

“Vital Signs of a Healthy Church”



I Corinthians 12:12-31

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How long do things last?



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The presence
of UNITY &
HARMONY

We confess the same Lord (1-3)

We depend on the same God (4-6)

We minister to the same body (7-11)

We have the same baptism (12-13)

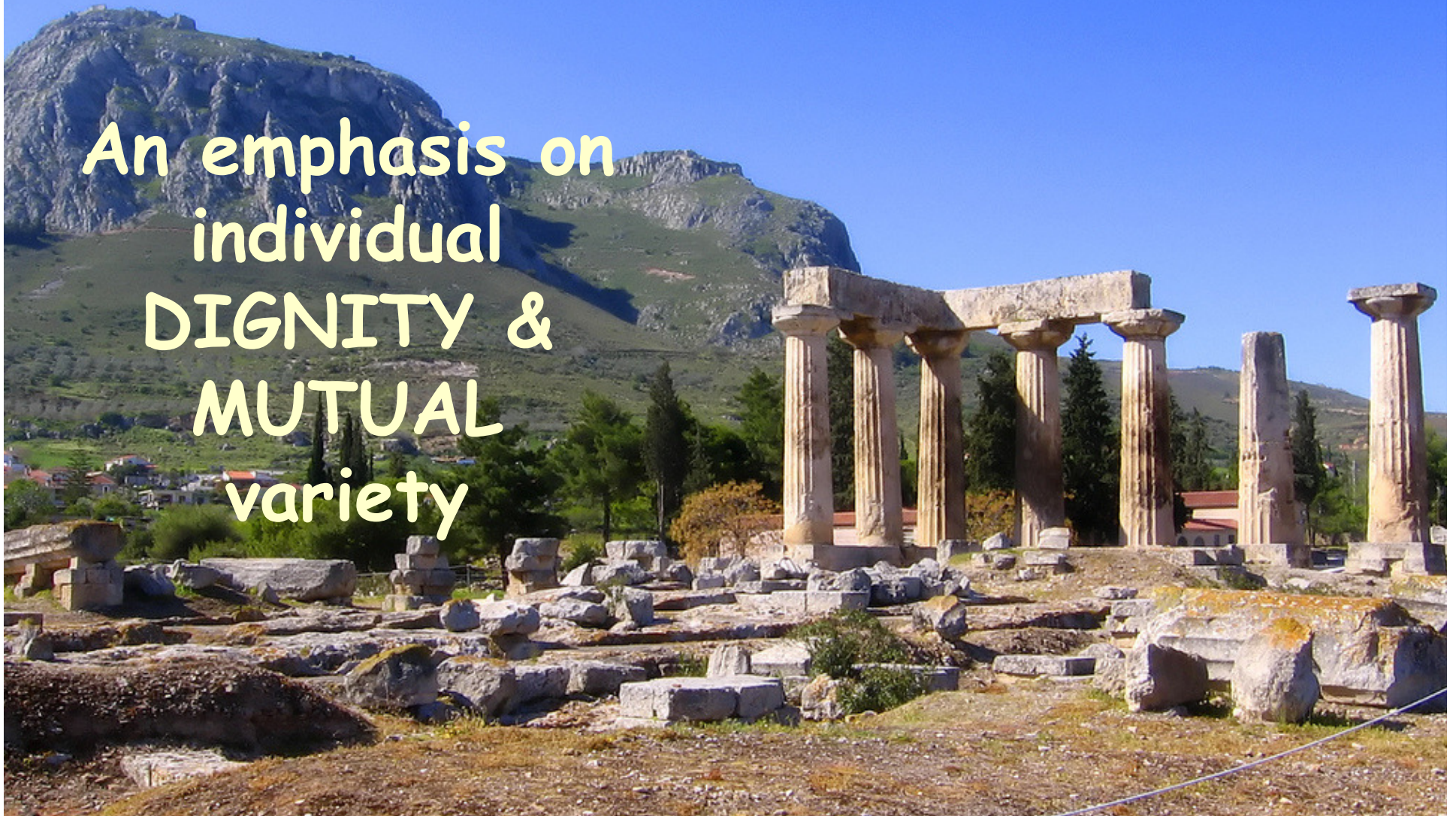
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The absence of
**FAVORITISM,
STATUS, &
PREJUDICE**



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An emphasis on
individual
DIGNITY &
MUTUAL
variety



