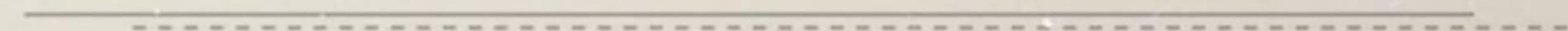


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Politics: The Calling and The Curse



¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

Romans 13 : 1-7

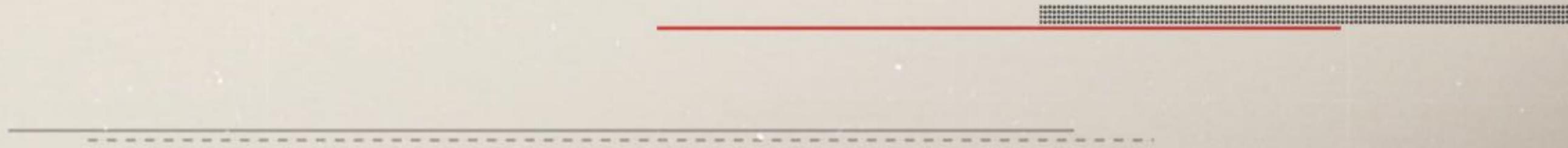


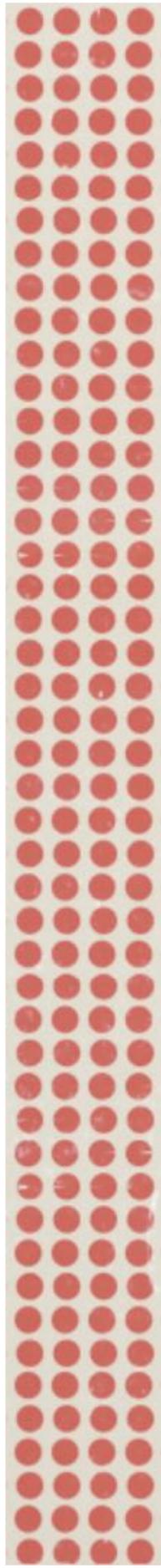
⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Romans 13 : 1-7

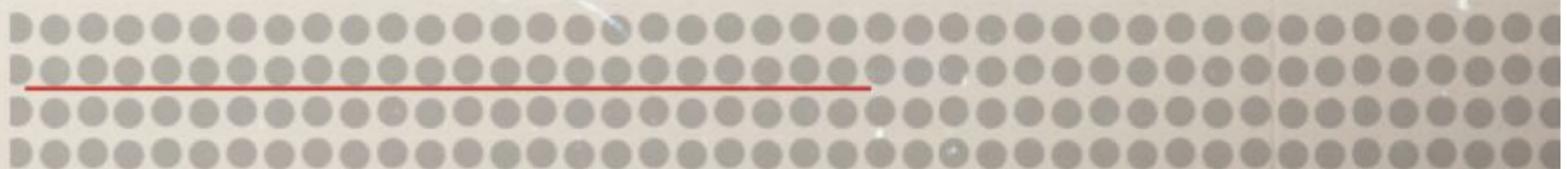


Called to Be Priests in The Land

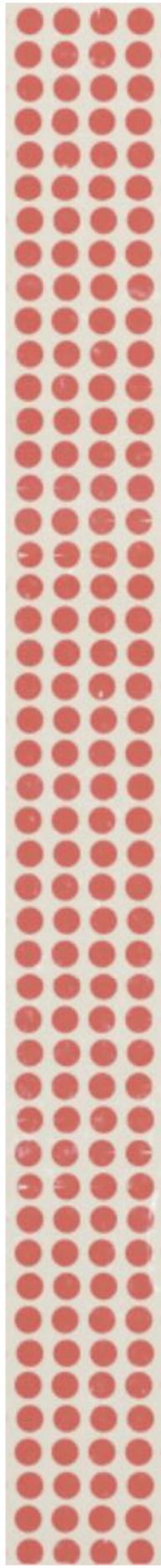




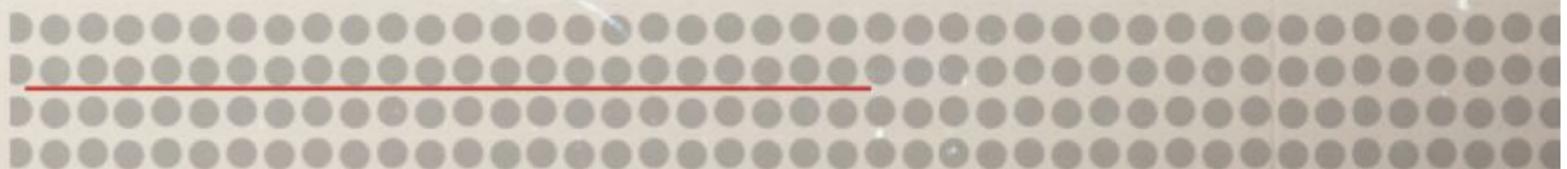
“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”



