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He that saith, I know him, and keepers
not his commandments, is a liar, and
the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:4

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He that saith he is in the light, and
hatheth his brother, is in darkness
even until now.

1 John 2:9

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THREE CATEGORIES OF LOVE

- 1 John 2:7-11 describes a love for the brethren
- 1 John 2:12-14 describes a love for the Father
- 1 John 2:14-17 warns about a love for the world

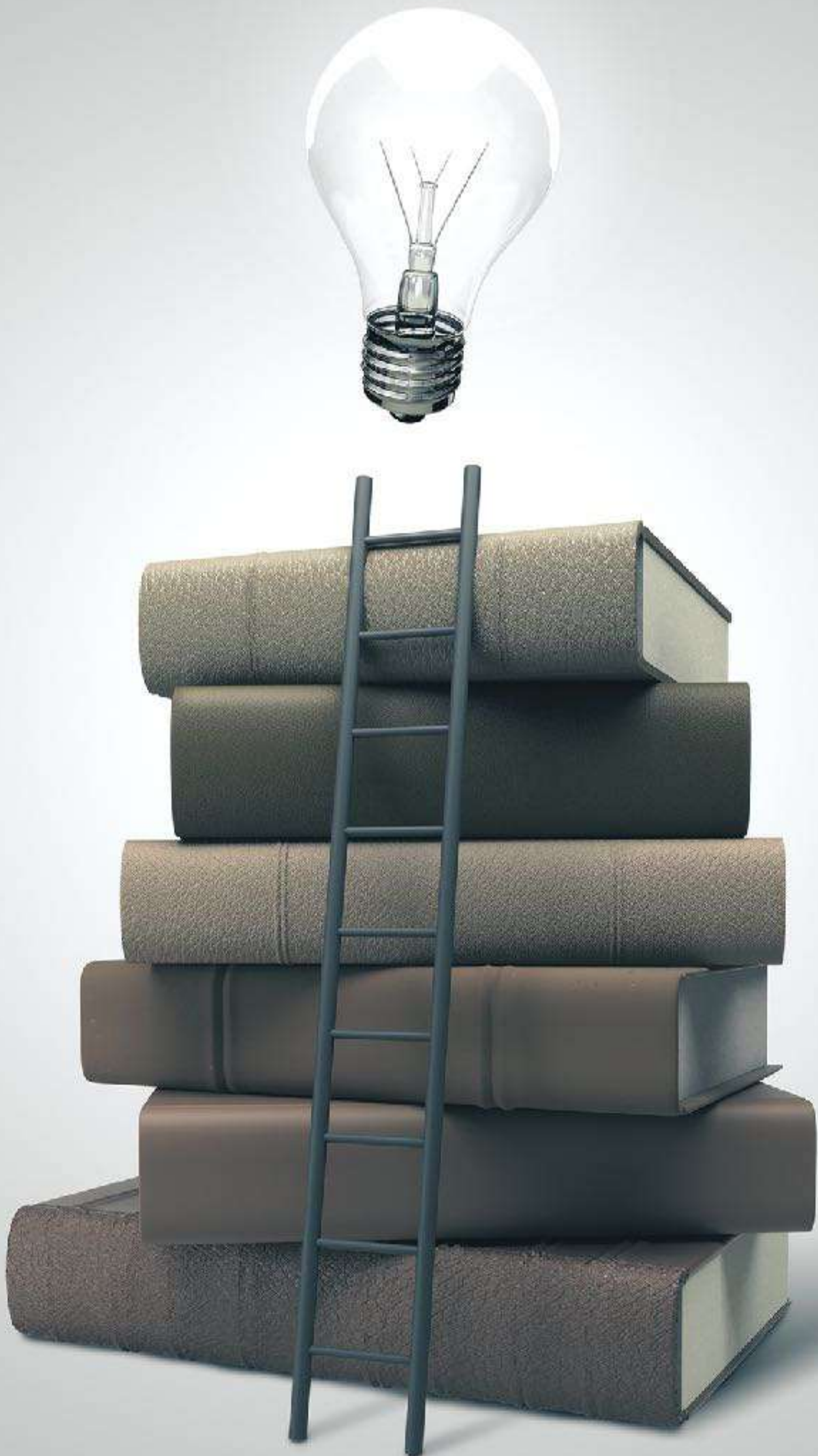


CHOOSE YOUR LOVE

1 John 2:7-17



No-one who loves wrongly will ever enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.