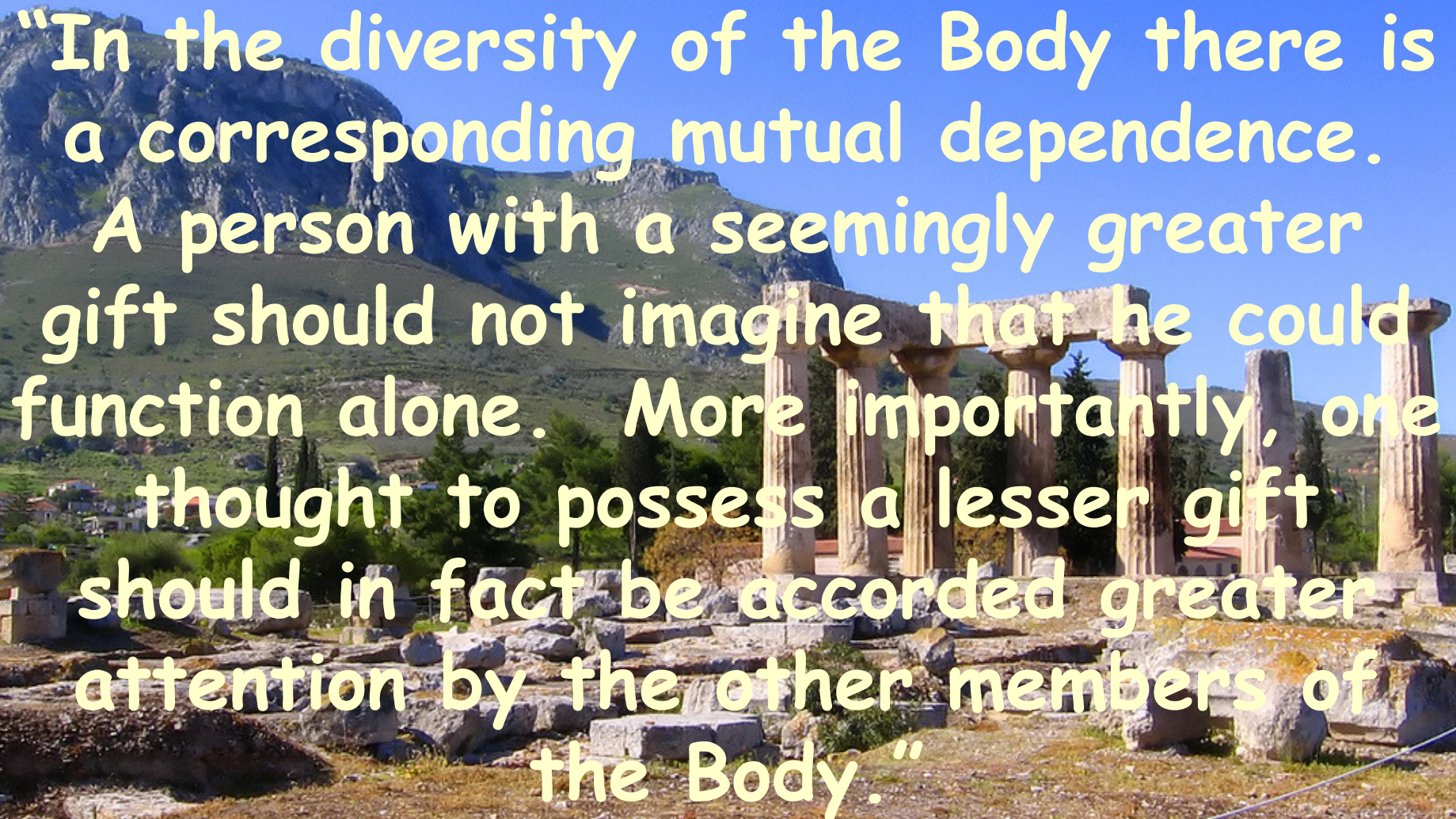
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A de-emphasis
on
INDEPENDENCE
& self -
SUFFICIENCY



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"In the diversity of the Body there is a corresponding mutual dependence. A person with a seemingly greater gift should not imagine that he could function alone. More importantly, one thought to possess a lesser gift should in fact be accorded greater attention by the other members of the Body."

The background of the slide features a photograph of ancient Greek ruins. In the foreground, there are several tall, fluted columns supporting a stone entablature. The ground is covered with rubble and stones. In the background, a large, rugged mountain rises against a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

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The SUPPORT
of others -
whether they
are hurting or
being honored

"Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful."