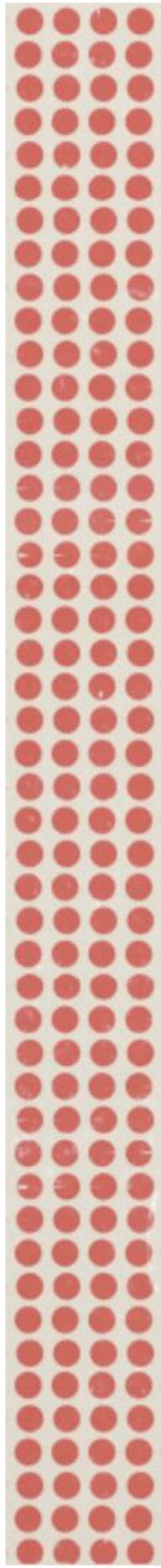
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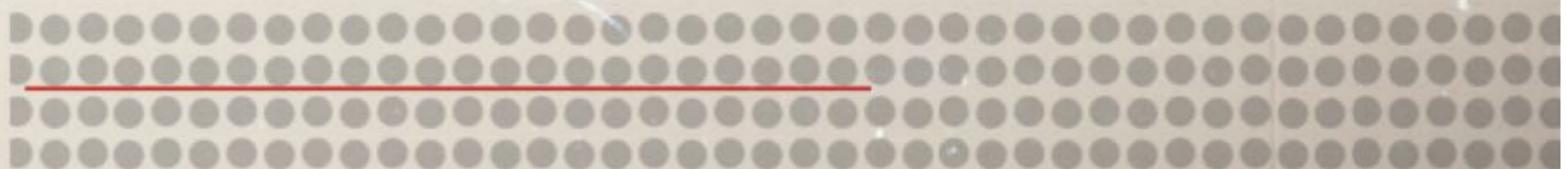
“You have made them to be a kingdom and
priests to serve our God, and they will reign on
the earth.”



Revelation 5:10



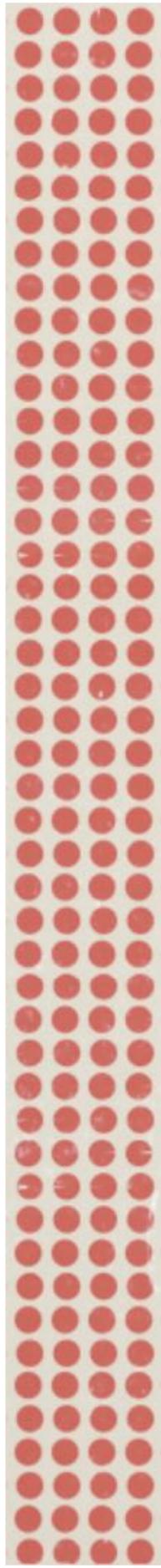
“I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.”



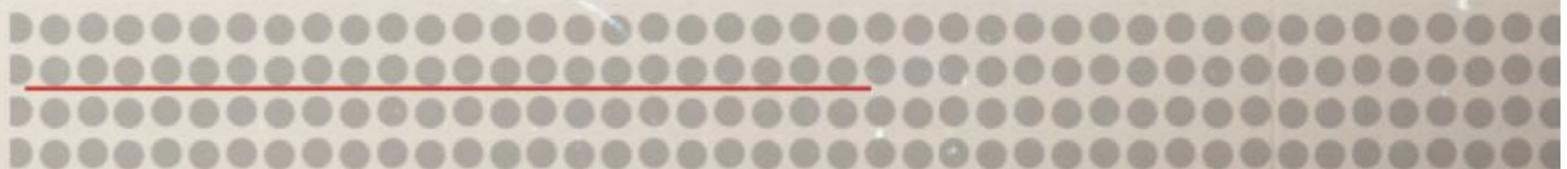
Ezekiel 22:30

Pray



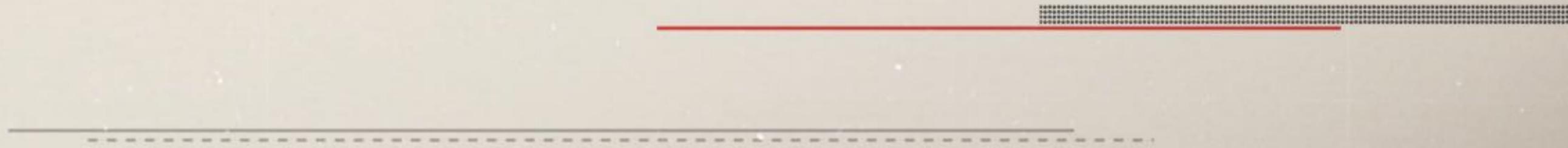


“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”



