



Net Worth

Luke 12:13-21

Aaron Burden

**What is the value
of your life?**

Luke 12: Priorities of the Kingdom of God

- Not Man's **Affirmation** (v1-12)
- Not Building **Wealth** (v13-21)
- Not Health/**Security** (v22-34)
- Faithful **Stewardship** (v35-48)
- **Fire** Upon the Earth (v49-59)

13 Someone in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, tell my brother to
divide the inheritance with me.”

14 But he said to him, “Man,
who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.1/5)

15 And he said to them,
“Take care, and be on your guard
against all covetousness,

for one’s life does not consist
in the abundance of his possessions.”

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.2/5)

16 And he told them a parable, saying,
“The land of a rich man produced plentifully,
17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do,
for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.3/5)

18 And he said, ‘I will do this:
I will tear down my barns and build larger ones,
and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

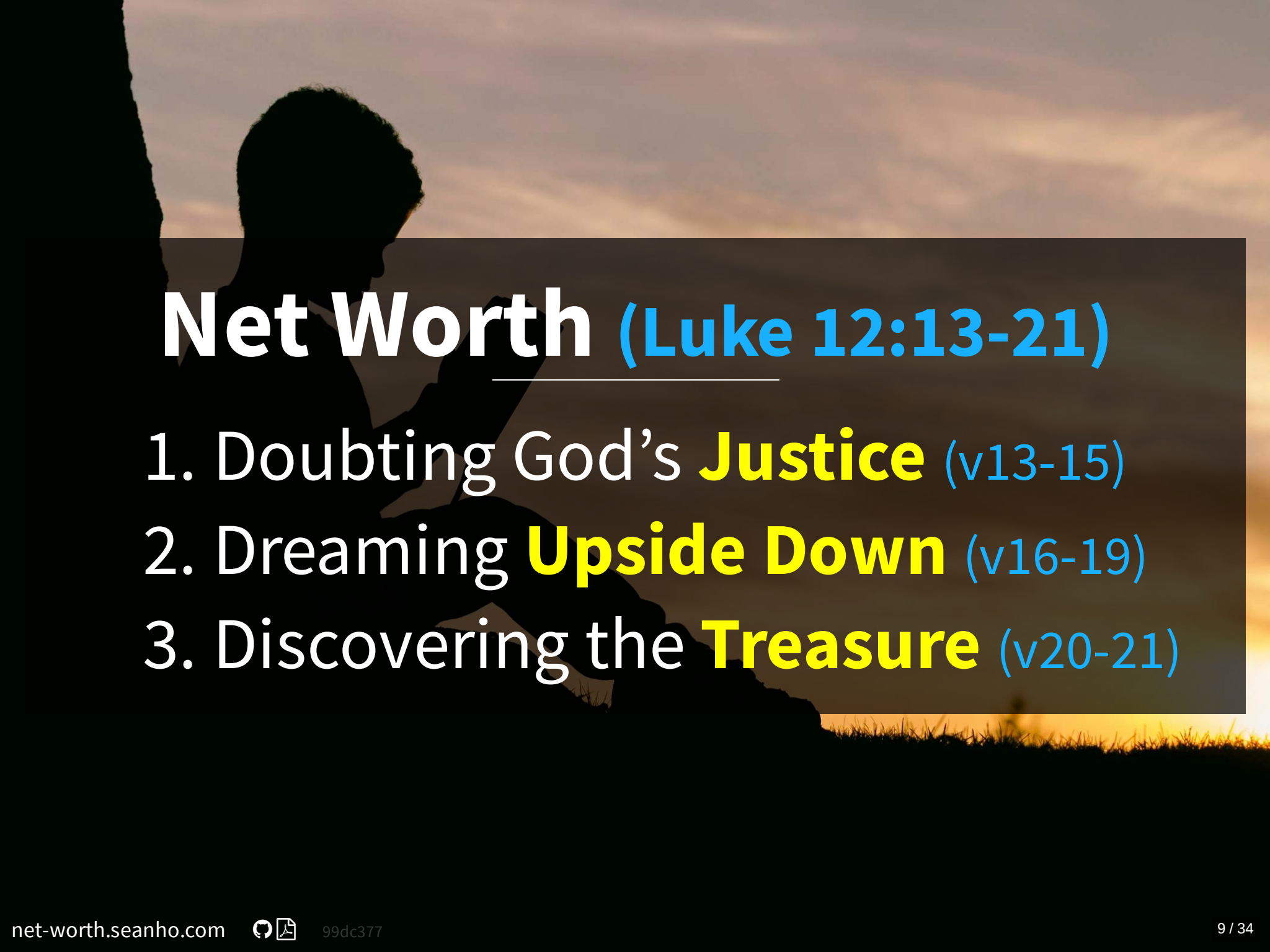
19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul,
you have ample goods laid up for many years;
relax, eat, drink, be merry.””

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.4/5)

20 But God said to him, ‘Fool!
This night your soul is required of you,
and the things you have prepared,
whose will they be?’