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The exaltation
of Christ as
HEAD &
supreme
AUTHORITY



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The mind swollen
with **PRIDE**

The heart that
grows **COLD &
INDIFFERENT**
to sin



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The "digestive
system" clogged
by sterile
THEORY &
unapplied
THEOLOGY



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An equilibrium
that is not
balanced by
both **DOCTRINE**
& **DUTY**



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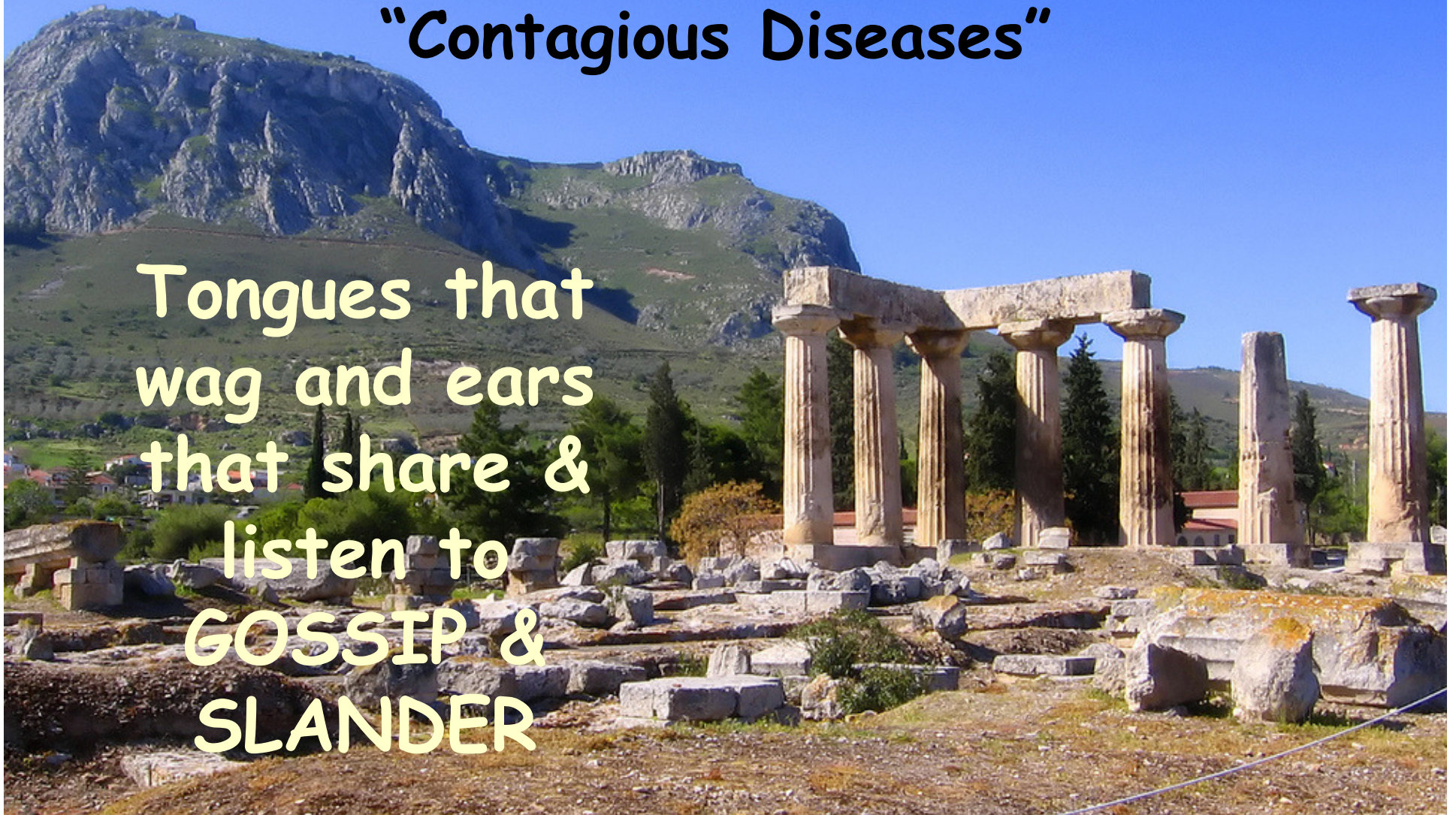
Eyes that feed
on LUST,
GREED &
SELF interests
only



