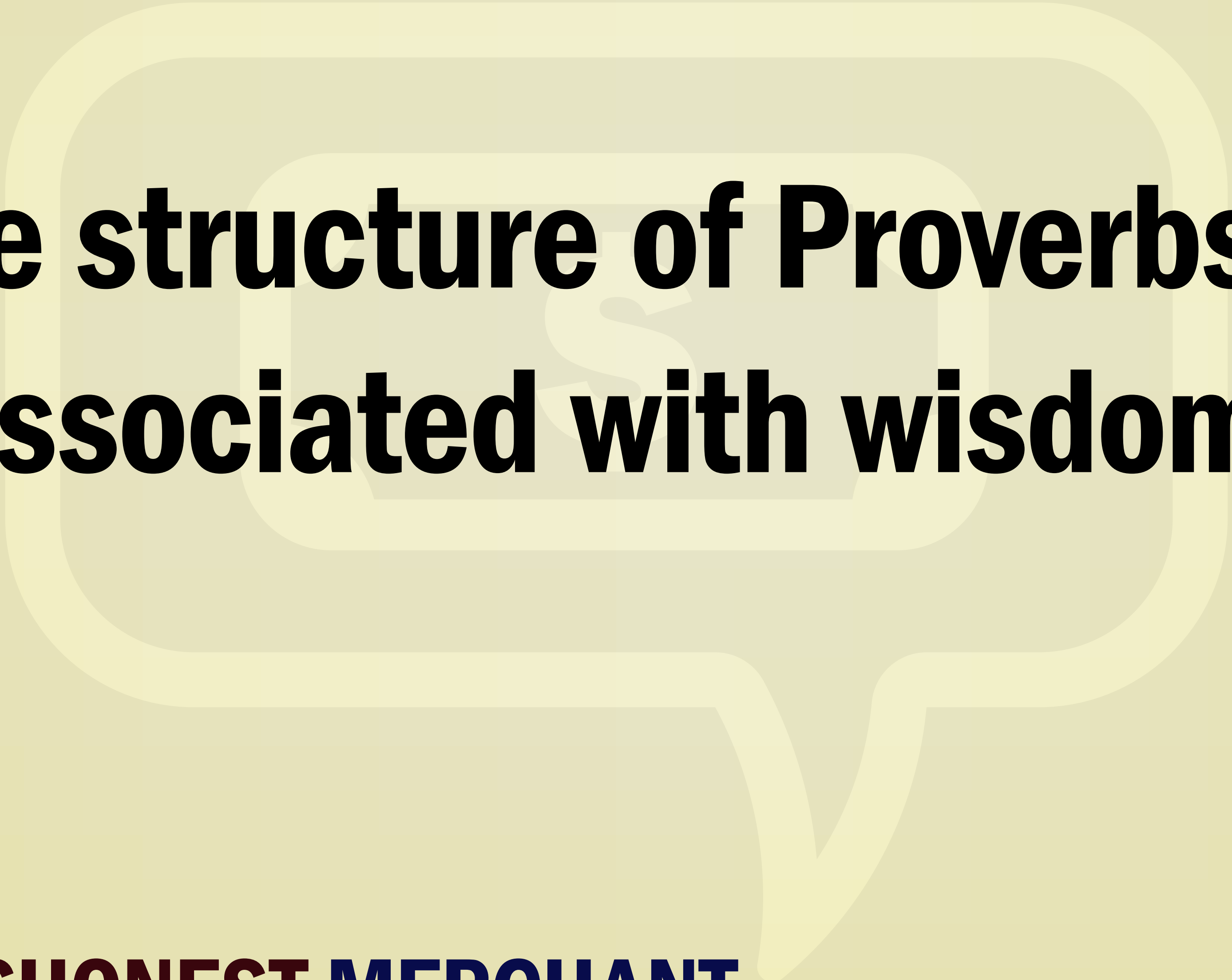
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Proverbs is Wisdom Literature.

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**The structure of Proverbs is
associated with wisdom.**

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**Hebrew poetry uses
thought rhymes
instead of *sound* rhymes.**

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**Solomon's dedication to
wisdom is evident in Proverbs.**

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PROVERBS 4:5-13

***“Acquire wisdom!
Acquire understanding!***

...