21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself
and is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV) (p.5/5)



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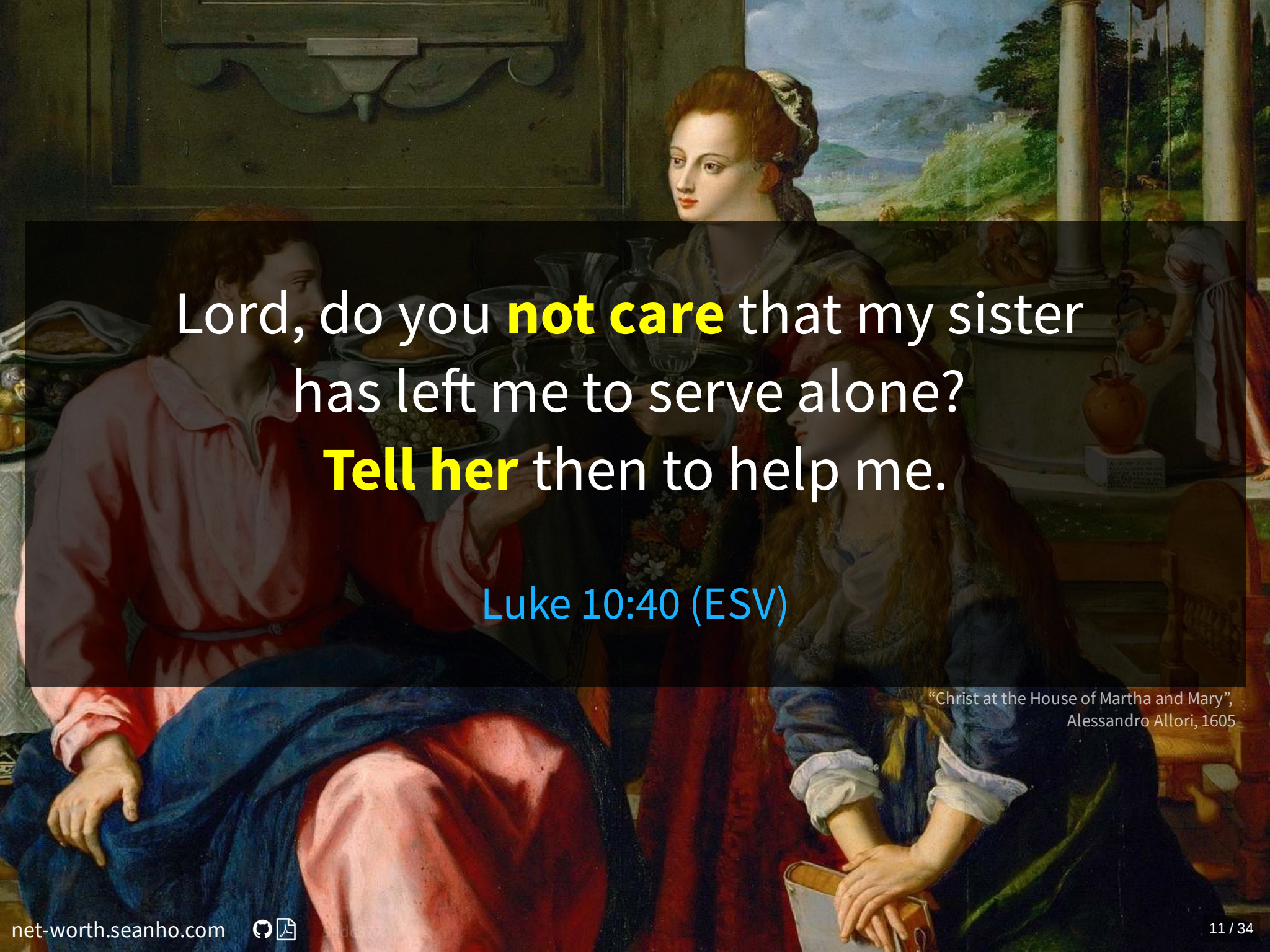
1. Doubting God's **Justice** (v13-15)
2. Dreaming **Upside Down** (v16-19)
3. Discovering the **Treasure** (v20-21)

A photograph of two young boys standing in front of a window, looking out. The window has blinds and a plant hanging from the top. On the windowsill, there is a display of three white ceramic vessels. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the window.

“Teacher, **tell** my brother to
divide the **inheritance** with me.”

Luke 12:13 (ESV)

Boys Town, US. Andrew Staman

A Renaissance painting by Alessandro Allori, 1605, depicting Jesus seated at a table with two women, Martha and Mary. Jesus is on the left, wearing a red tunic and a blue cloak, looking towards the women. Martha is in the center, wearing a dark dress, holding a glass. Mary is on the right, wearing a blue dress, looking down. The background shows a landscape with a building and a well. The text is overlaid on the painting.

Lord, do you **not care** that my sister
has left me to serve alone?
Tell her then to help me.

Luke 10:40 (ESV)

“Christ at the House of Martha and Mary”,
Alessandro Allori, 1605

But he said to him, “Man,
who made me a **judge**
or arbitrator over you?”