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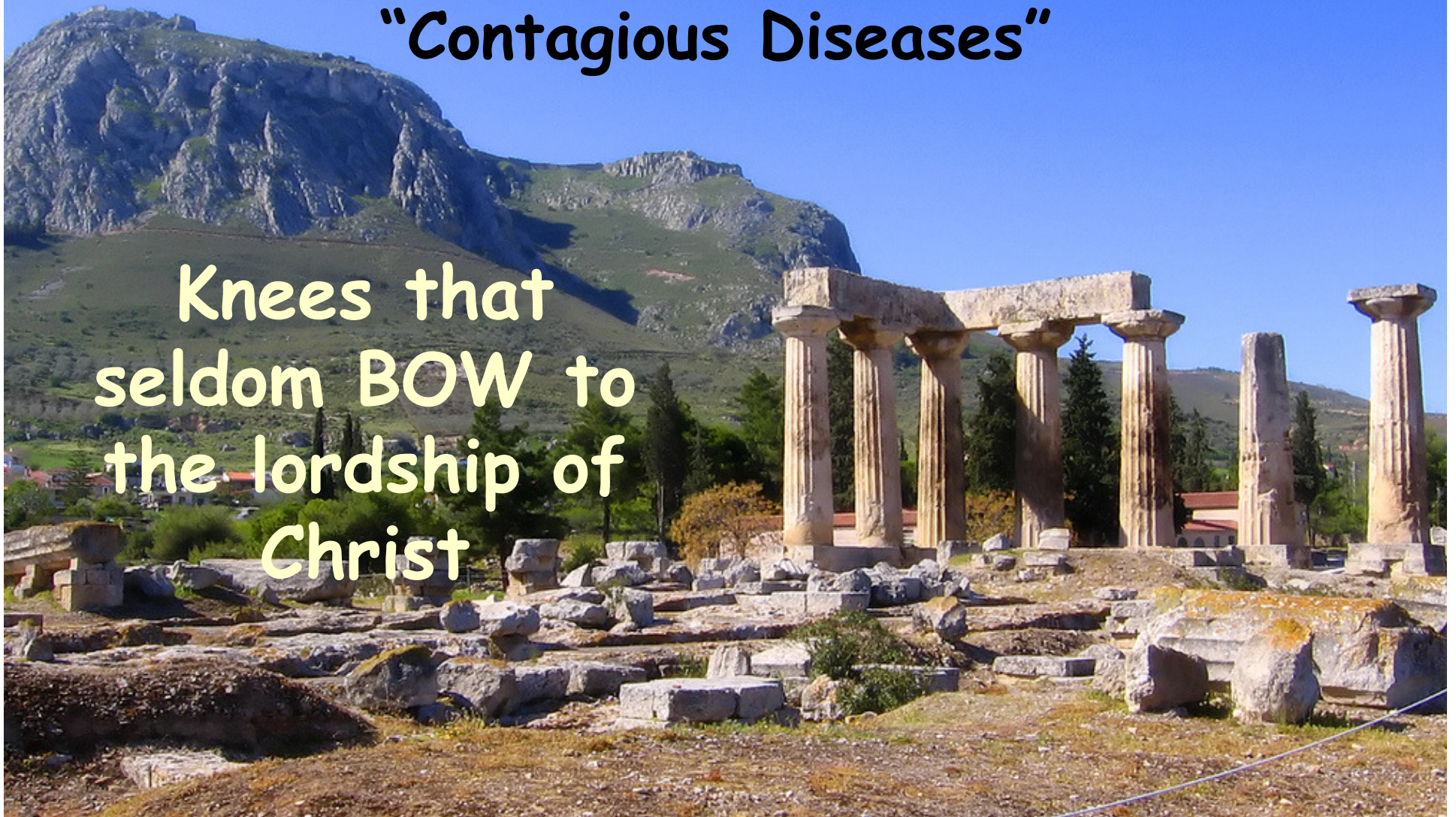
Tongues that
wag and ears
that share &
listen to
**GOSSIP &
SLANDER**



