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***Form, Reform, & Transform!***



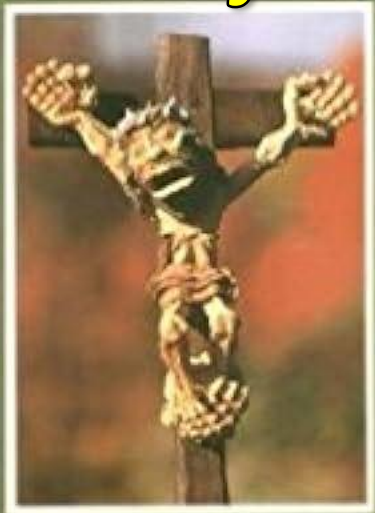






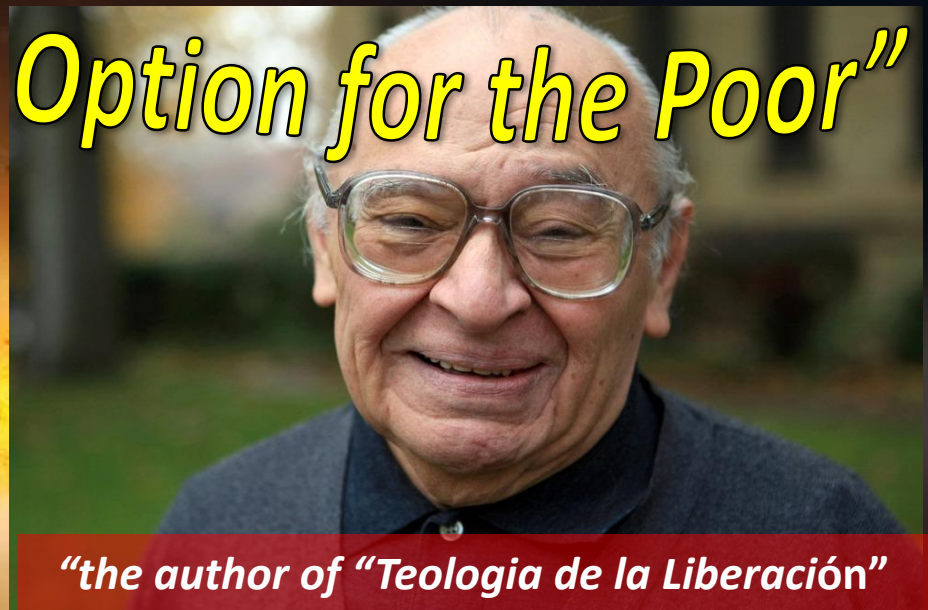


# "God's Preferential Option for the Poor"



A  
Theology  
of  
Liberation  
GUSTAVO GUTIÉRREZ

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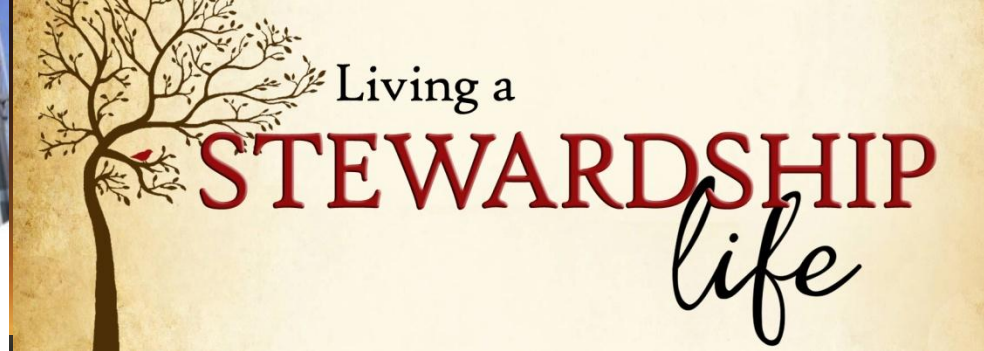
**"Poverty is not a  
misfortune;  
it is an *injustice*."**

**-Gustavo Gutierrez**



21 Ways To Prepare Your  
Children For A Bright Future

"Children are Parent's heritage"