Luke 12:14 (ESV)

Wesley Tingey

As the Father raises the **dead**
and gives them **life**,
so also the Son gives life **to whom he will**.


22 For the Father judges no one,
but has **given all judgment** to the Son.

John 5:21-22 (ESV)



Who made me a judge
or **arbitrator** over you?


Luke 12:14 (ESV)



For there is **one God**,
and there is **one mediator**
between God and men,
the man **Christ Jesus**,
6 who gave himself as a **ransom** for all

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (ESV)


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A photograph of three Israeli soldiers in olive green uniforms standing on a ledge, looking out over a city. The soldiers are seen from behind, and their rifles are slung over their shoulders. The city below is a mix of modern and traditional buildings, with a hazy atmosphere. The text is overlaid on a dark semi-transparent rectangle in the center of the image.

And he said to them,
“**Take care**, and be on your **guard**
against all **covetousness**”

Luke 12:15a (ESV)

Israeli soldiers. Timon Studler

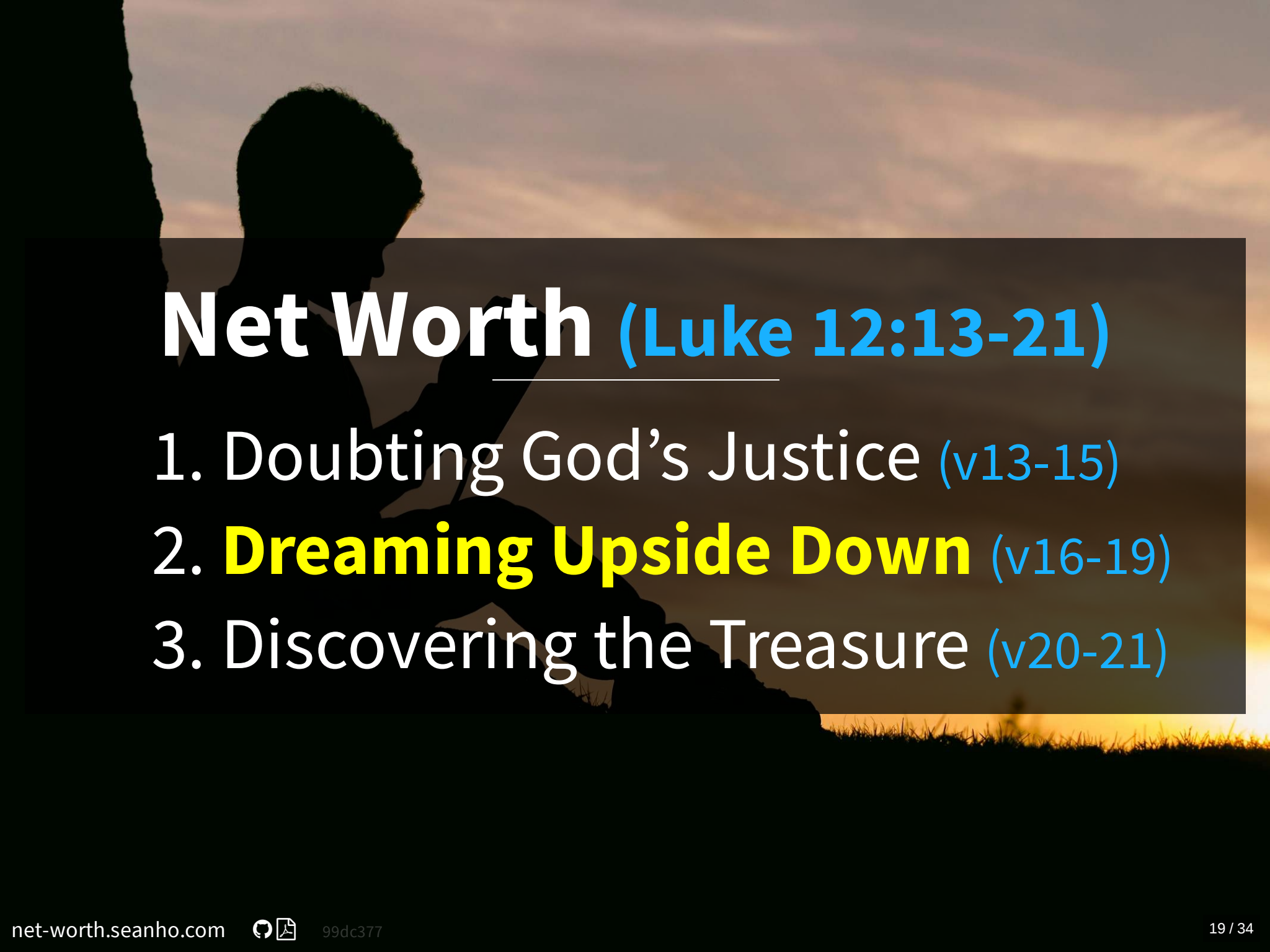


Those who desire to be **rich**
fall into temptation, into a **snare**,
into many senseless and harmful **desires**
that plunge people into **ruin** and destruction

1 Timothy 6:9 (ESV)

Steve Johnson

In what have I felt
God to be **unfair**?




