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“DOING THE JOB RIGHT.”

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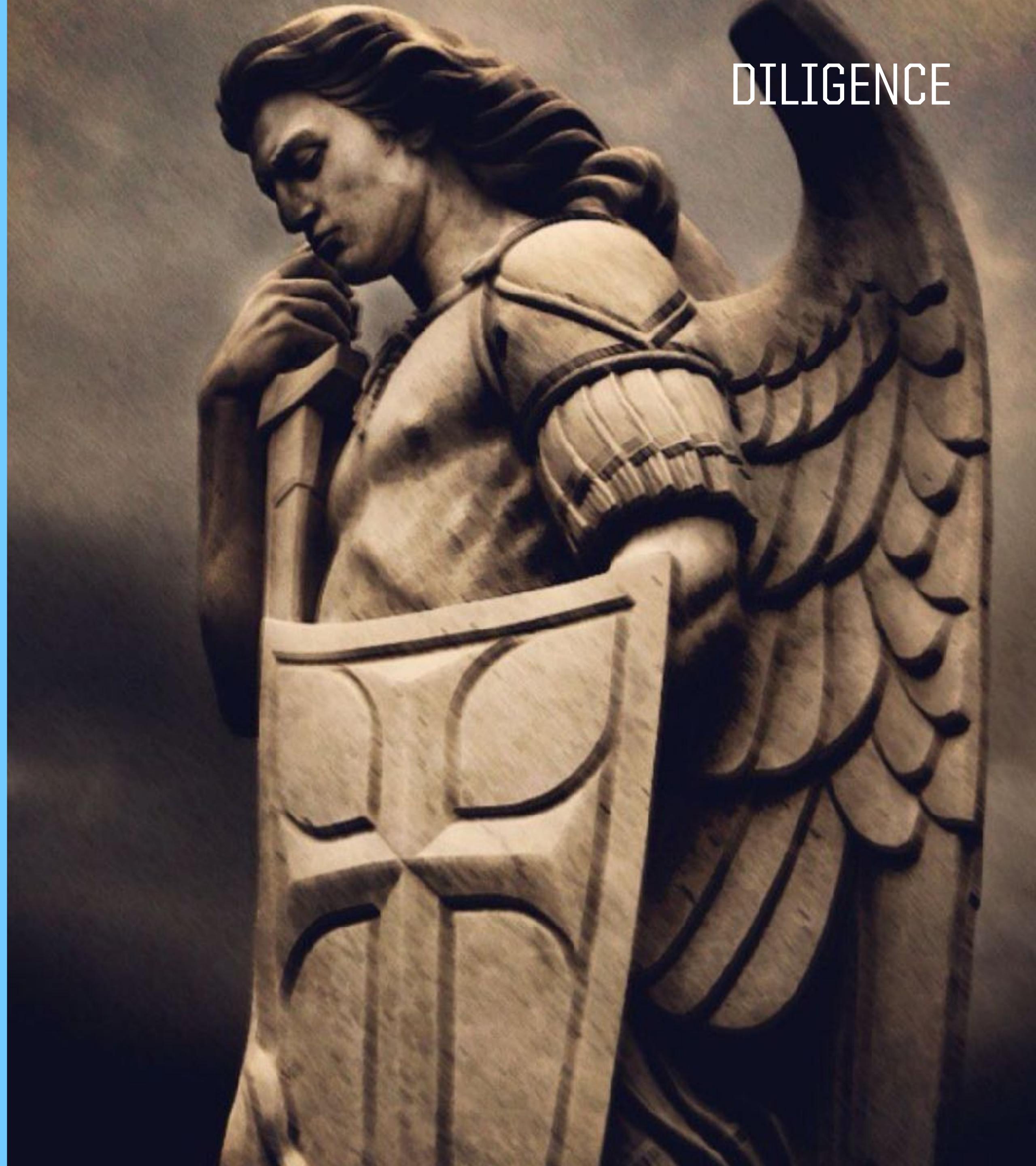
OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Trinity, I beg You, deliver me from Sloth and Indolence and grant me the self-mastery of Diligence.

Rather than being disinterested, bored, or lukewarm in my desire to draw close to You, inspire me to be filled with a fervent and persistent hunger to know, love and serve You.

Rather than being lax and inconsistent in my devotion to You, give me the will and discipline to keep a routine of daily, weekly and seasonal devotional practices as directed by Your Holy Catholic Church.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of JUSTICE is DILIGENCE.