**Not merely for Annual or Momentum!**

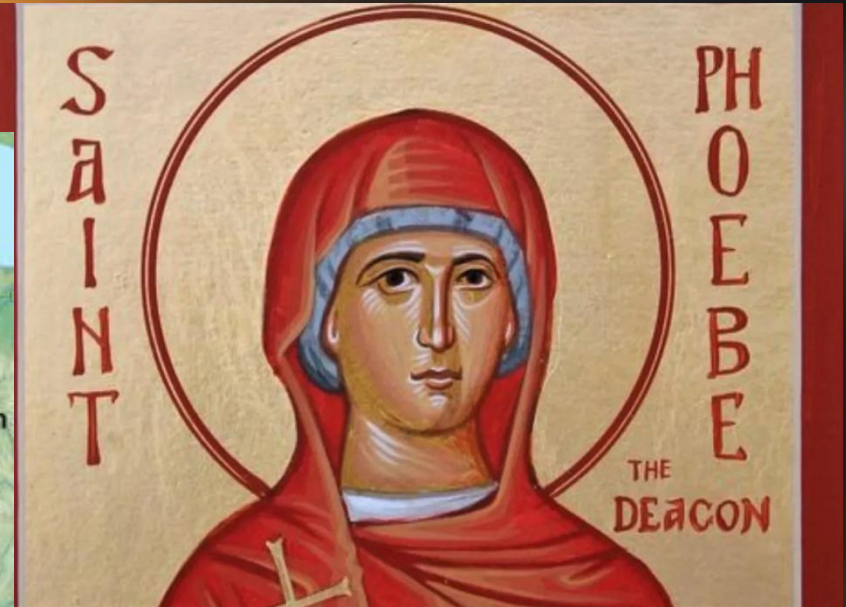
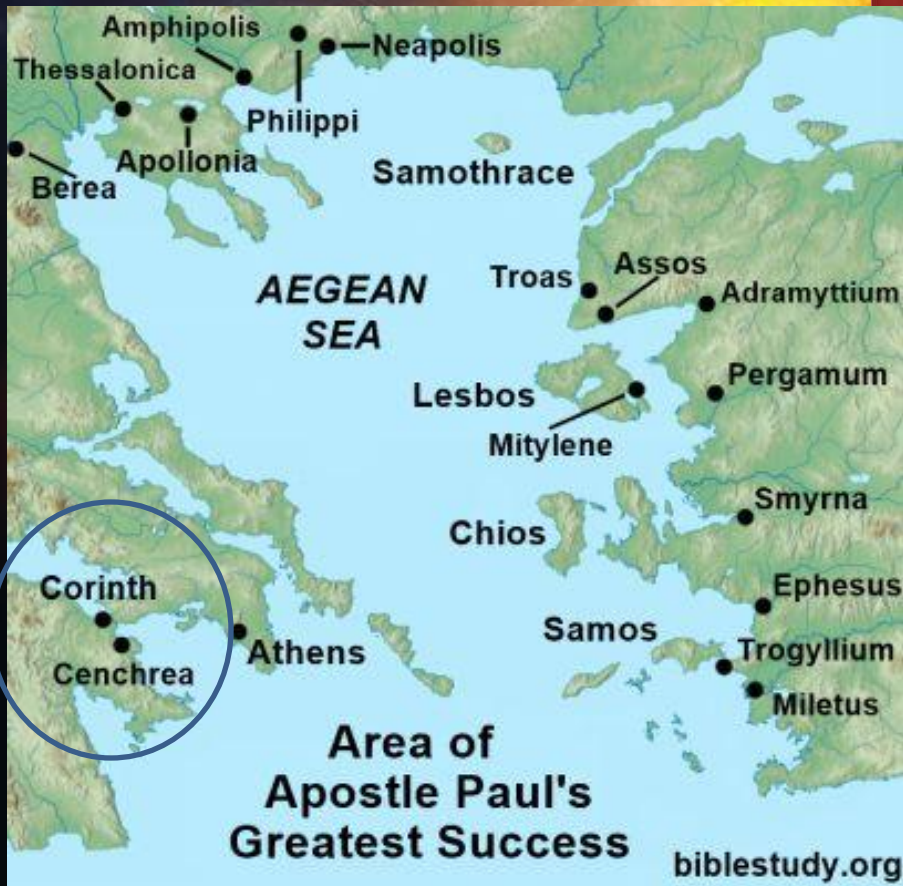
1. *Caesar or Christ, Who's In Charge* .. Oct. 6
2. *Be Fruitful with All God Gives You Now* .. Oct. 13
3. *Bring to the Lord an Offering* .. Oct. 20
4. *Servng the Lord, Not their Own Appetite* .. Oct. 27
5. *Have Compassion on the Crowd* .. Nov. 3
6. *Who Put More into the Treasury* .. Nov. 10
7. *The Temple Tax Jesus Paid* .. Nov. 17
8. *Give Thanks in All Circumstances* .. Nov. 24

**Give to God What Is God's**



# Romans 16:1-20

## Live a Way of Worthy of the Saints



# Romans 16:1-20

## Risked their Lives for the Gentiles





# Romans 16:1-20

## First Convert to Christ in Asia



*Are you the first convert in your hometown?*



# **Romans 16:1-20**

## **Relatives of Paul - Disciples of Jesus**



**May 17 / May 30 (N.S.)**

**The Memory of the Holy Apostle Andronicus  
Junia, his Fellow-Laborer**



**Relatives of Apostle Paul, imprisoned and ...**



# Romans 16:1-20

## Serving our God vs. their Own Appetite



What if you need  
to find a new  
church?