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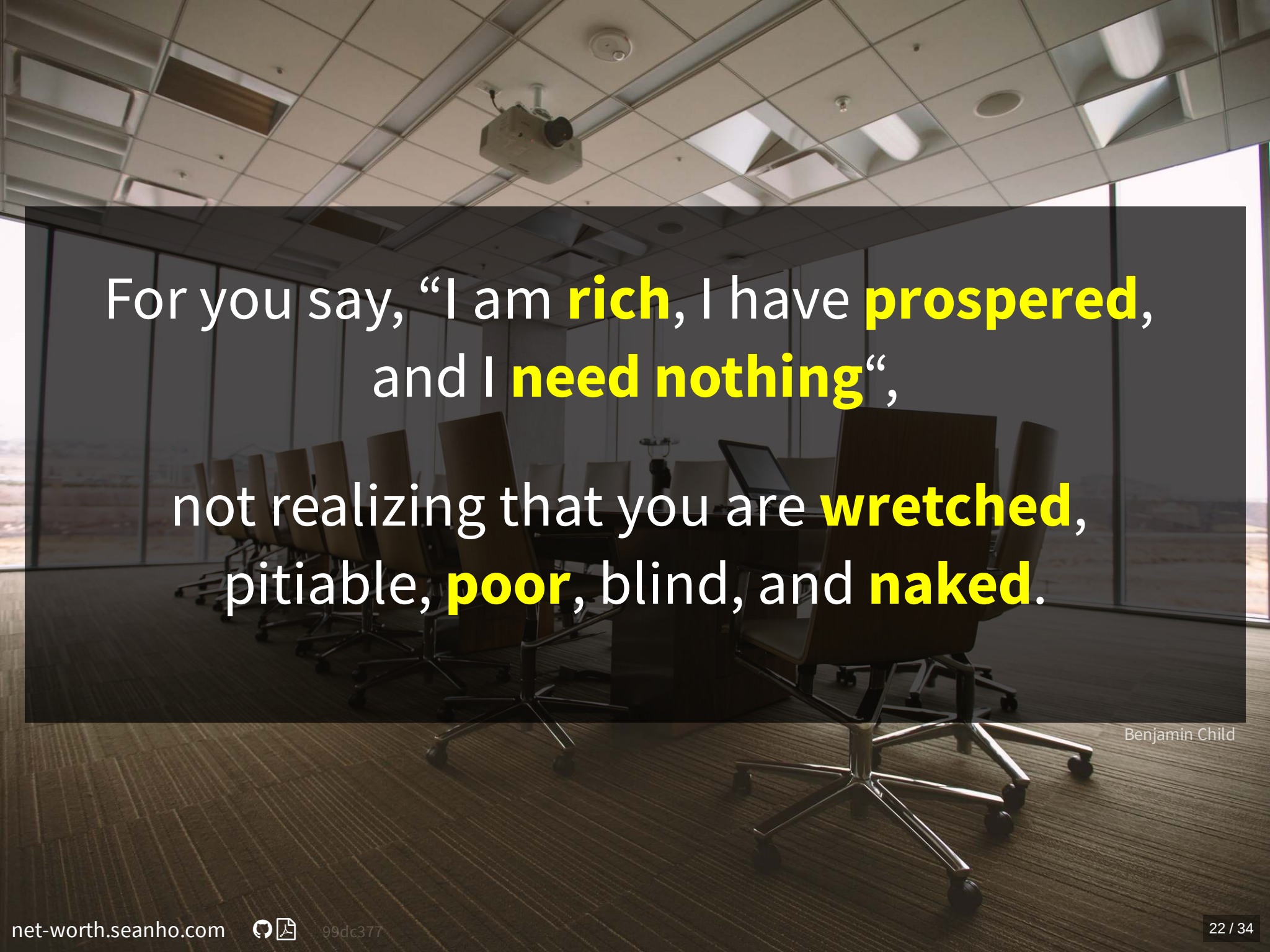
Luke 12:16-18 (ESV)



And I will say to my soul, “**Soul**,
you have ample **goods** laid up for many **years**;
relax, eat, drink, be **merry**.””

Luke 12:19 (ESV)