***Take hold of instruction;
do not let go.”***

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PROVERBS 16:16

***“How much better it is to
get wisdom than gold!***

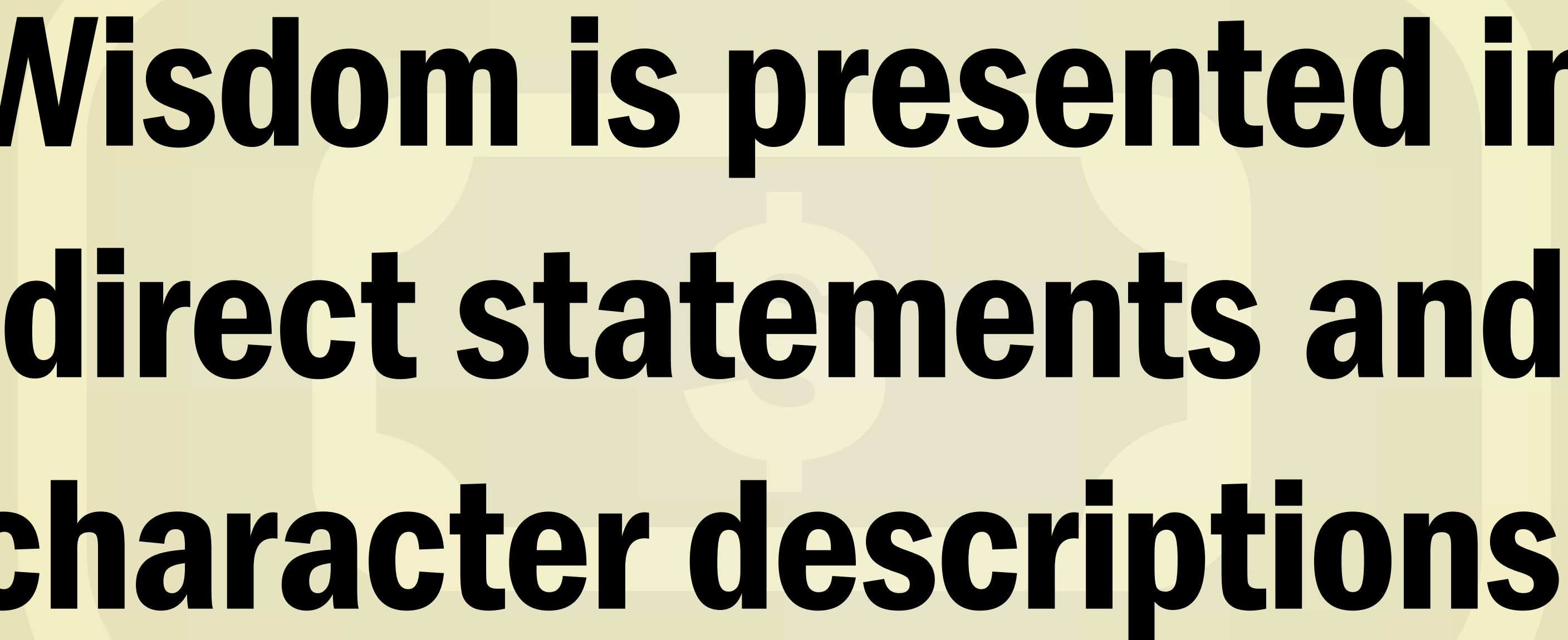
***And to get understanding is
to be chosen above silver.”***

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PROVERBS 23:23

***“Buy truth, and do not sell [it],
[Get] wisdom and instruction
and understanding.”***

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**Wisdom is presented in
direct statements and
character descriptions.**

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Personifications in Proverbs:

Wisdom/Wise Person.

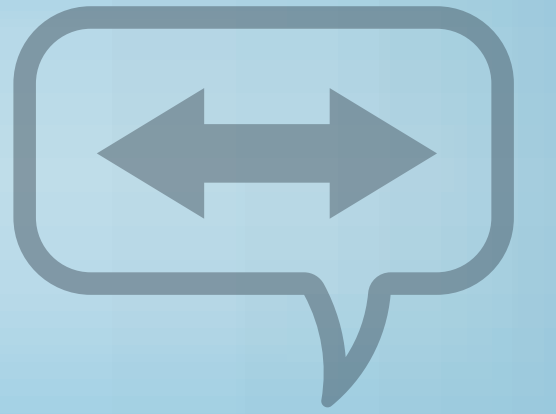
Folly/The Foolish Person.

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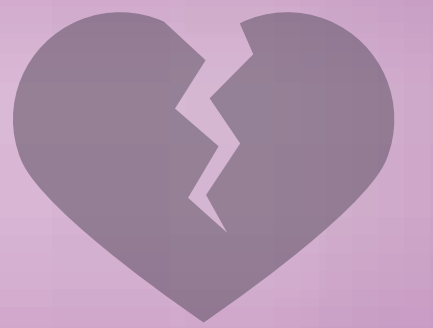
THE SCOFFER