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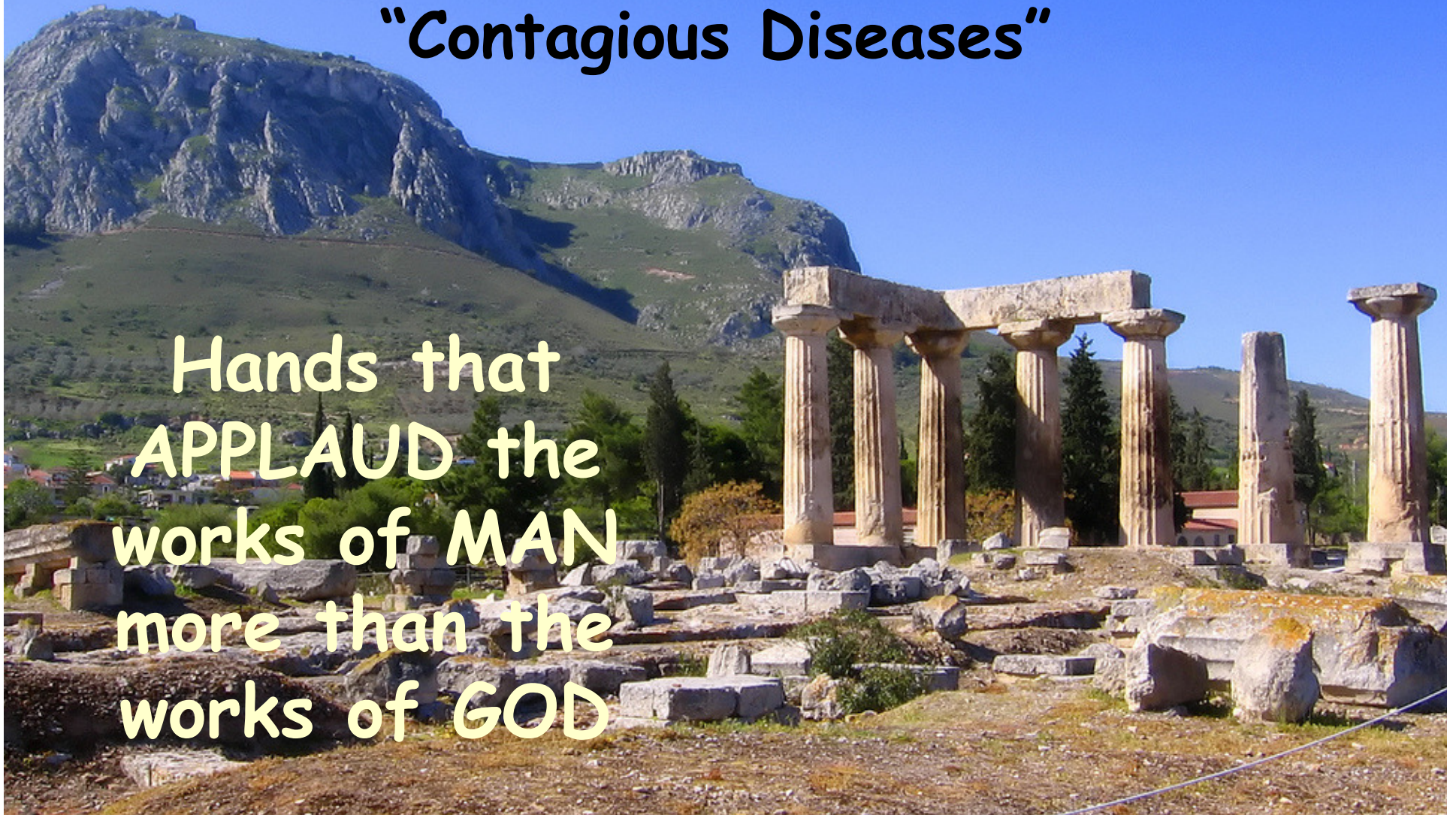
Knees that
seldom BOW to
the lordship of
Christ



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Hands that
APPLAUD the
works of MAN
more than the
works of GOD



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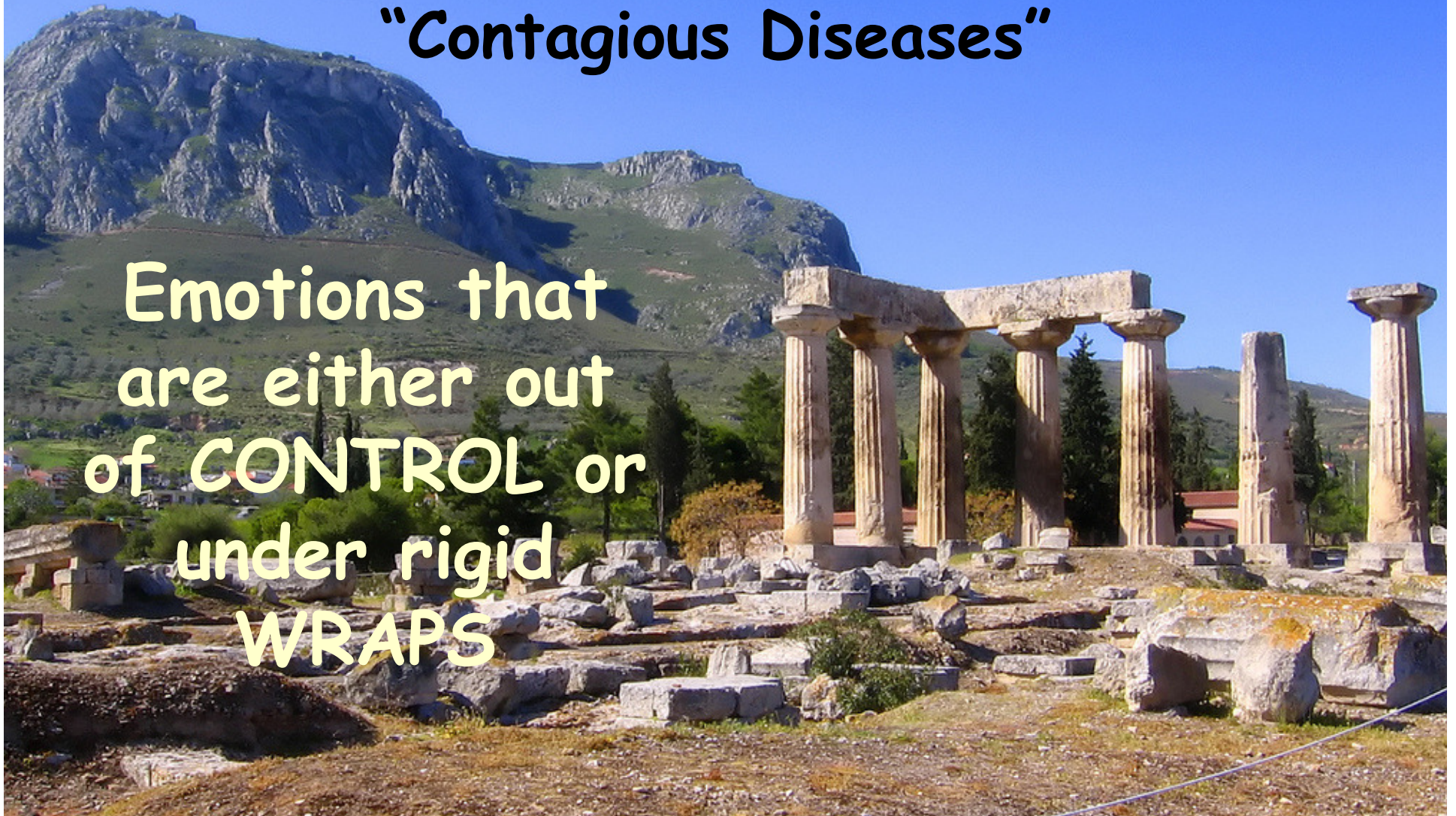
Minds that are
closed to NEW
ideas for
ministry &
service