TEST #1: DO YOU LOVE THE BRETHREN? (2:7-11)

1. Understanding the command to love our brethren
 - This *is not* a commandment in terms of time
 - This *is* a commandment in terms of quality



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And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:5

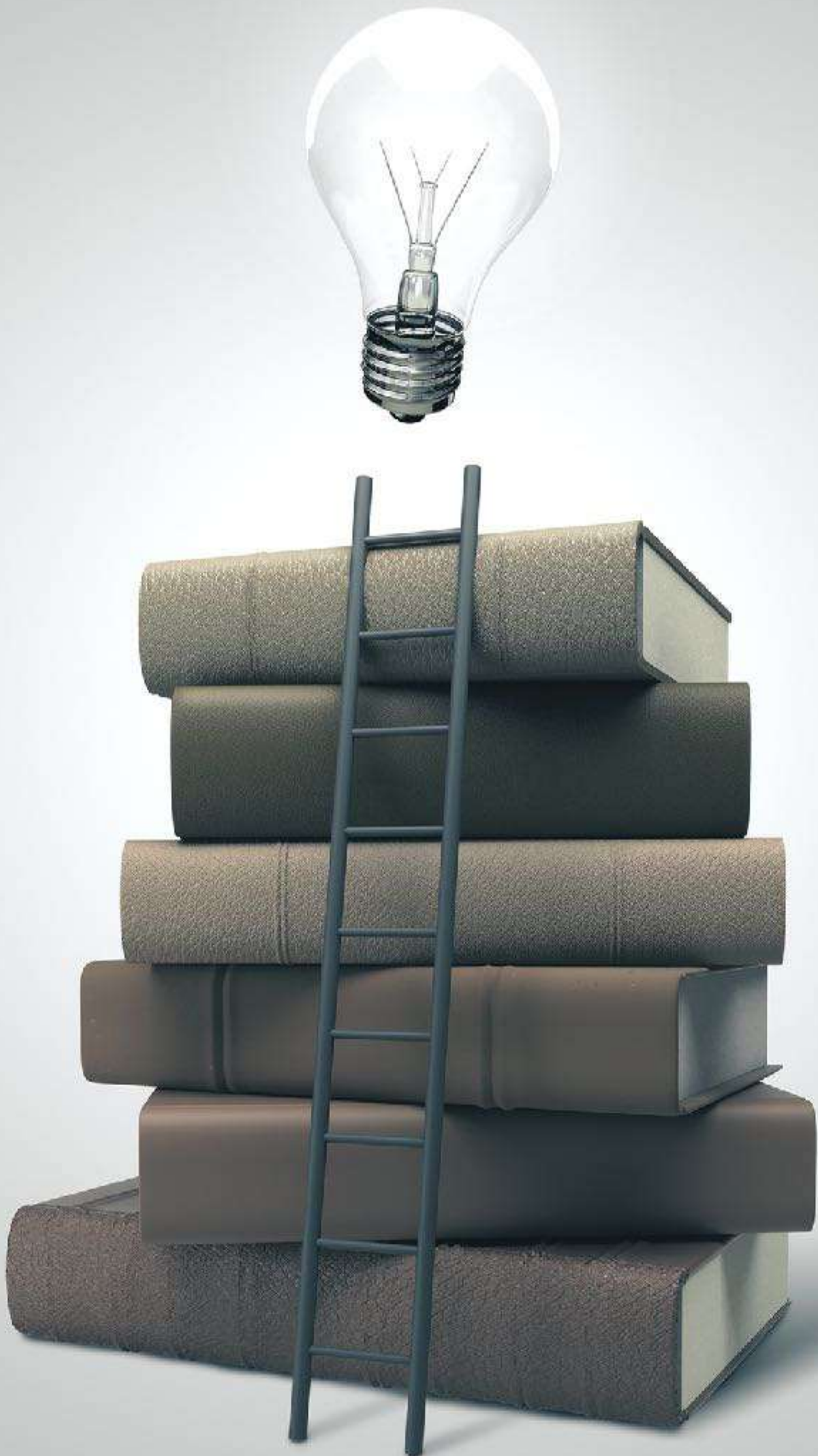
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But the fruit of the spirit is love ...