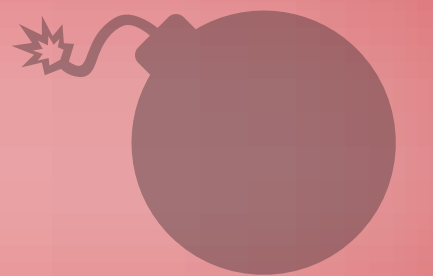
THE LIAR



THE IMMORAL WOMAN



THE VIOLENT AGGRESSOR



THE SLUGGARD



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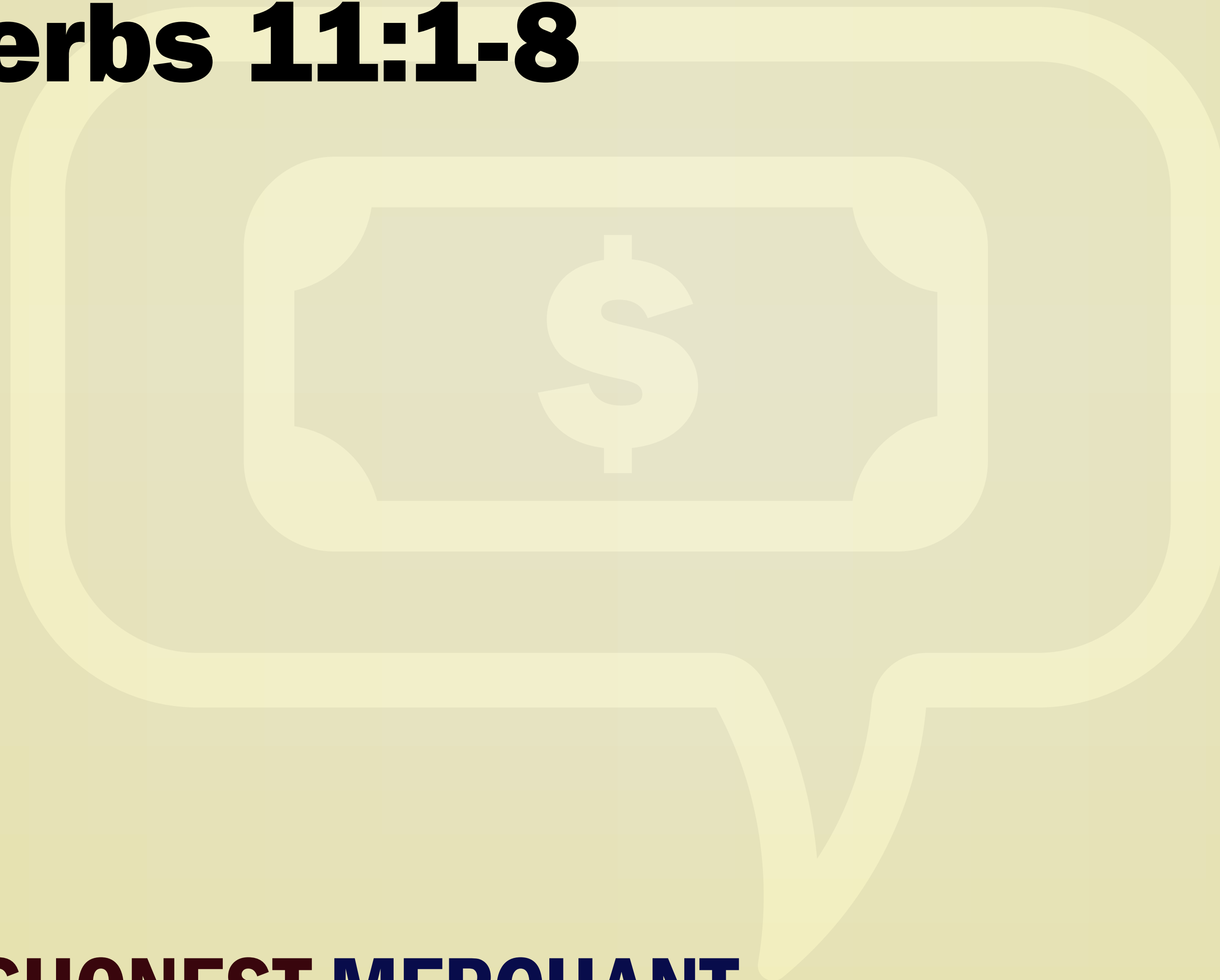
THE DISHONEST BUSINESSMAN IS:

- **Arrogant & Ignorant toward the Authority.**
- **Predatory in Pursuing Profit.**
- **Jaded in Judgments about Justice.**

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**ARROGANT & IGNORANT
TOWARD THE AUTHORITY.**