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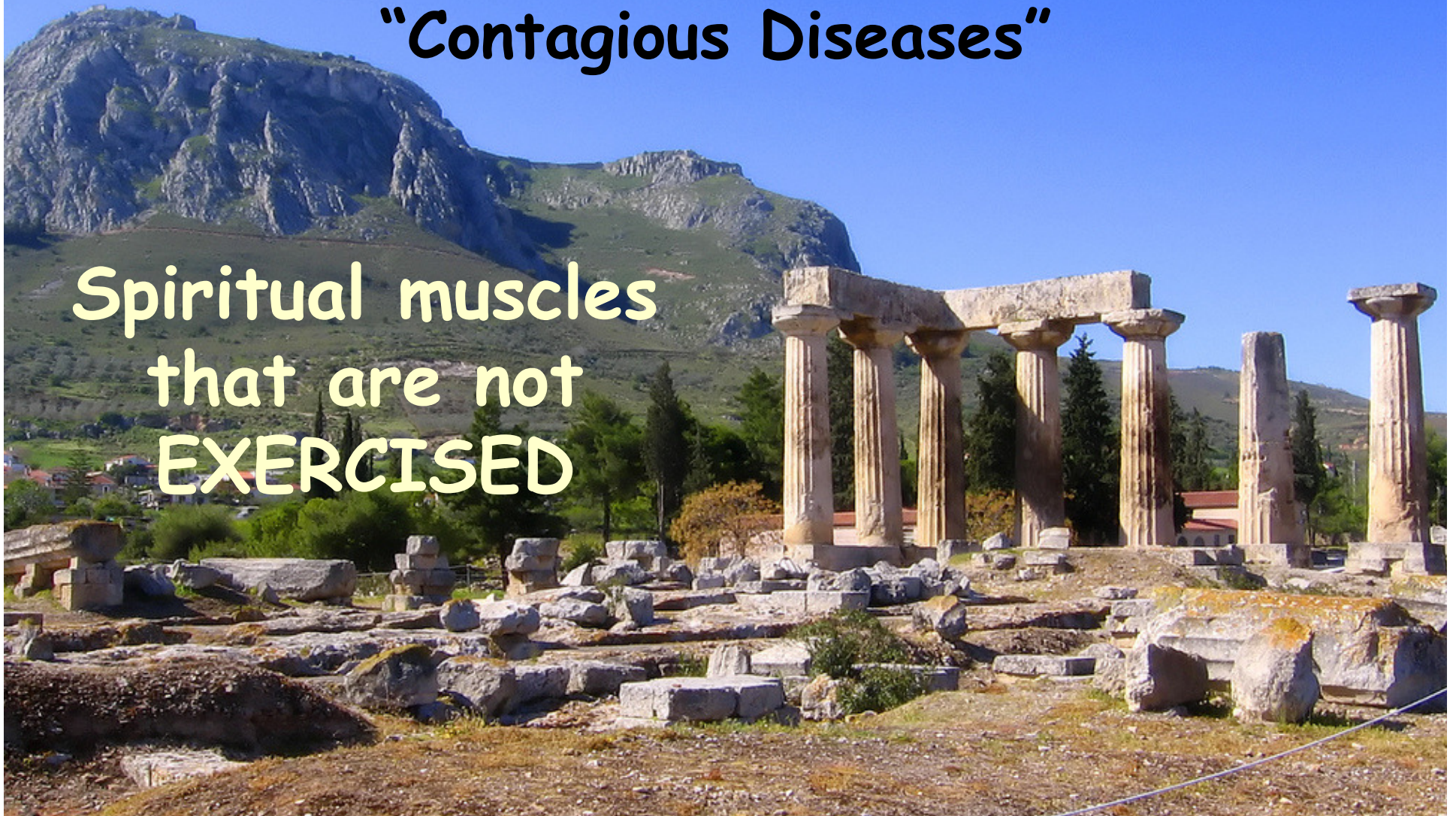
Emotions that
are either out
of **CONTROL** or
under rigid
WRAPS