**1. You are the faithful fellow workers of the Lord.**

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Part 4. Serving the Lord, Not their Own Appetite**



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# TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH FAITH

Find hope, purpose, and community at Mt. Zion UMC Laurel Church.



An Apostolic Visit for a Church Conference – Tue., 10/22/2024

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*Alden & Marti English  
at 3207 Emory Church Road, Olney, MD*

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# 1. You are the faithful fellow workers of the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Greet **Ampliatu**s, whom I love in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Greet **Urbanu**s, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend **Stachys**. <sup>10</sup> Greet **Apelles**, tested and approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the household of **Aristobulu**s. <sup>11</sup> Greet **Herodion**, my relative. Greet those in the household of **Narcissu**s who are in the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Greet **Tryphena and Tryphosa**, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend **Persis**, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Greet **Rufu**s, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. <sup>14</sup> Greet **Asyncritu**s, **Phlegon**, **Hermes**, **Patrobas**, **Hermas** and the **brothers** with them. <sup>15</sup> Greet **Philologu**s, **Julia**, **Nereus and his sister**, and **Olympas** and all the saints with them.

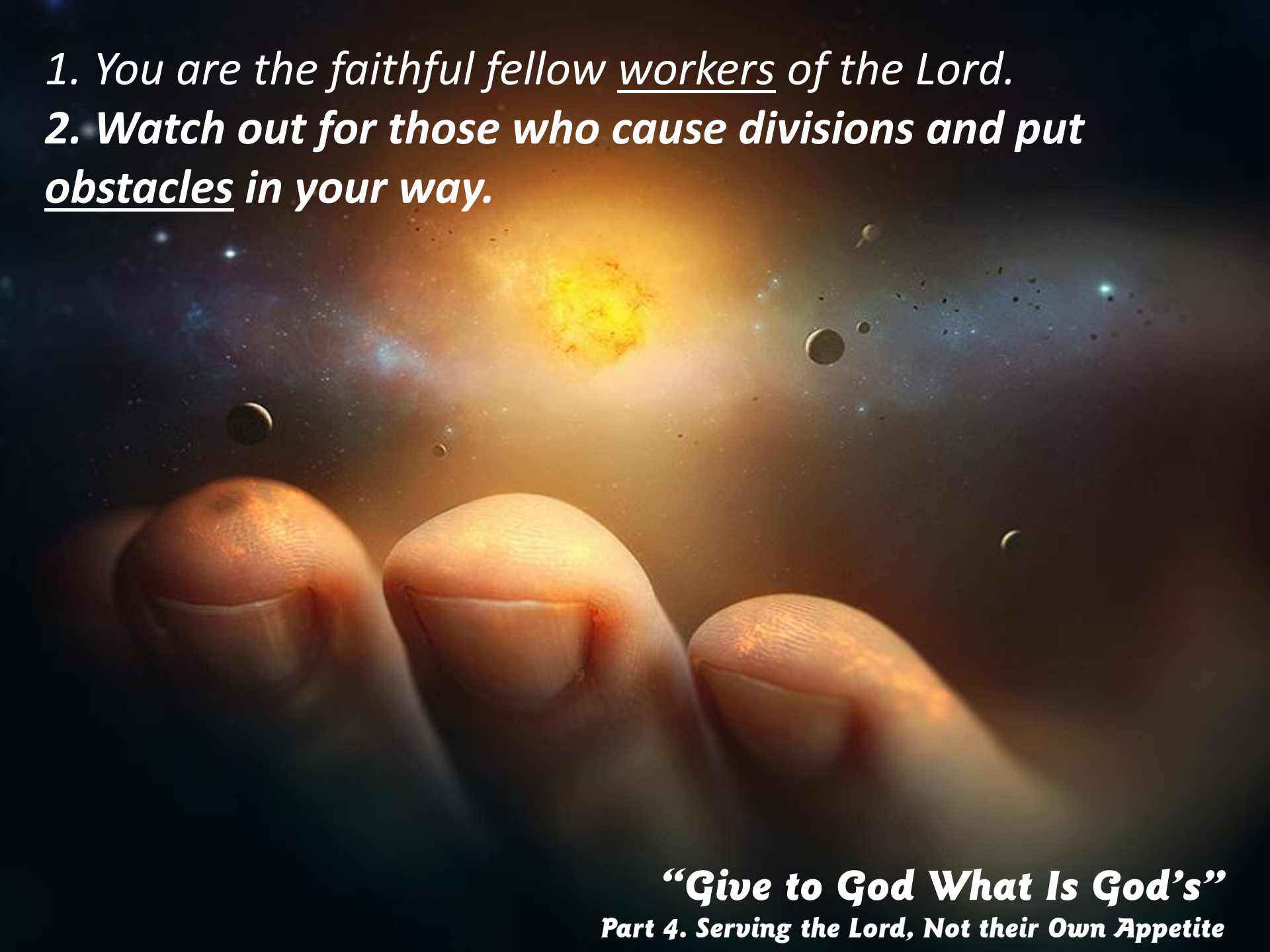
Romans 16:8-15



But, **you are a chosen people**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praise of him who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.  
(vv. 9-10)

**“Give to God What Is God’s”**

**Part 4. Serving the Lord, Not their Own Appetite**

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- 1. You are the faithful fellow workers of the Lord.*  