Proverbs 11:1-8



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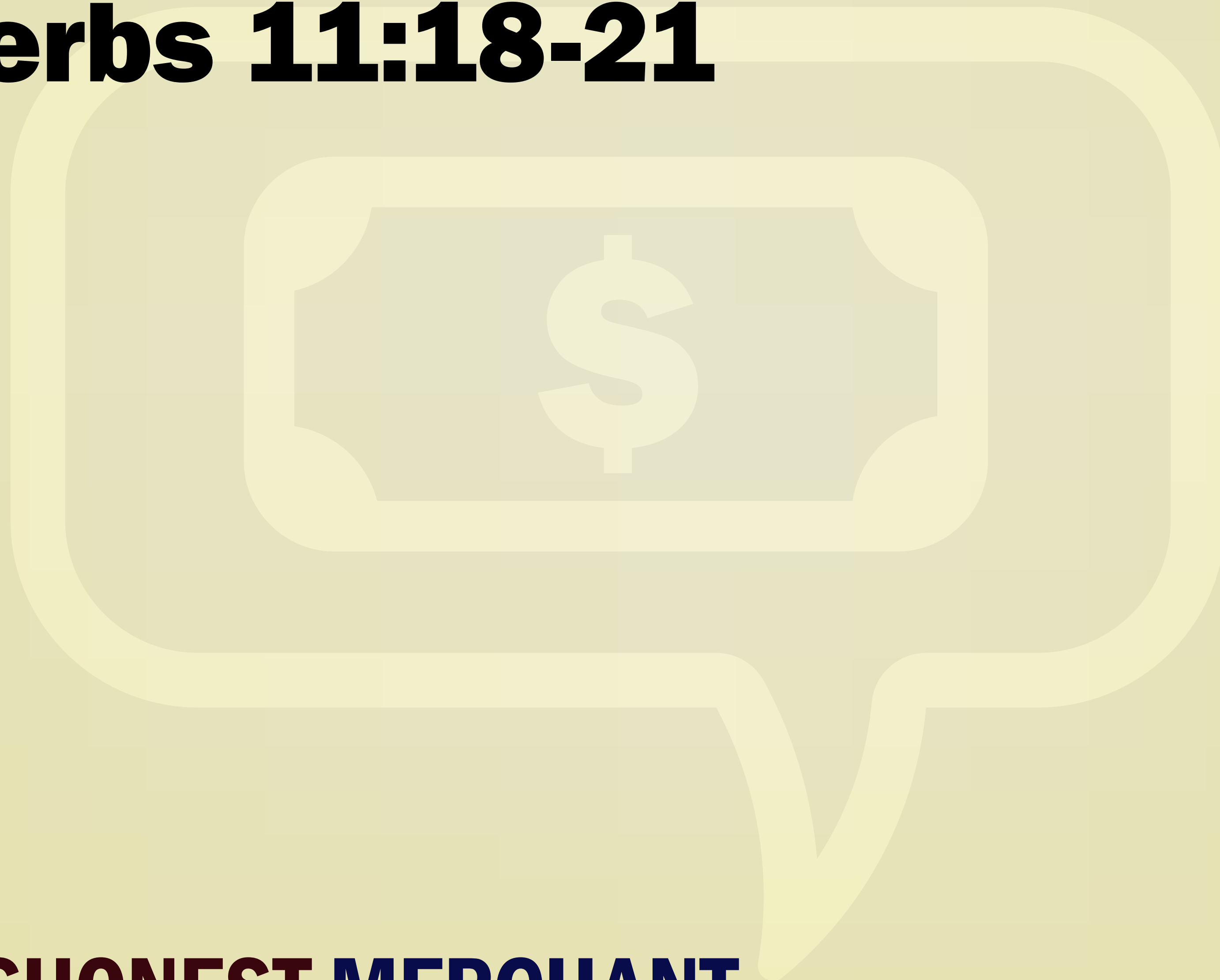
Proverbs 11:1-8

**Trying to gain security at
the expense of others is
useless, because it invites
danger and dishonor.**

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Proverbs 11:18-21



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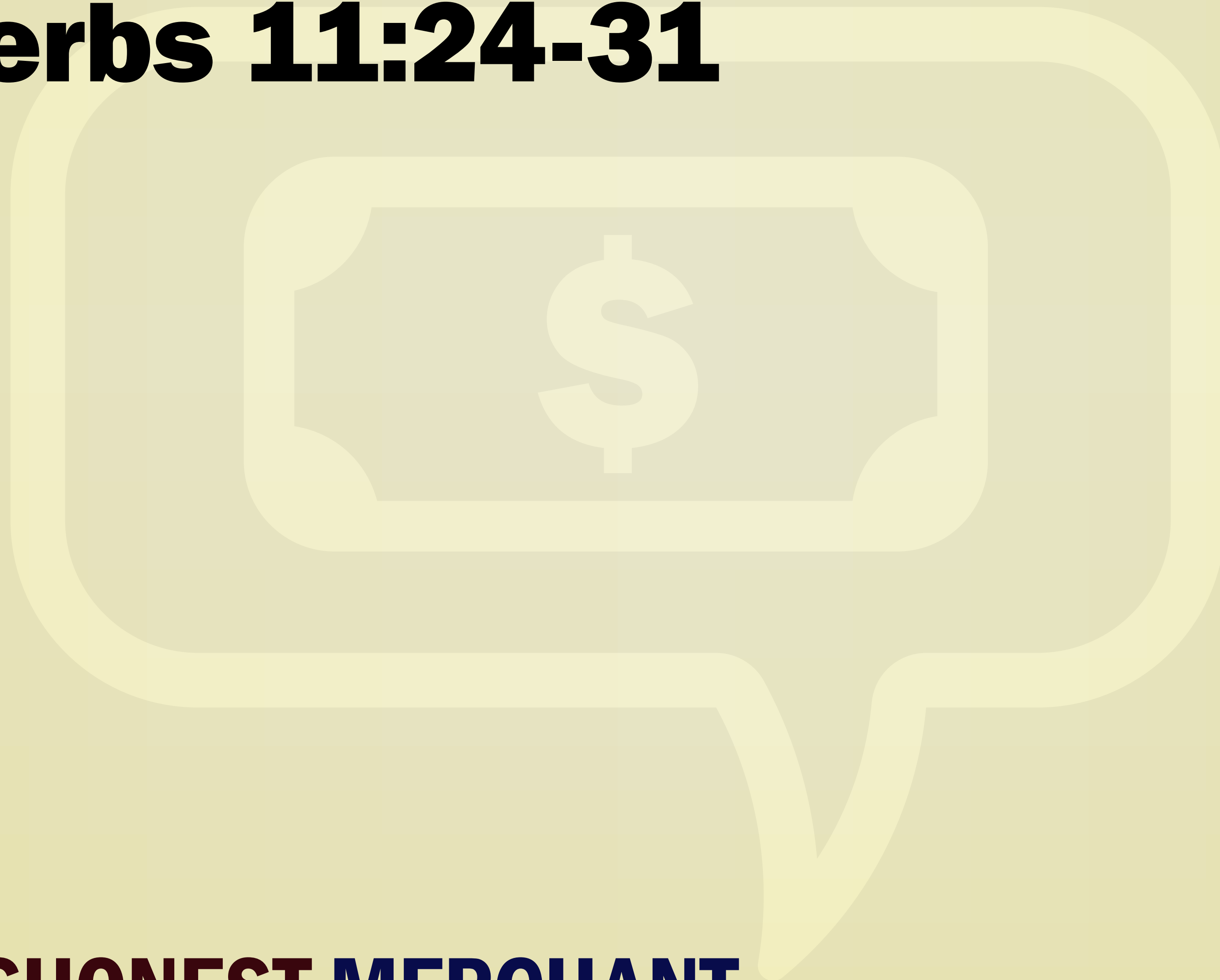
Proverbs 11:18-21