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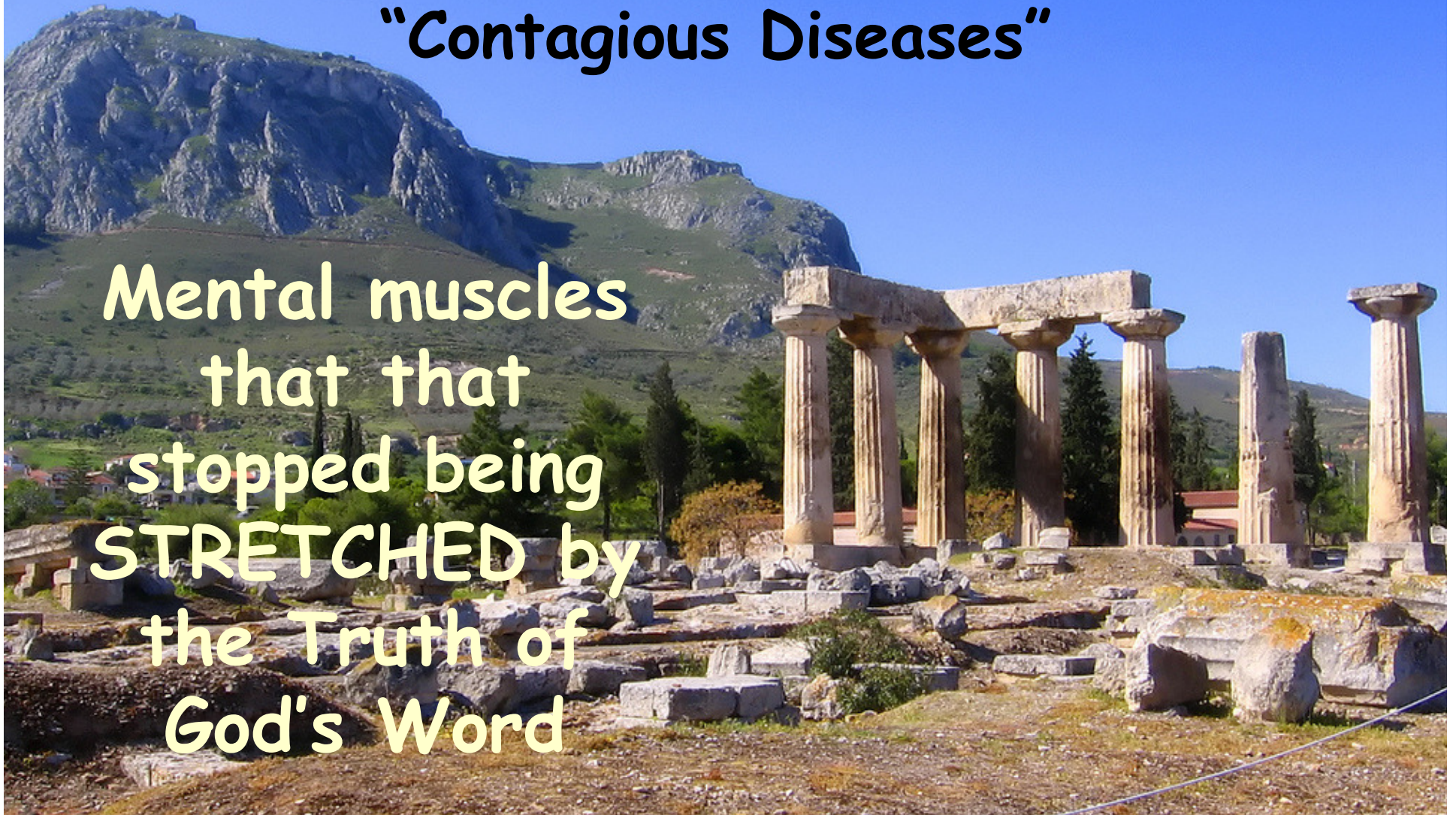
Spiritual muscles
that are not
EXERCISED