The strength to accomplish tasks with tireless dedication.

Other words or synonyms for DILIGENCE ARE:

Hard-Work
Attentiveness
Commitment
Persistence

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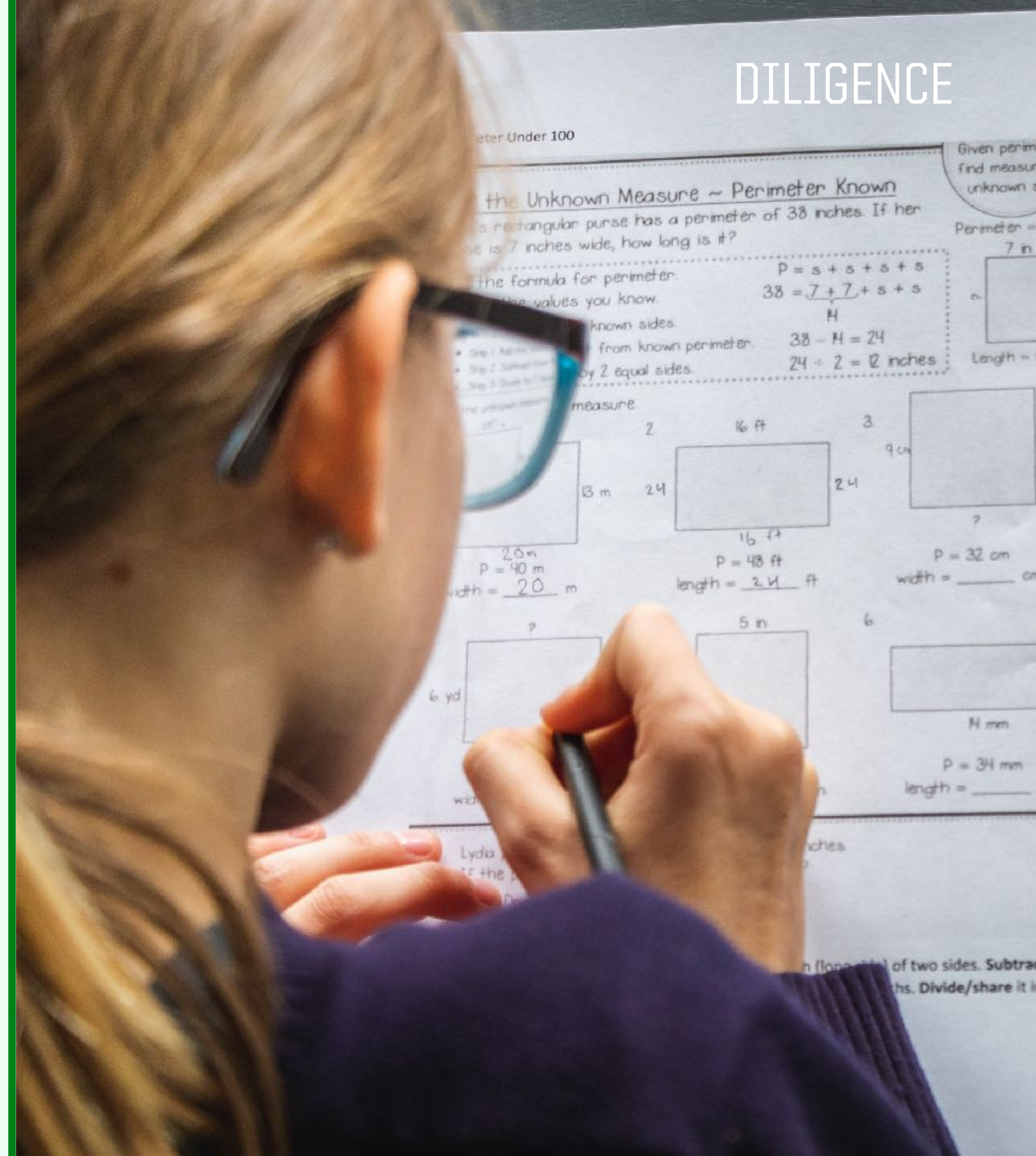
RESOLUTION

Make a special effort to complete your homework or other special task with tireless dedication.

Pay attention to all the details.

Really give your best effort.