**No one is immune from justice,
and if we fail to extend it to
others, it will be extended to us.**

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Proverbs 11:24-31



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Proverbs 11:24-31

**Actively seeking the benefit
and blessing of others creates a
natural consequence of
benefit for everyone.**

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Proverbs 19:17

***One who is gracious to a
poor man lends to the LORD,
And He will repay him
for his good deed.***

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Proverbs 22:9

***He who is generous
will be blessed,***

***For he gives some of his
food to the poor.***

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Proverbs 22:16

***He who oppresses the poor
to make more for himself
Or who gives to the rich,
[will] only [come to] poverty.***

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Proverbs 22:16

***Do not rob the poor
because he is poor,
Or crush the afflicted at the gate;
For the LORD will plead their case
And take the life of those
who rob them.***

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PREDATORY IN PURSUING PROFIT.

Proverbs 10:2-3, 16

There is nothing but futility in seeking undeserved blessings.

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Proverbs 10:2-3, 16

**Honest hard work and generosity
provides plenty for many.**

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Proverbs 13:11

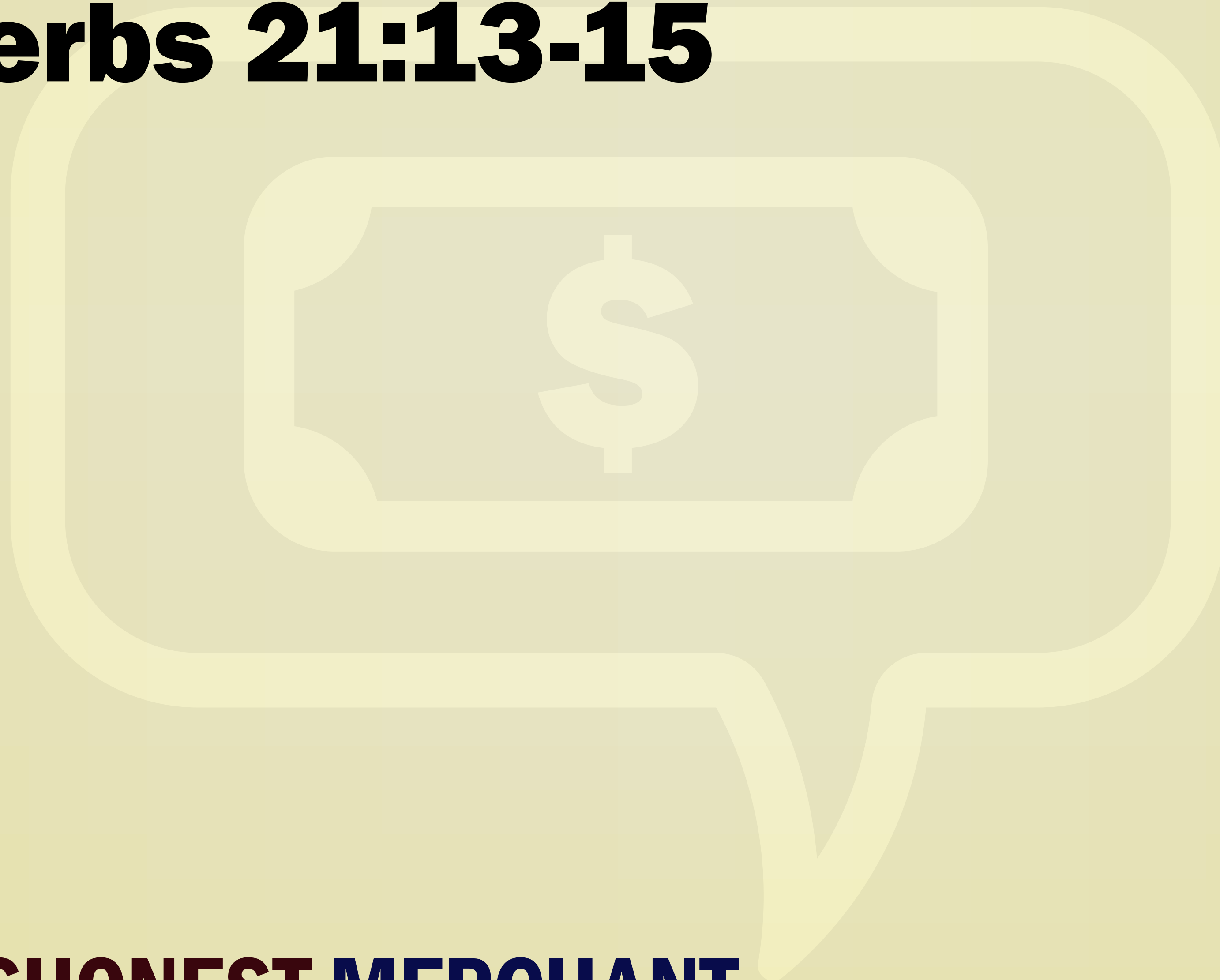
***Wealth [obtained] by
fraud dwindles,***