1 Timothy 2:1-4

Do Not Speak Evil

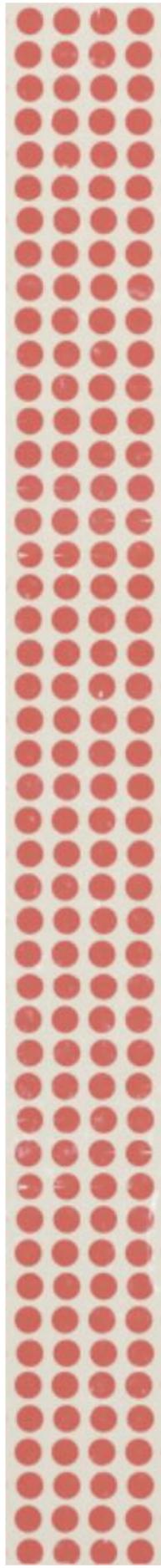


"Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day." At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the law, yet you yourself violate the law by commanding that I be struck!..."

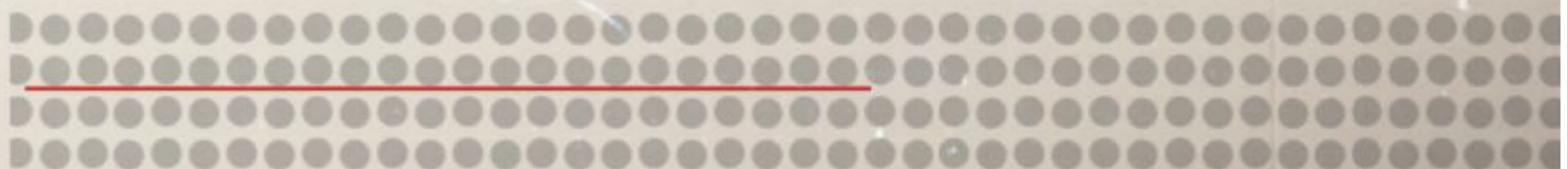
Acts 23:1-5

“Those who were standing near Paul said, “How dare you insult God's high priest!” Paul replied, “Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.' ”

Acts 23:1-5

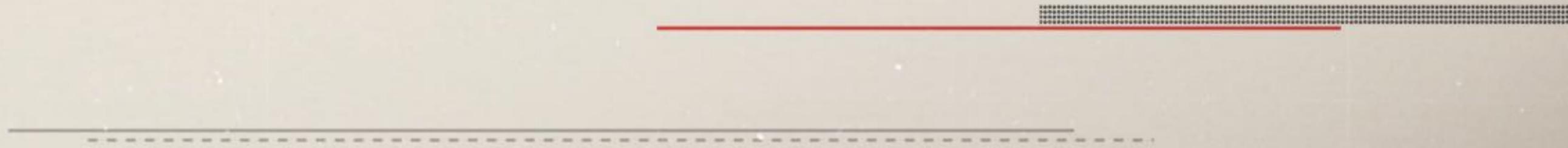


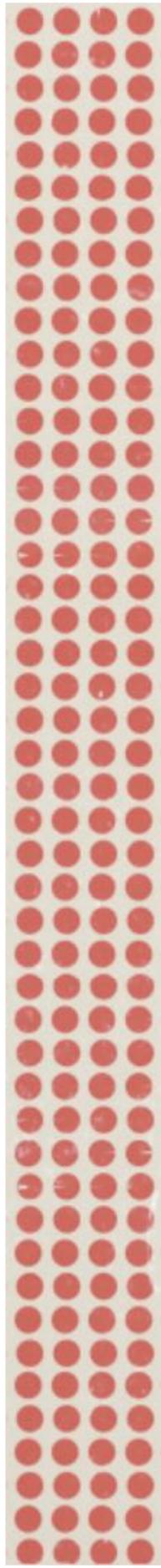
“Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of
your people.”