Galatians 5:22

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TEST #1: DO YOU LOVE THE BRETHREN? (2:7-11)

1. Understanding the command to love our brethren
2. Understanding the contrast between obedience and disobedience of this command

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Marvel not, brethren, if the world hate you.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that liveth not his brother abideth in death.

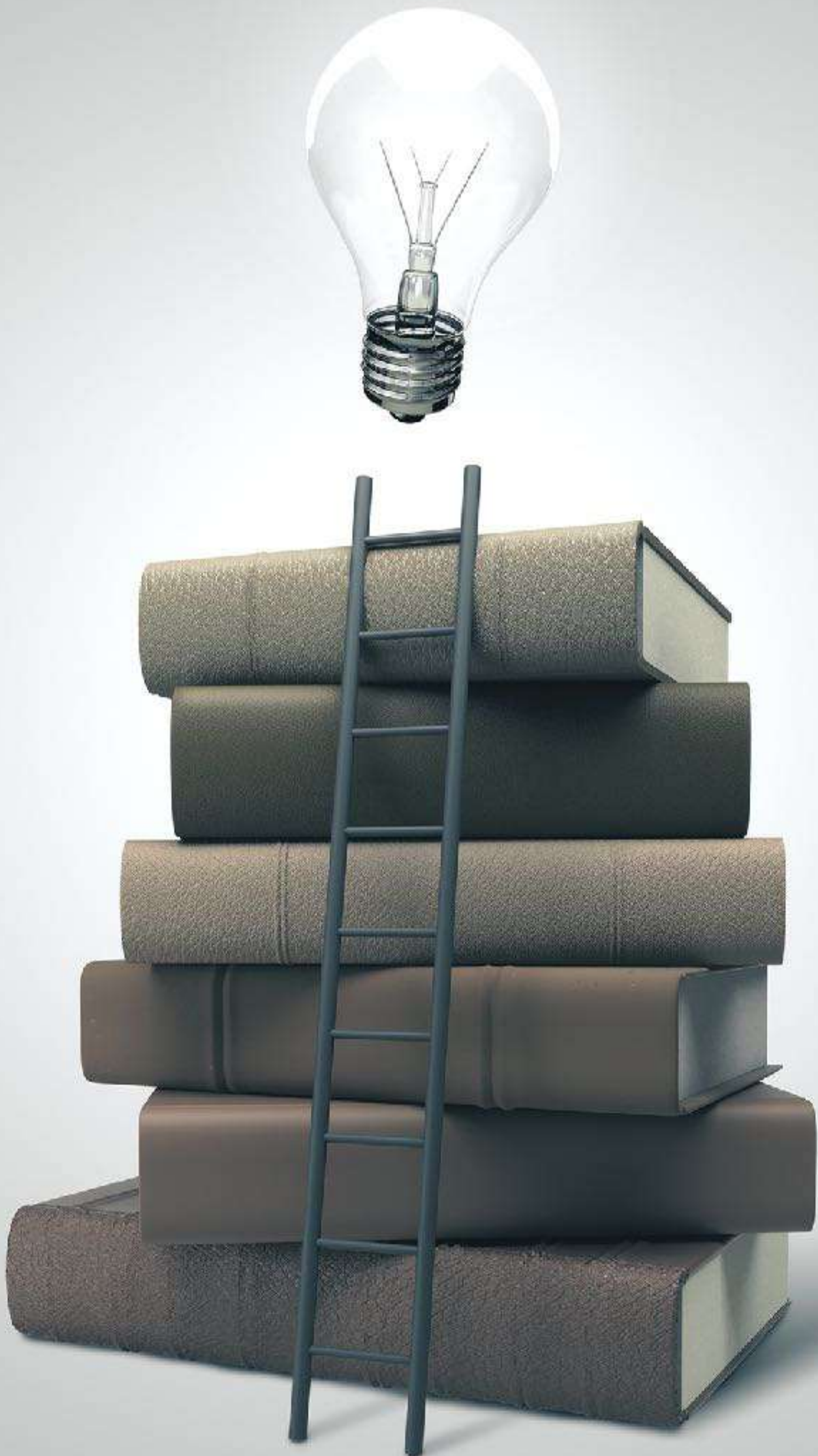
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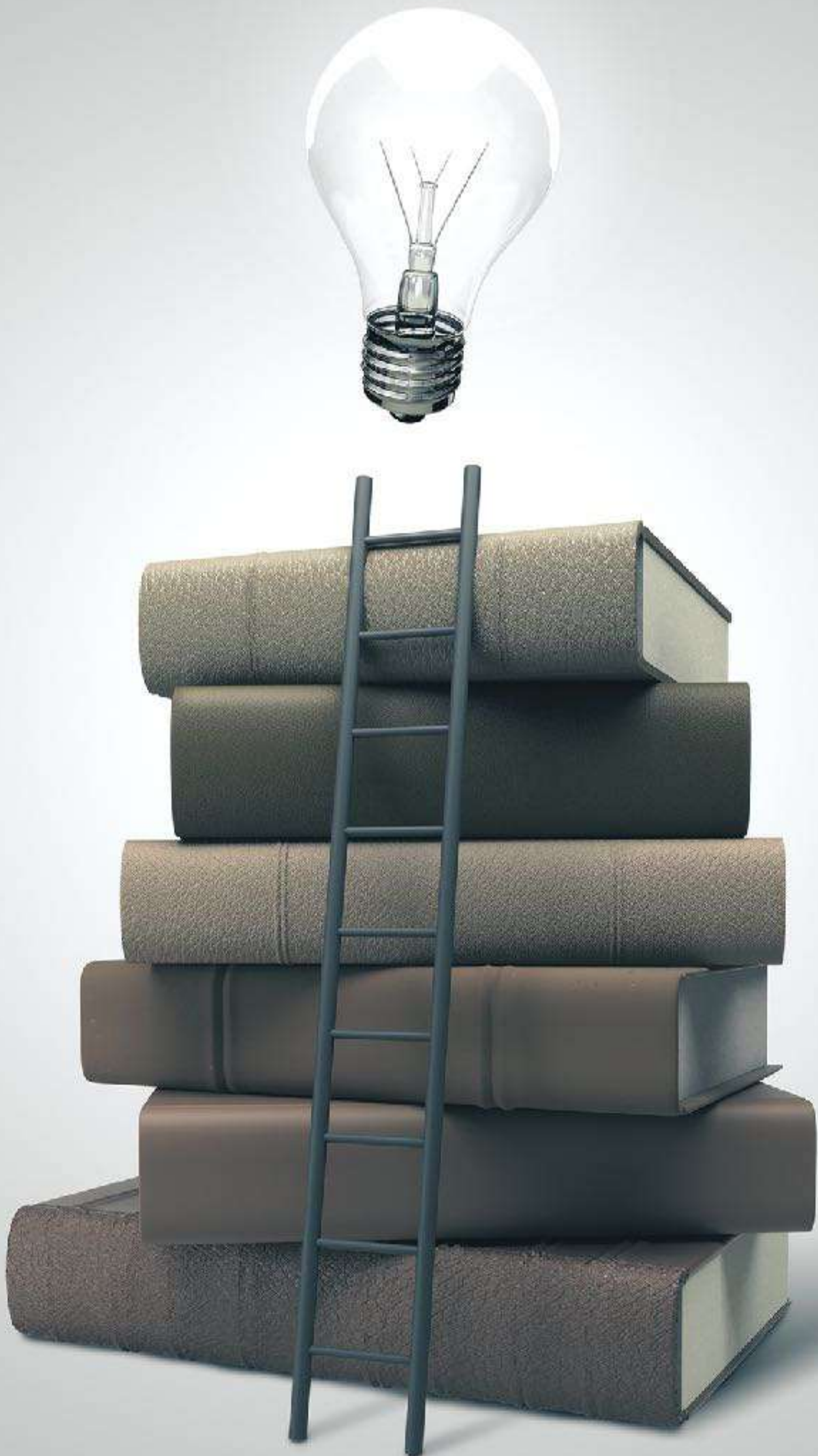


TEST #2: DO YOU LOVE THE FATHER? (2:12-14)

1. "Little children" refers to new, immature believers, who have little experience
2. "Young men" refers to those who are growing and developing in their walk
3. "Fathers" are mature believers who know the Lord on a deeper and richer level