***But the one who gathers by
labor increases [it].***

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PREDATORY IN PURSUING PROFIT.

Proverbs 21:13-15



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[Exodus 23:8; Deut 16:19; 27:25]

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Deuteronomy 10:17

“For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.”

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PREDATORY IN PURSUING PROFIT.

Proverbs 14:31-32

***He who oppresses the poor
taunts his Maker,***

***But he who is gracious to the needy
honors Him.***

***The wicked is thrust down
by his wrongdoing,***

But the righteous has a refuge when he dies.

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PREDATORY IN PURSUING PROFIT.

Proverbs 17:5

***He who mocks the poor
taunts his Maker;***

***He who rejoices at calamity
will not go unpunished.***

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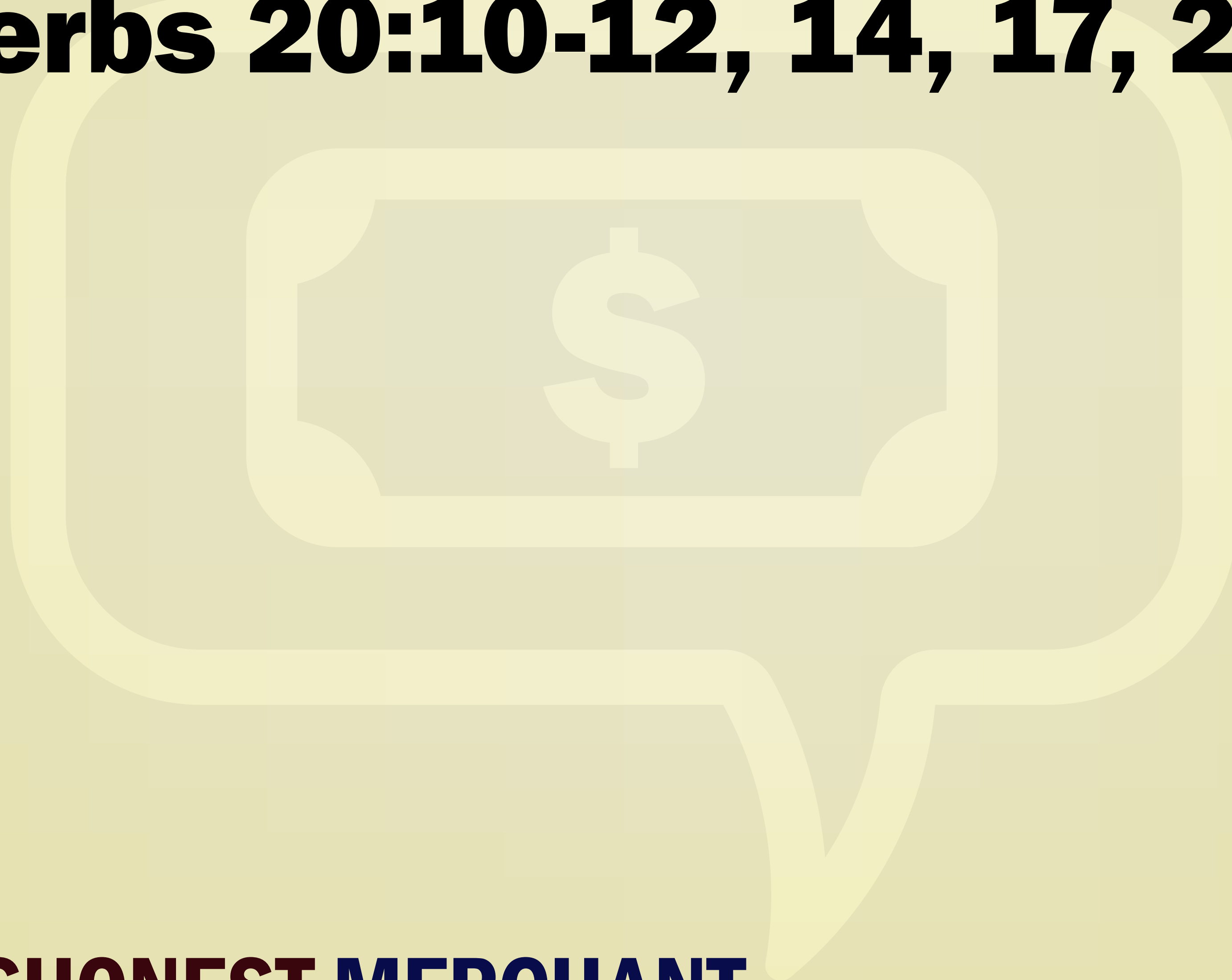
Proverbs 15:27