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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION DISCUSSION

Let's remember what it means to be DILIGENT:

*The strength to accomplish tasks
with tireless dedication.*

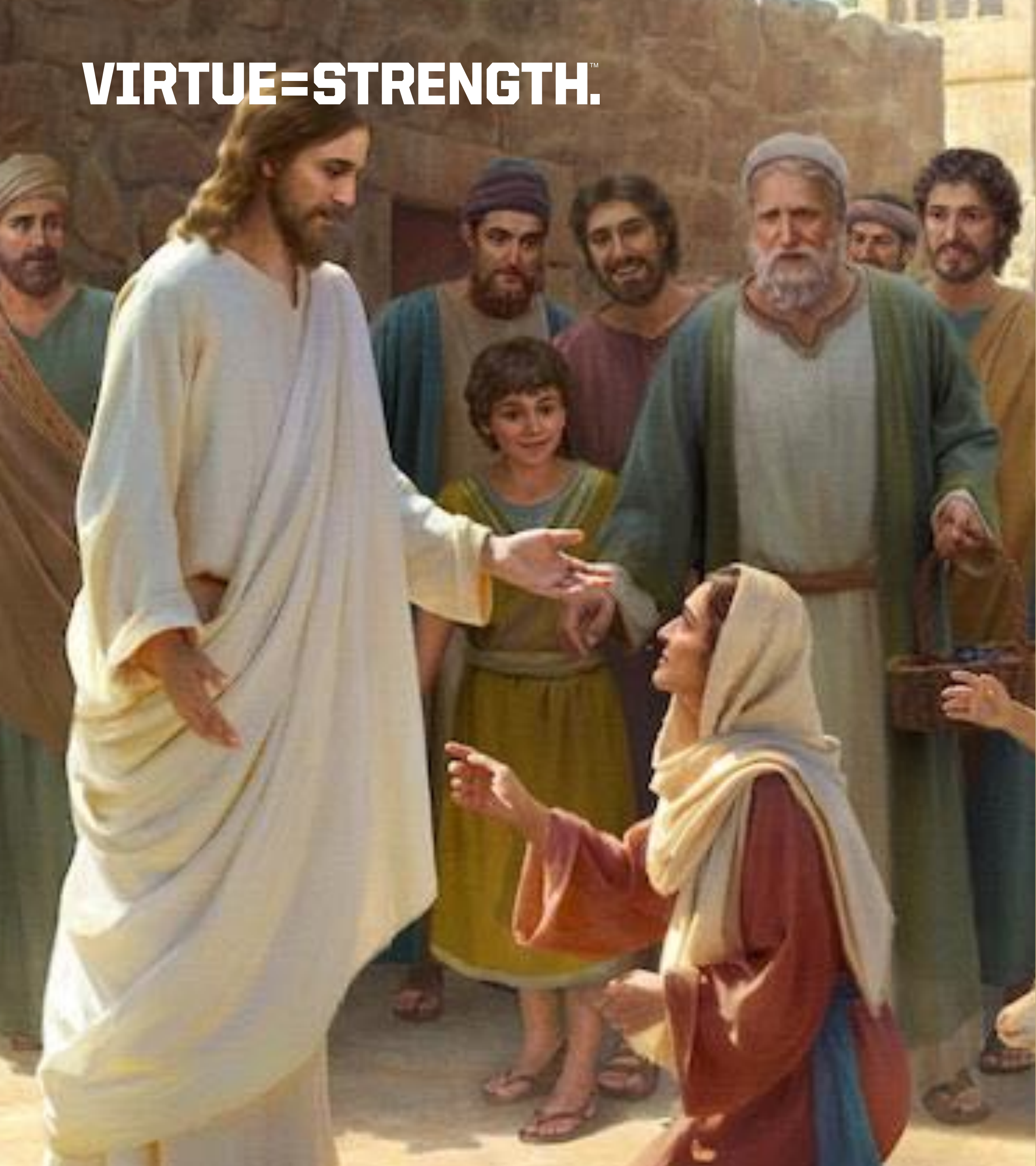
Your coach tells you that you need to put in some extra time to build some particular skills (free-throw shooting in basketball for example).

You don't have much extra time.

You are very busy.

How do you handle this situation?





LUKE 4: 40-43

At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

And demons also came out from many, shouting, “You are the Son of God.” But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place. The crowds went looking for him, and when they came to him, they tried to prevent him from leaving them.

But he said to them, “To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent.”