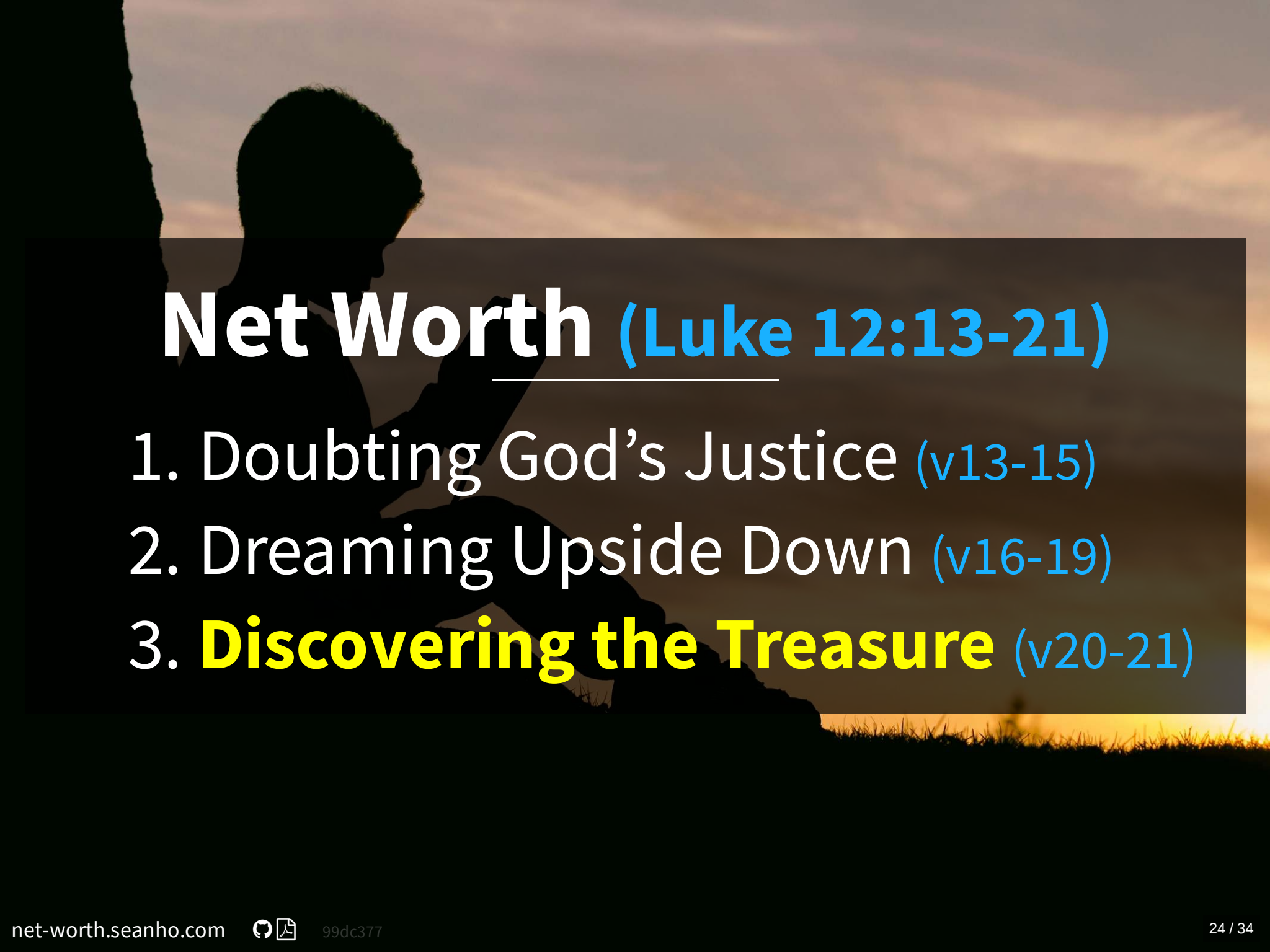
Vita Vilcina, Spain



For you say, “I am **rich**, I have **prospered**,
and I **need nothing**”,
not realizing that you are **wretched**,
pitiable, **poor**, blind, and **naked**.