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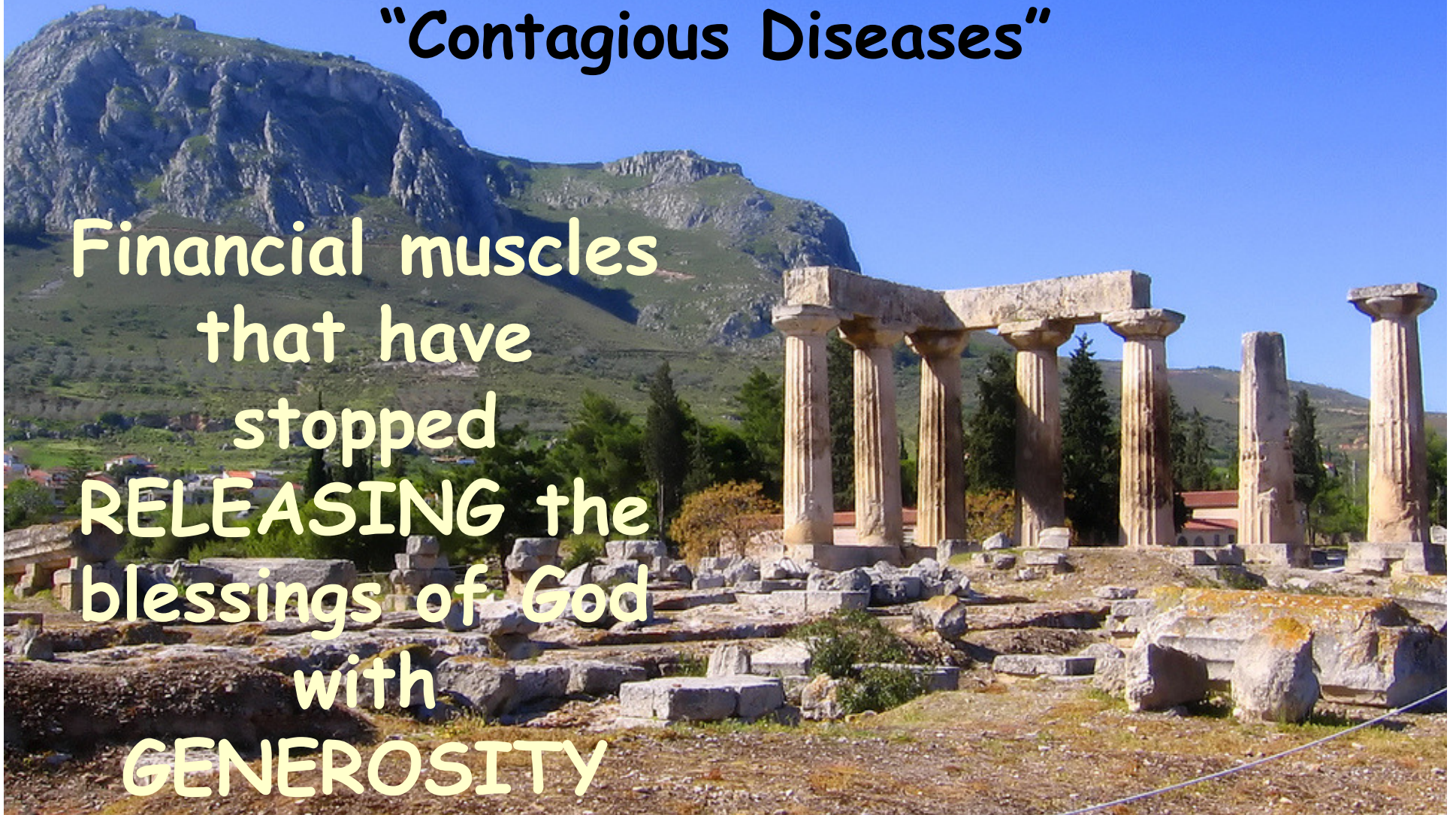
Mental muscles
that that
stopped being
STRETCHED by
the Truth of
God's Word



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Financial muscles
that have
stopped
RELEASING the
blessings of God
with
GENEROSITY



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Faith muscles
that have
become **SOFT &
FLABBY**



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The "Great Physician"
has come to help us be a
healthy congregation!