*2. Watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way.*

**“Give to God What Is God’s”**  
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2. *Watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way.*



I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

**Romans 16:17**

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# JUDAIZERS

*The Earliest and first Christian Heresy!*  
*The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not sufficient. All males must be circumcised!*

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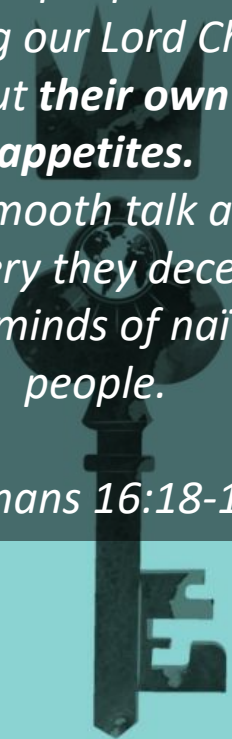


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For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but **their own appetites.**

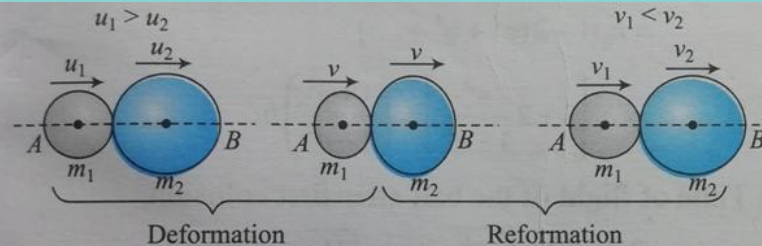
By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naïve people.

Romans 16:18-19



In Physics, D. is change in shape or size of object due to external force such as squashing, twisting, or pulling.

# DEFORMATION/



Since, linear momentum is conserved for the system.

$$\Rightarrow m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \dots(i)$$

**Impulse of deformation:**

$J_D$  = change in momentum of any one body during deformation

$$= m_2 (v - u_2) \text{ for } m_2$$

$$= m_1 (u_1 - v) \text{ for } m_1$$

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the process of morally corrupting people through sin, corrupt leaders or personal pleasure.

## DEFORMATION/ REFORMATION

the process of reversing the effects of deformation through God's truth!

Luther saw **the deformation that had taken place in the RCC** and listed 95 points that required reform in his 95 Theses!

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*A theological debate over the role and sale of indulgences to the Christian peoples across Europe.  
... breaking up the unity of the Western church ...*

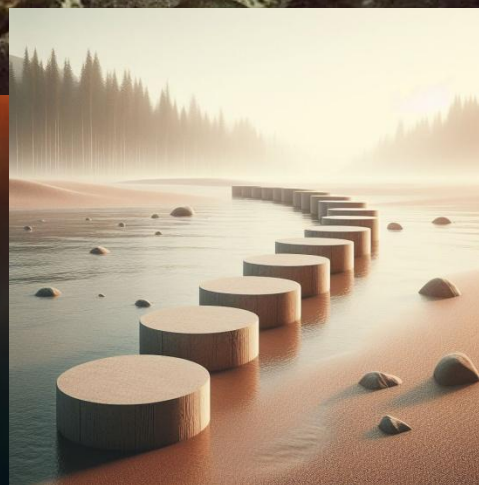
*In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we have reached a time of pluralism in the societies and within our churches.*