ASSURANCE FOR THE BELIEVER

- 1 John 2:12 - "Your sins have been forgiven"
- 1 John 2:13a & 2:14a - "You have known him who is from the beginning"
- 1 John 2:12 & 14b - "You have overcome the evil one"
- 1 John 2:13b - "You have known the Father"
- 1 John 2:14a - "You are strong"
- 1 John 2:14b - "The word lives in you"



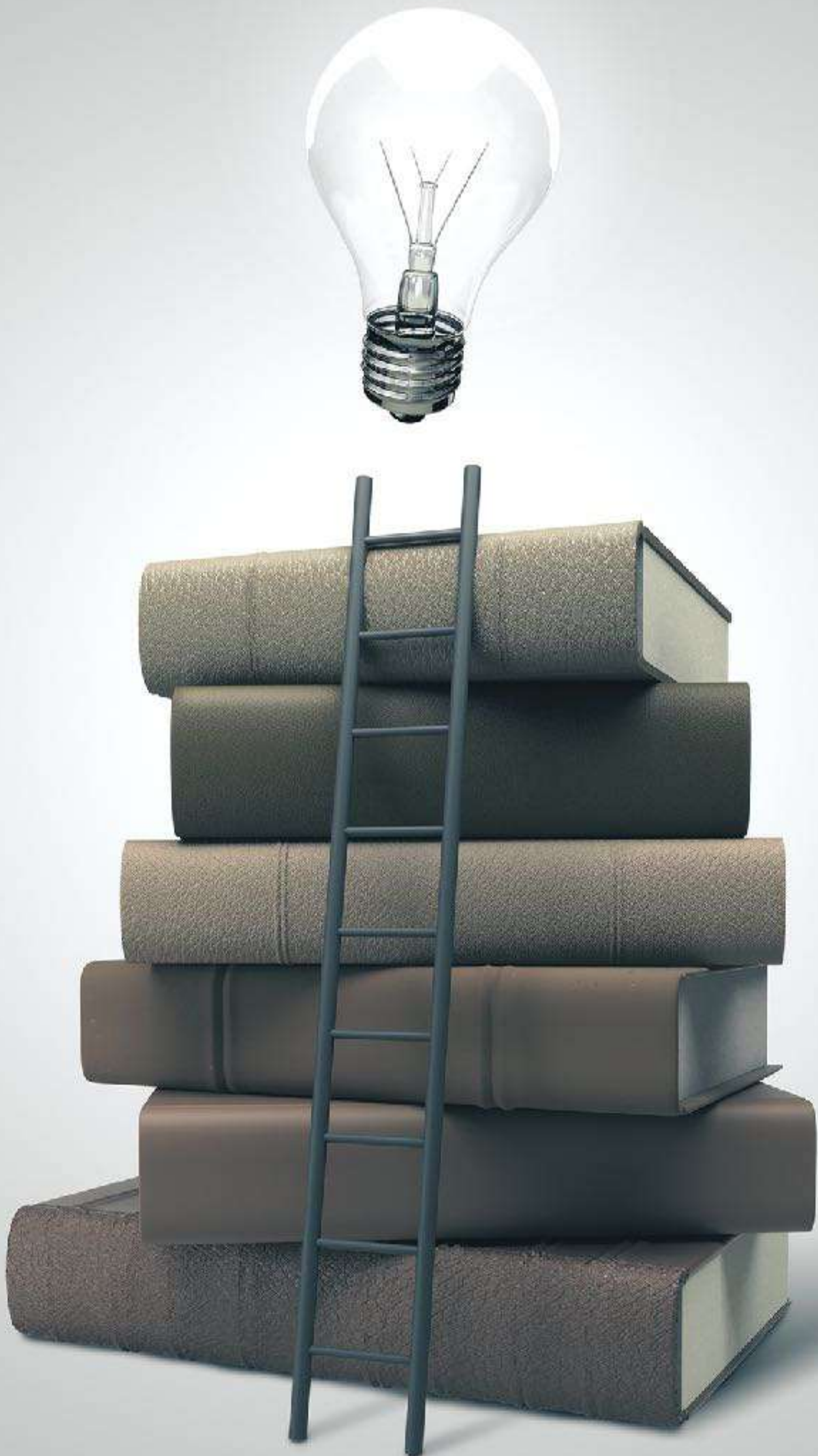
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- "On the whole, God's love for us is a much safer subject to think about than our love for Him" (C.S. Lewis).