***He who profits illicitly
troubles his own house,
But he who hates bribes
will live.***

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Proverbs 20:10-12, 14, 17, 23



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Proverbs 20:10-12, 14, 17, 23

**Dishonest business practices
hurt us as well as others because
God watches our conduct.**

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Proverbs 16:8

***Better is a little
with righteousness
Than great income
with injustice.***

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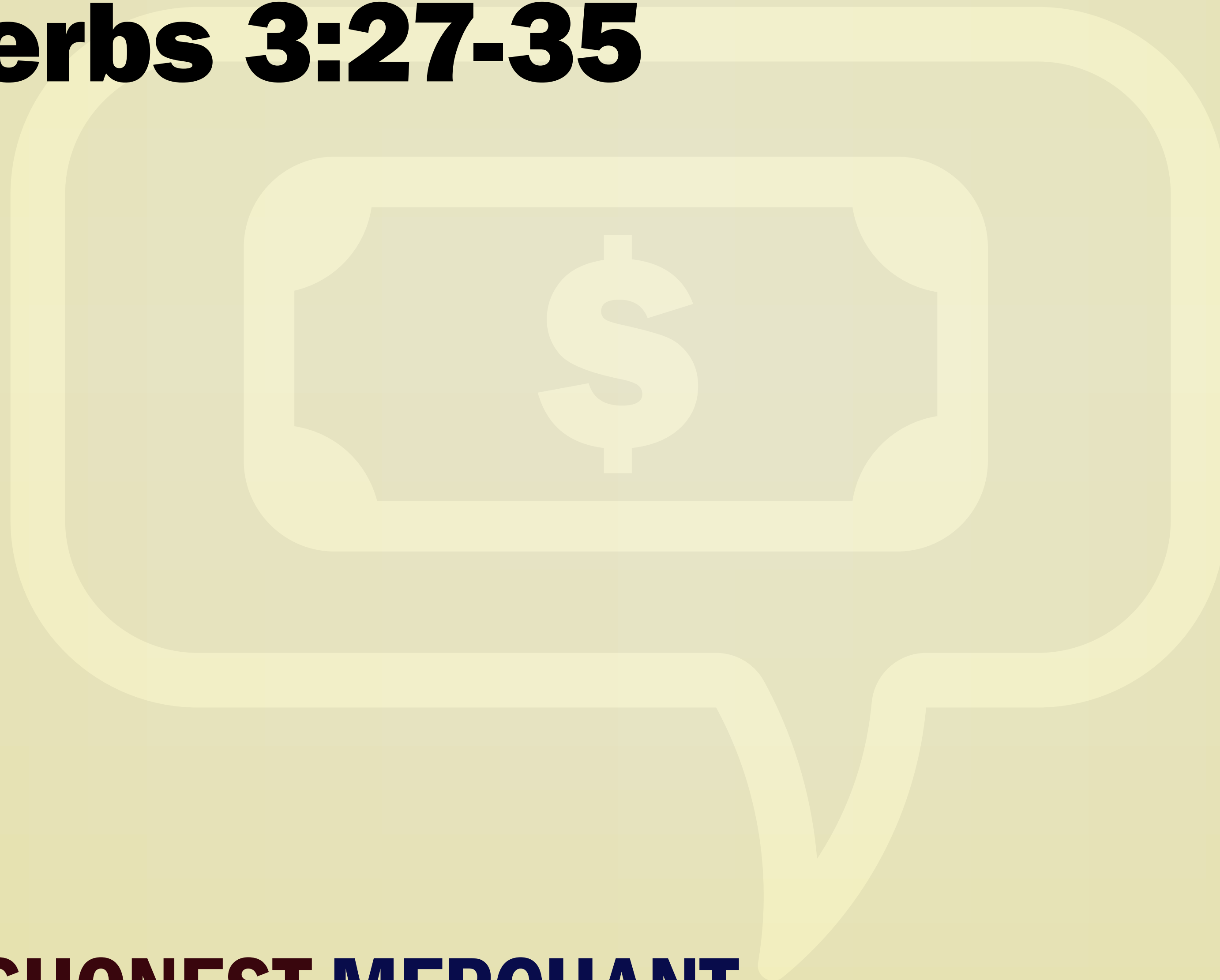
Proverbs 16:11