Benjamin Child

**What if I got
everything I ever
wanted?**



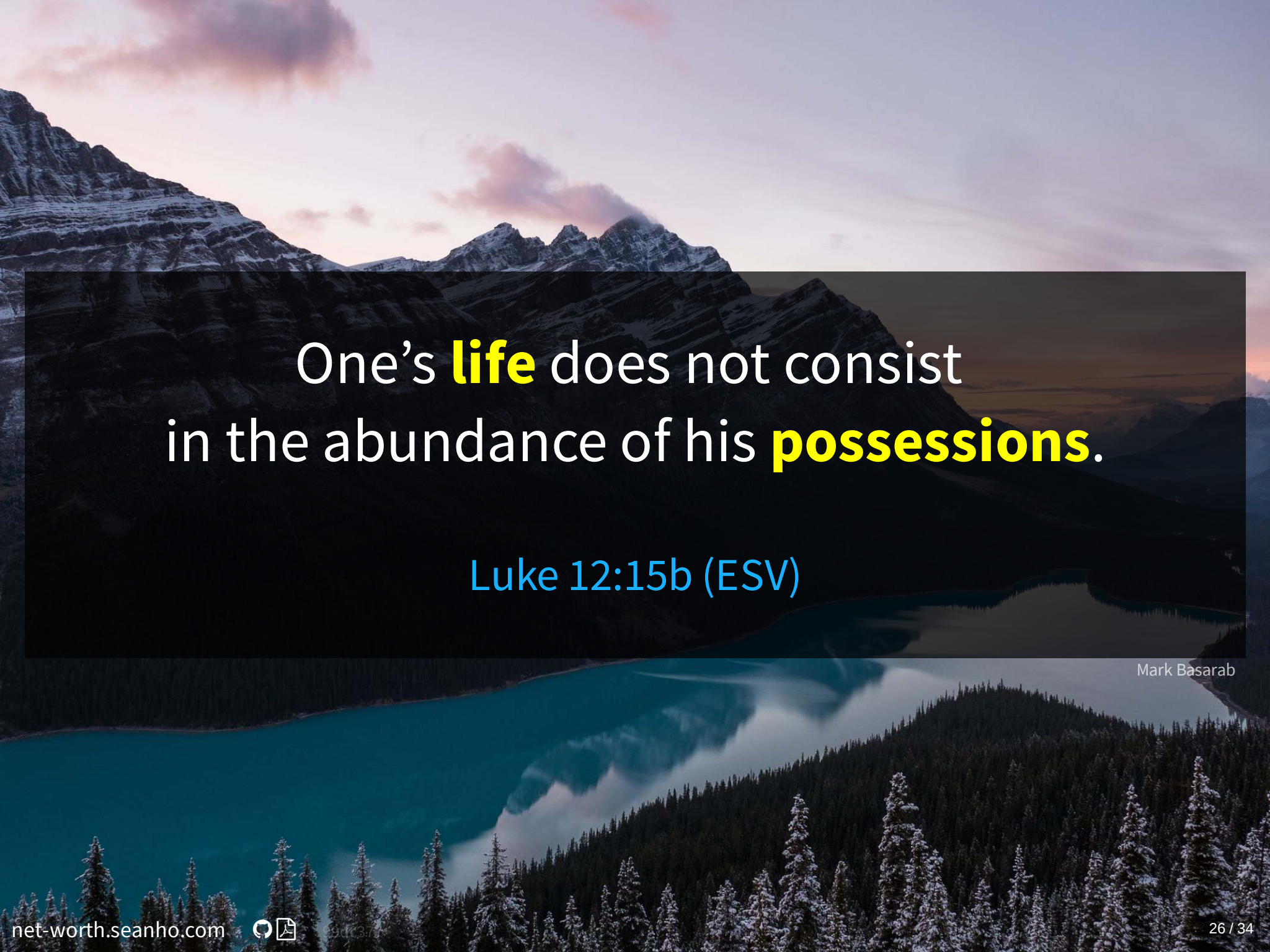
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and the things you have **prepared**,
whose will they be?'

Luke 12:20 (ESV)


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One's **life** does not consist
in the abundance of his **possessions**.

Luke 12:15b (ESV)

Mark Basarab



For **life** is more than **food**,
and the **body** more than **clothing**

Luke 12:23 (ESV)

Laguna de Icalma, Chile. Jorge Barahona

So is the one
who lays up **treasure** for himself
and is not rich toward **God.**”

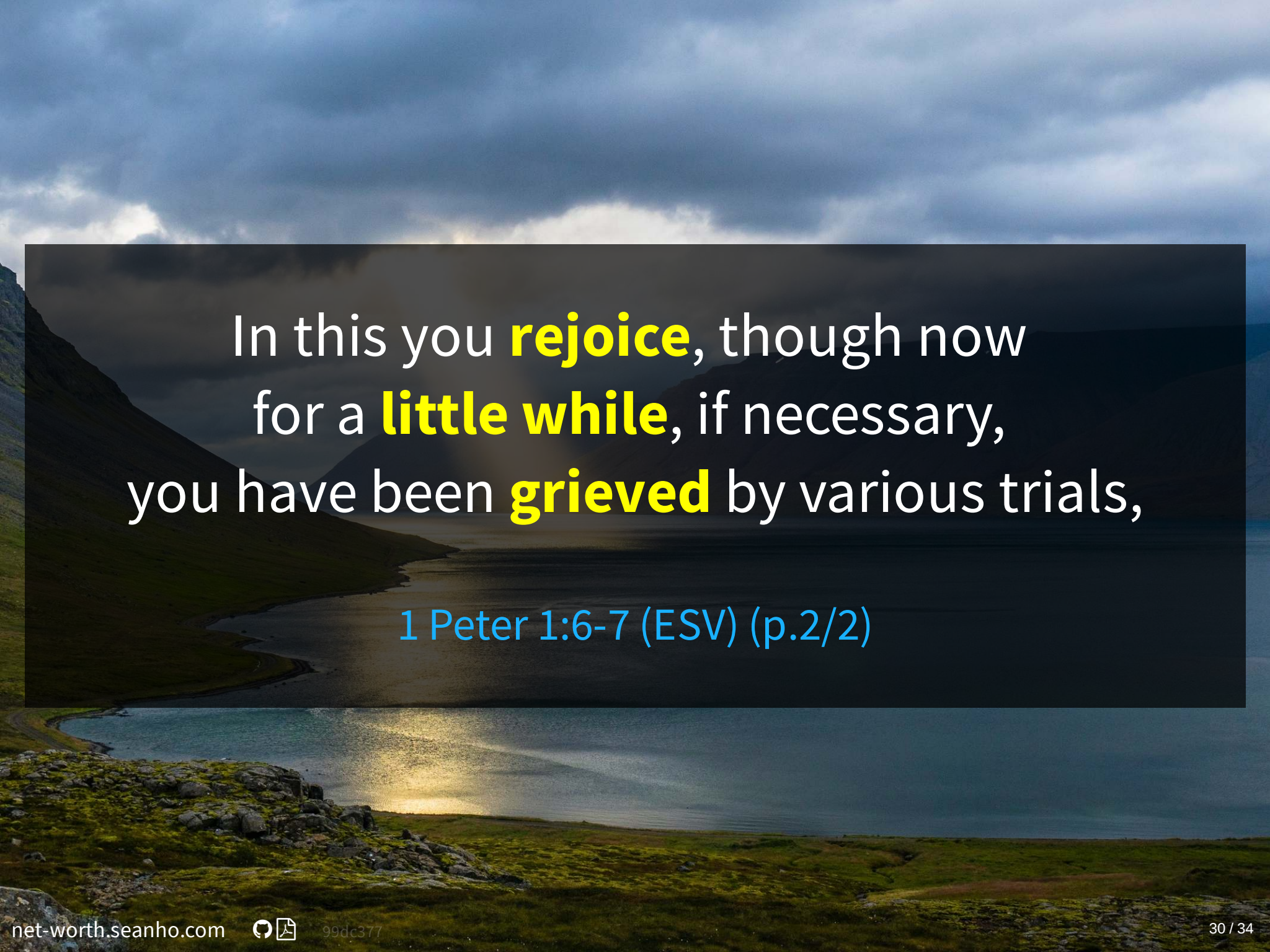
Luke 12:21 (ESV)