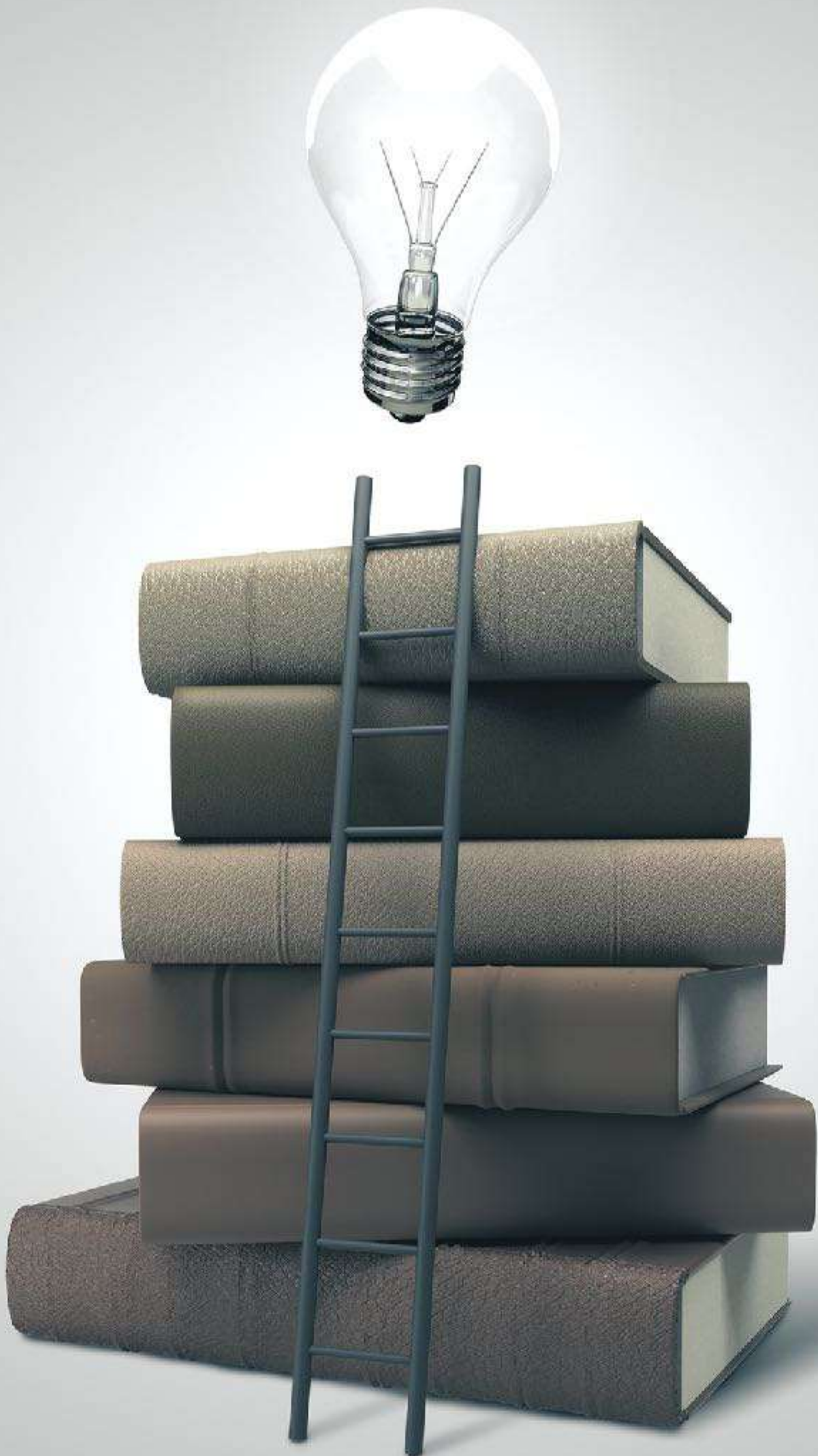
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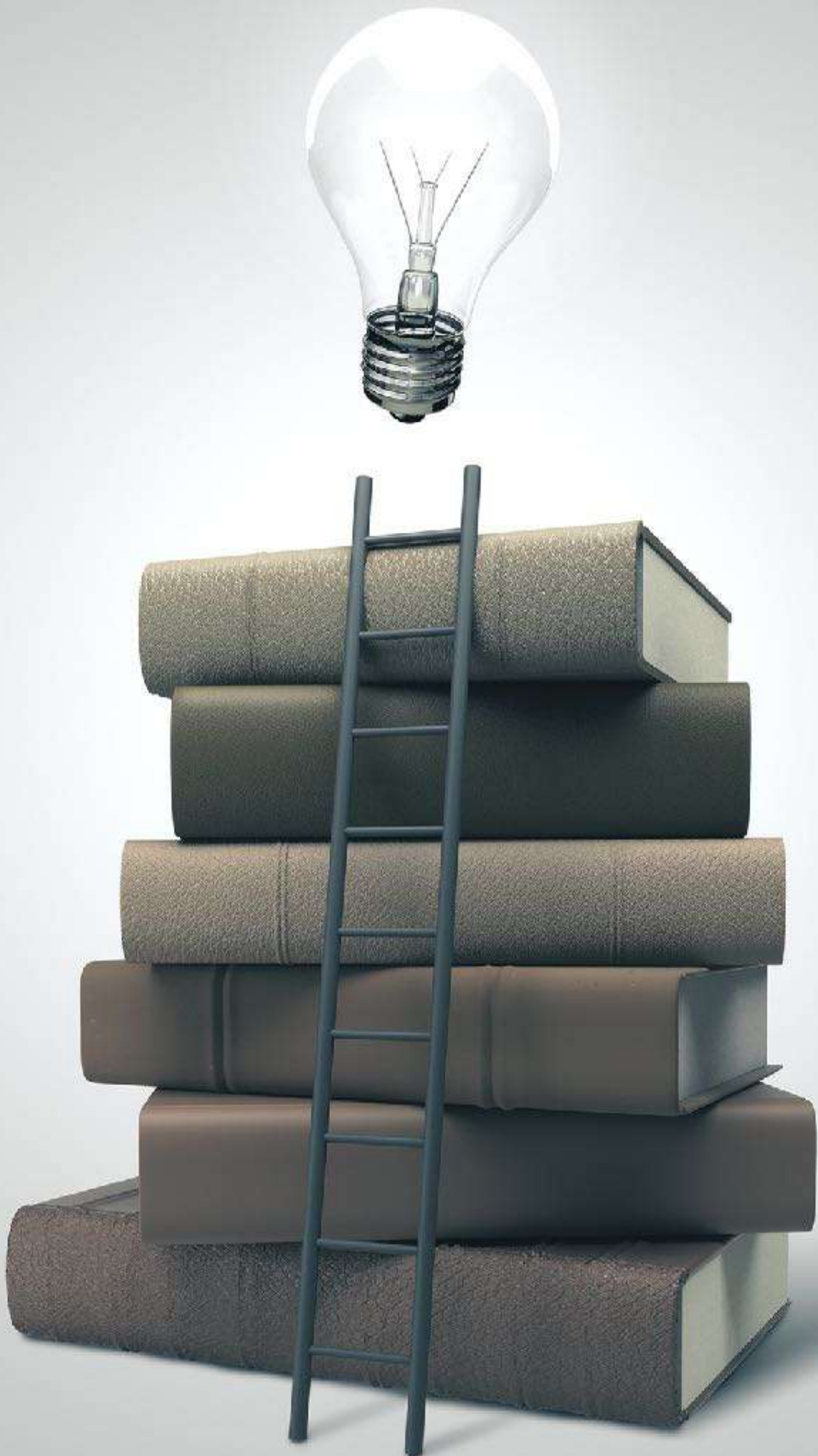
TEST #3: DO YOU LOVE THE WORLD? (2:115-17)

- The “world” is referring to that system which is at odds with and hostile towards God.



TEST #3: DO YOU LOVE THE WORLD? (2:115-17)

- If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him, that is, he is not a believer.



TEST #3: DO YOU LOVE THE WORLD? (2:115-17)

1. The world appeals to the flesh
2. The world appeals to the eyes
3. The world appeals to the pride of life



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If you want to know if you are truly saved you must test which kind of love you actually exhibit.



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