***A just balance and scales
belong to the LORD;
All the weights of the bag
are His concern.***

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JADED IN JUDGMENTS ABOUT JUSTICE.

Proverbs 3:27-35



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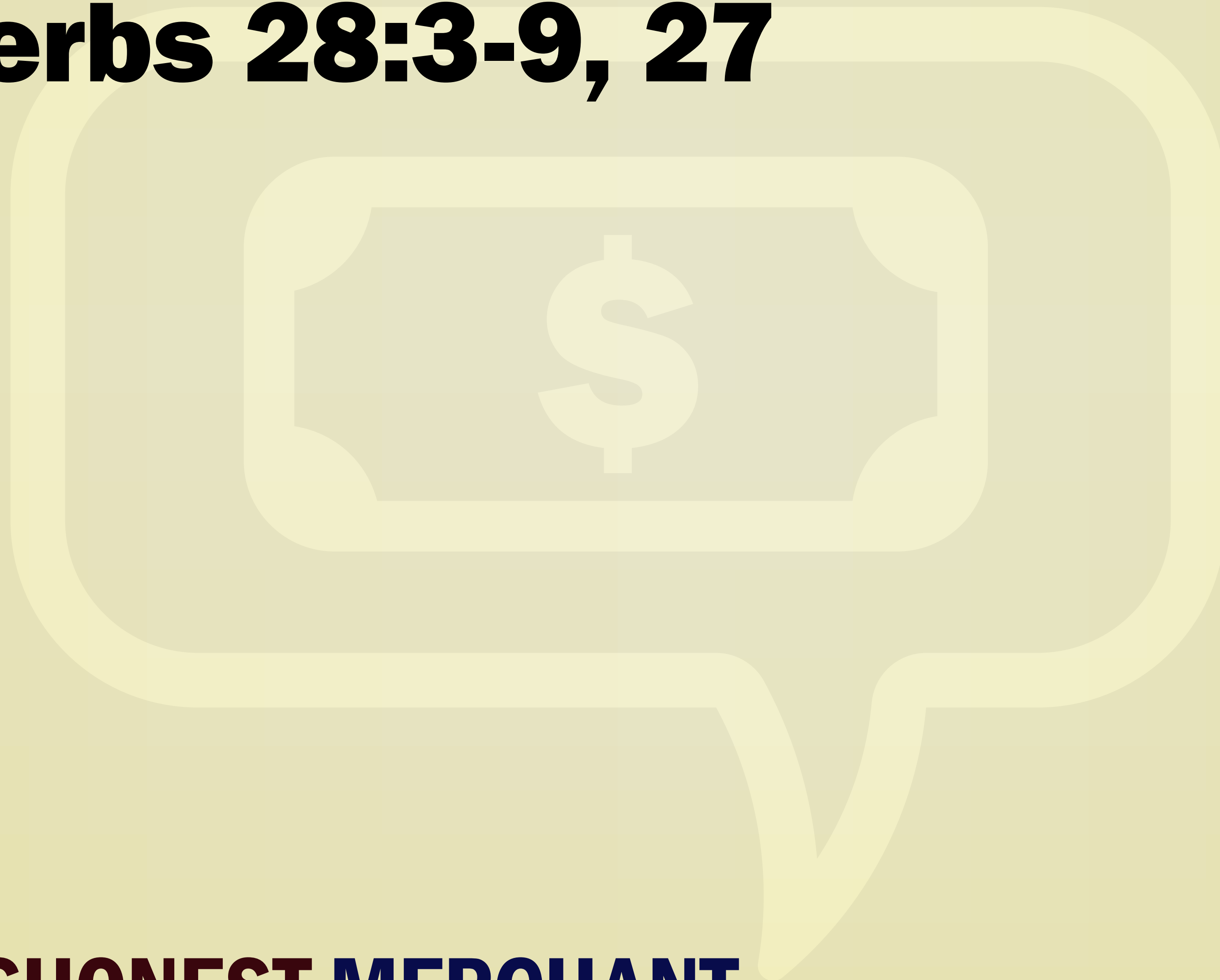
Proverbs 3:27-35

**The gains that are promised by
unrighteous means are
flimsy and fleeting.**

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Proverbs 28:3-9, 27



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Proverbs 28:3-9, 27

**Oppression of the
disenfranchised begins with
a rejection of God's
guidance and commands.**

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Are you Working with Wisdom?

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