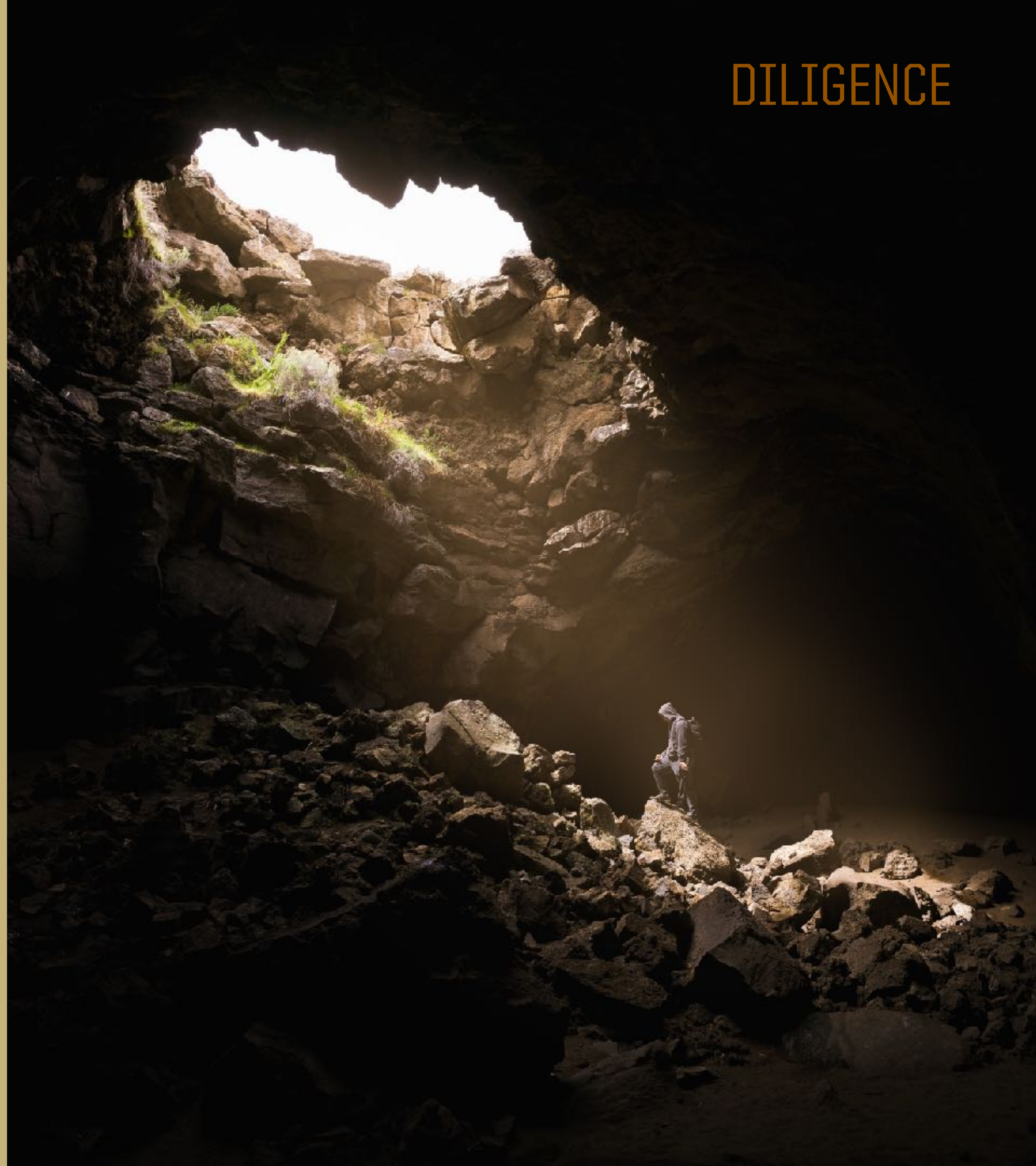
*“The way to Heaven is straight and
narrow:*

*They who wish to arrive at that place of
bliss*

*by walking in the paths of pleasure
shall be disappointed;*

*and therefore few reach it,
because few are willing to use violence
to themselves in resisting temptations.”*

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



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“If it were given to a man to see virtue’s reward in the next world, he would occupy his intellect, memory and will in nothing but good works, careless of danger or fatigue.”