They are to **do good**, to be rich in **good works**,
to be **generous** and ready to **share**,

19 thus storing up **treasure** for themselves
as a good **foundation** for the future,

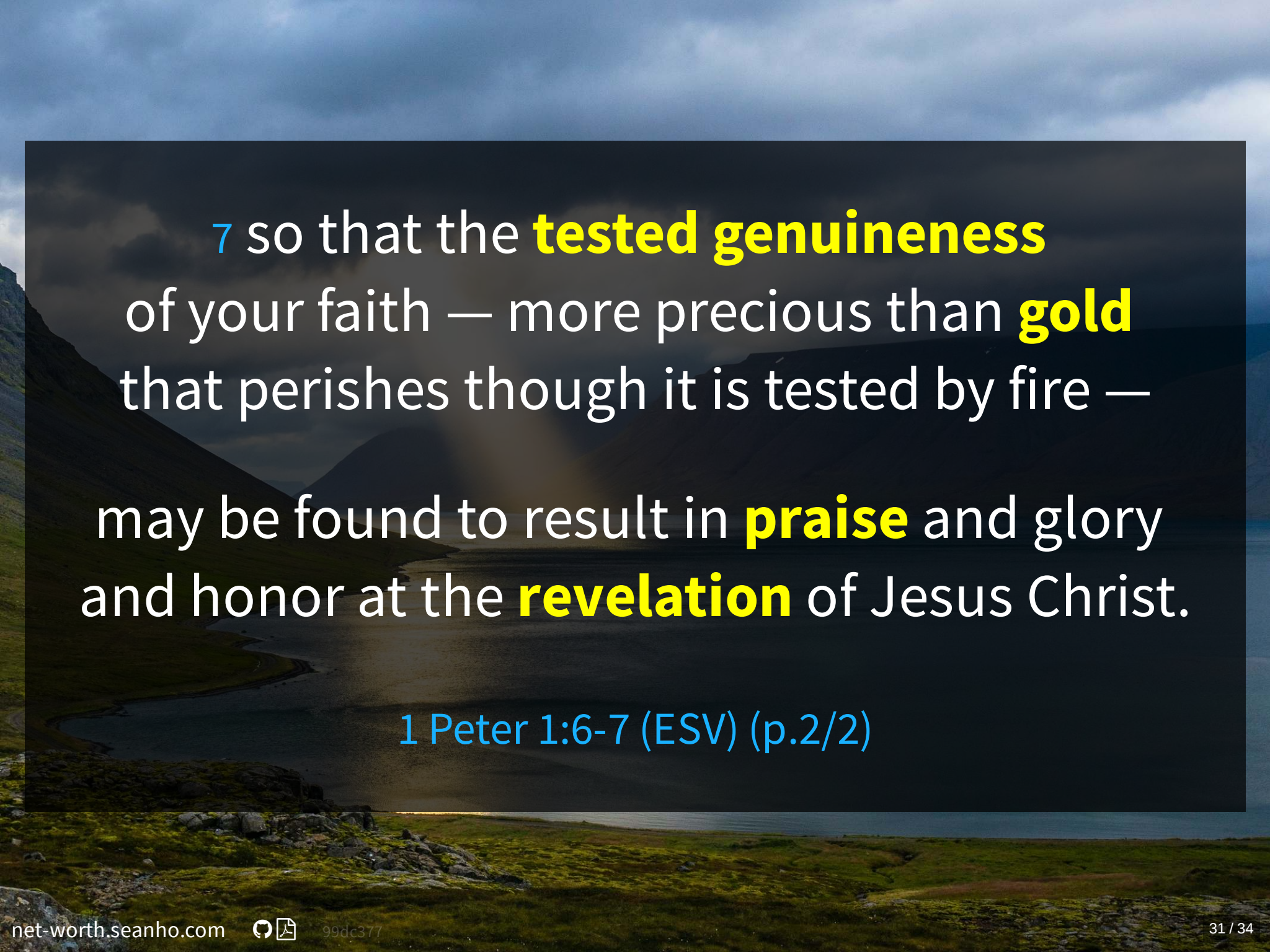
so that they may take hold
of that which is **truly life**.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (ESV)