*Some denominations completely  
1) have lost the spirit of the reformation and 2) have NO interest in joining a united visible church.  
Rather, they seek **to promote false ecumenism** with groups that are contrary to the teachings of Christianity.*

*Jack Liang, Christian Today*

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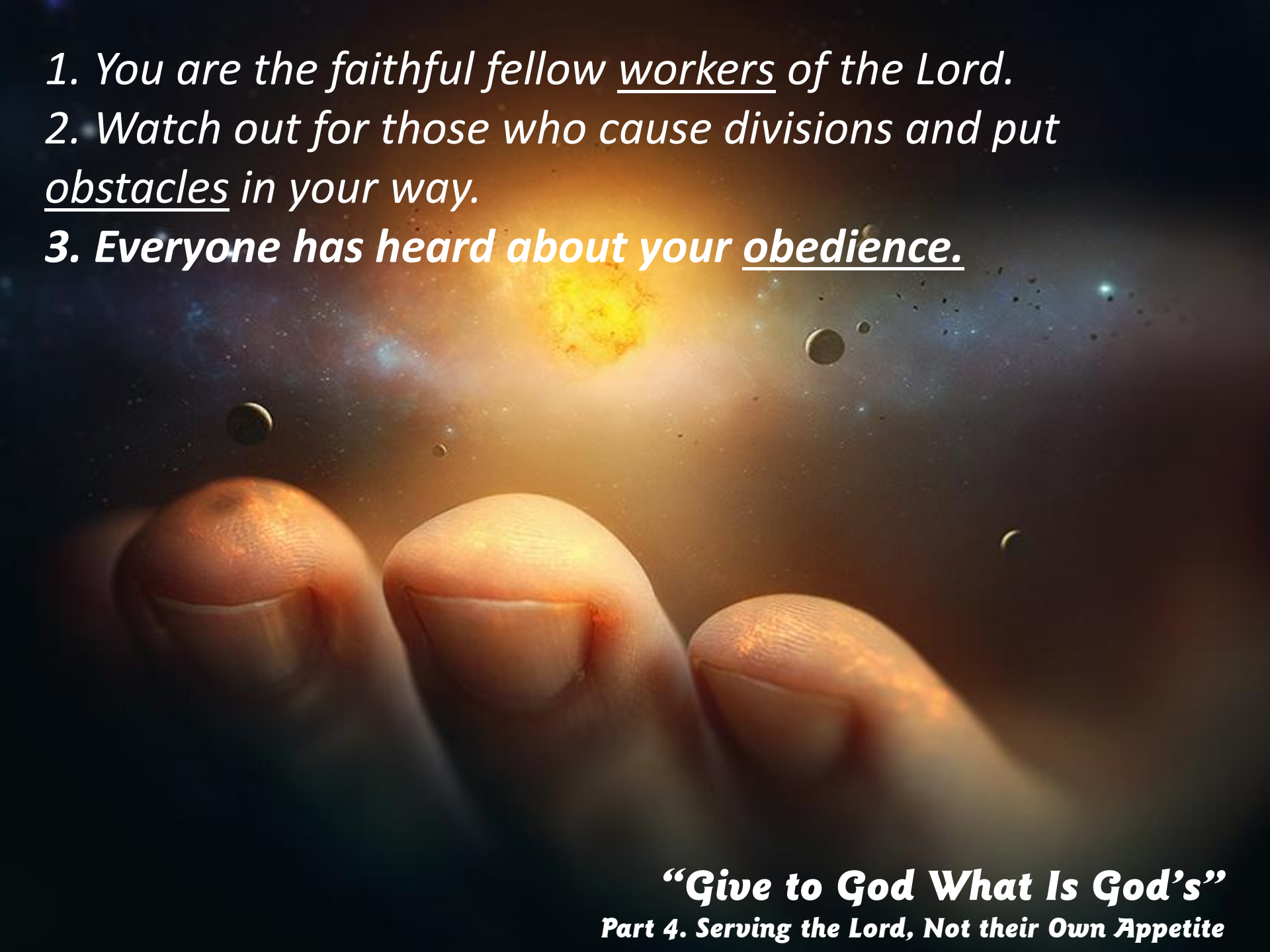
The Lord is not putting obstacles in your way .... He's putting stepping stones



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  - 3. Everyone has heard about your obedience.*

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3. Everyone has heard about your obedience.



*Suffering in reality, Saving in essence!*

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### 3. Everyone has heard about your obedience

For I reckon that the sufferings  
of this present time  
are not worthy to be compared  
with the glory which shall be revealed in us.  
**Romans 8:18**

*We Sacrifice, Serve, & Suffer  
for God's Kingdom and His Righteousness*

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