- St. Catherine of Genoa



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***“Sanctify yourself and you will
sanctify society.”***

- St. Francis of Assisi

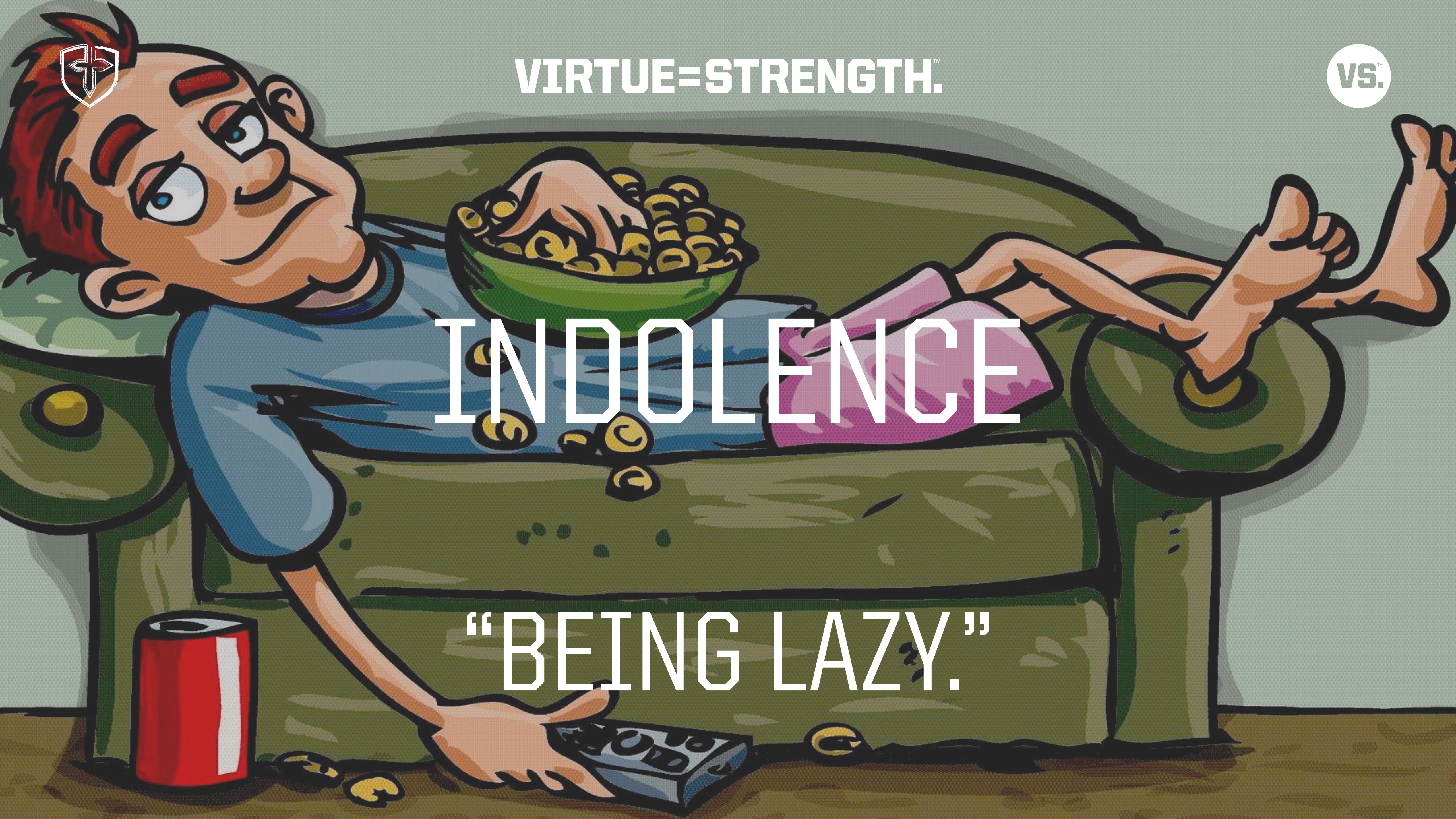


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INDOLENCE

“BEING LAZY.”



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THIS HOUSE WAS

CLEAN

YESTERDAY

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WE'RE SORRY

YOU

MISSED IT

VICE

INDOLENCE = LAZINESS

A short phrase to describe indolence is:

"I can but I won't."

We can begin to overcome our laziness
and indolence by:

- Recognizing when we feel lazy or we are refusing to do something good.
- Resolve to make the effort to do that good thing.
- Do it.



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