In this you **rejoice**, though now
for a **little while**, if necessary,
you have been **grieved** by various trials,

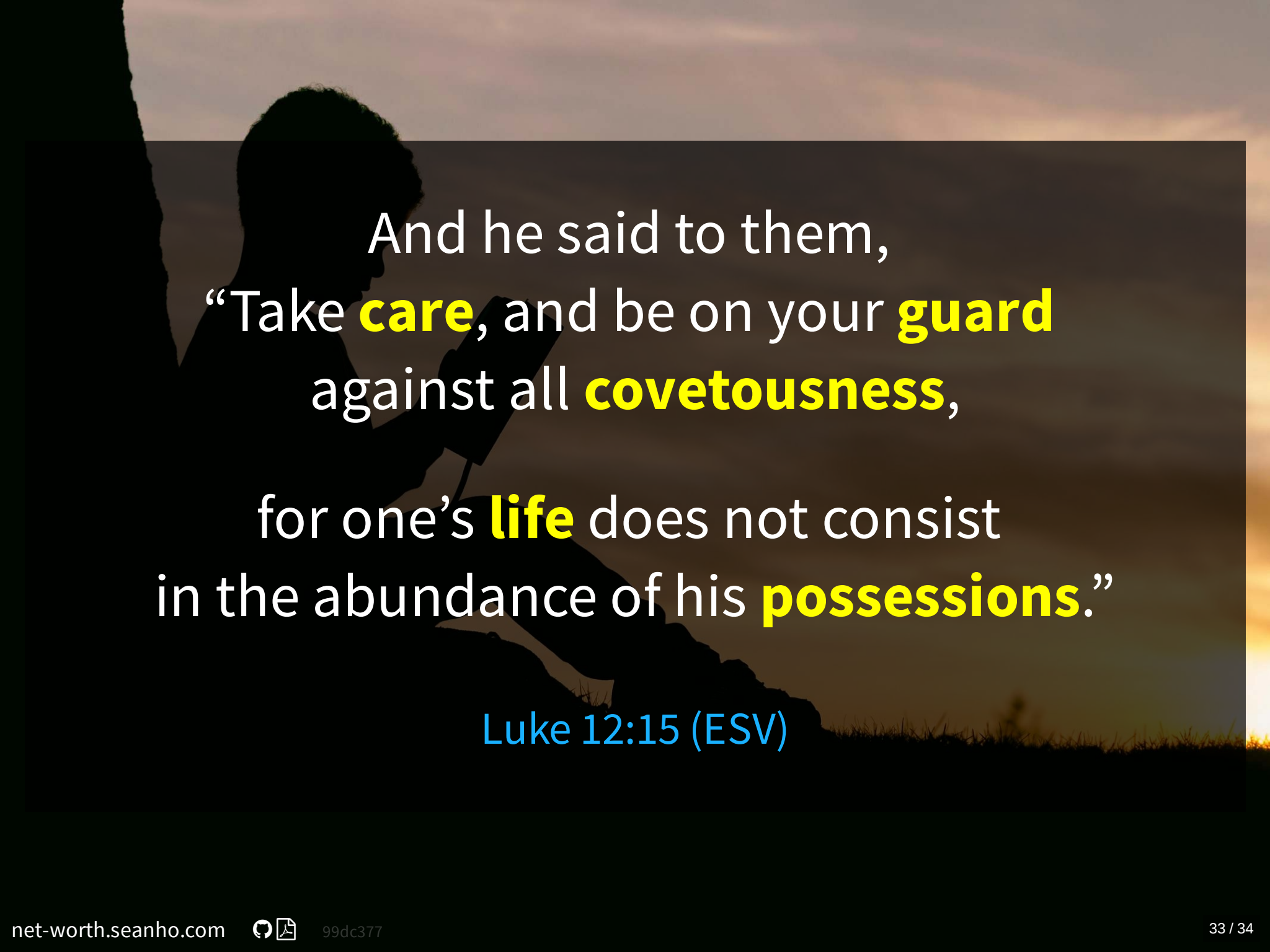
1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV) (p.2/2)



7 so that the **tested genuineness** of your faith — more precious than **gold** that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in **praise** and glory and honor at the **revelation** of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV) (p.2/2)

Have I been **rich**
for **myself** but not
toward **God**?

A silhouette of a person sitting and reading a book is positioned on the left side of the frame. The background is a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise sky with a gradient from light to dark. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

And he said to them,
“Take **care**, and be on your **guard**
against all **covetousness**,
for one’s **life** does not consist
in the abundance of his **possessions.**”

Luke 12:15 (ESV)