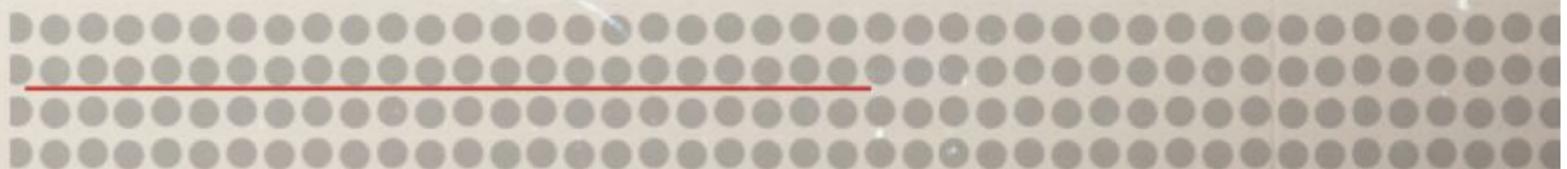
Exodus 22:28

**God is always doing more
than you know**

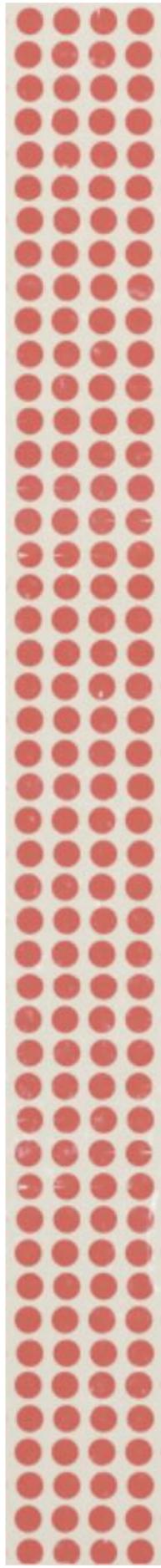




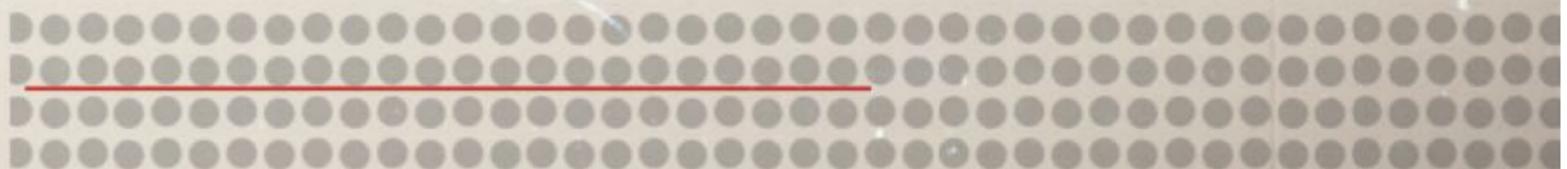
“Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets.”



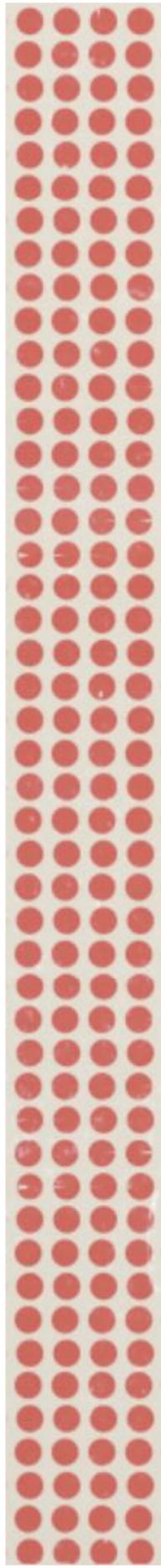
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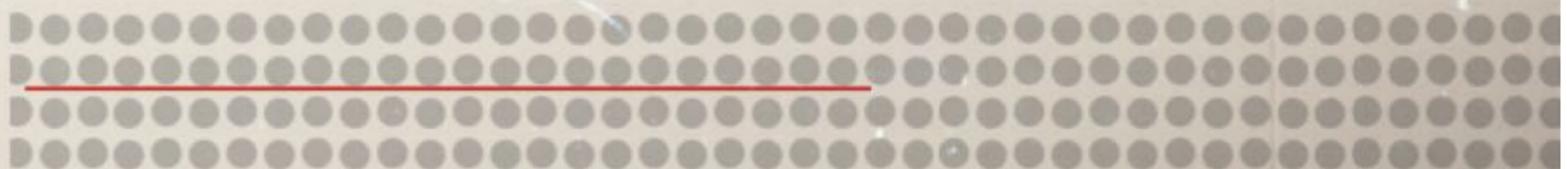
“I am the only one left, and now they are
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1 Kings 19:10



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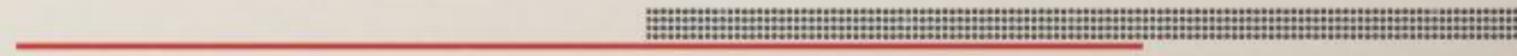
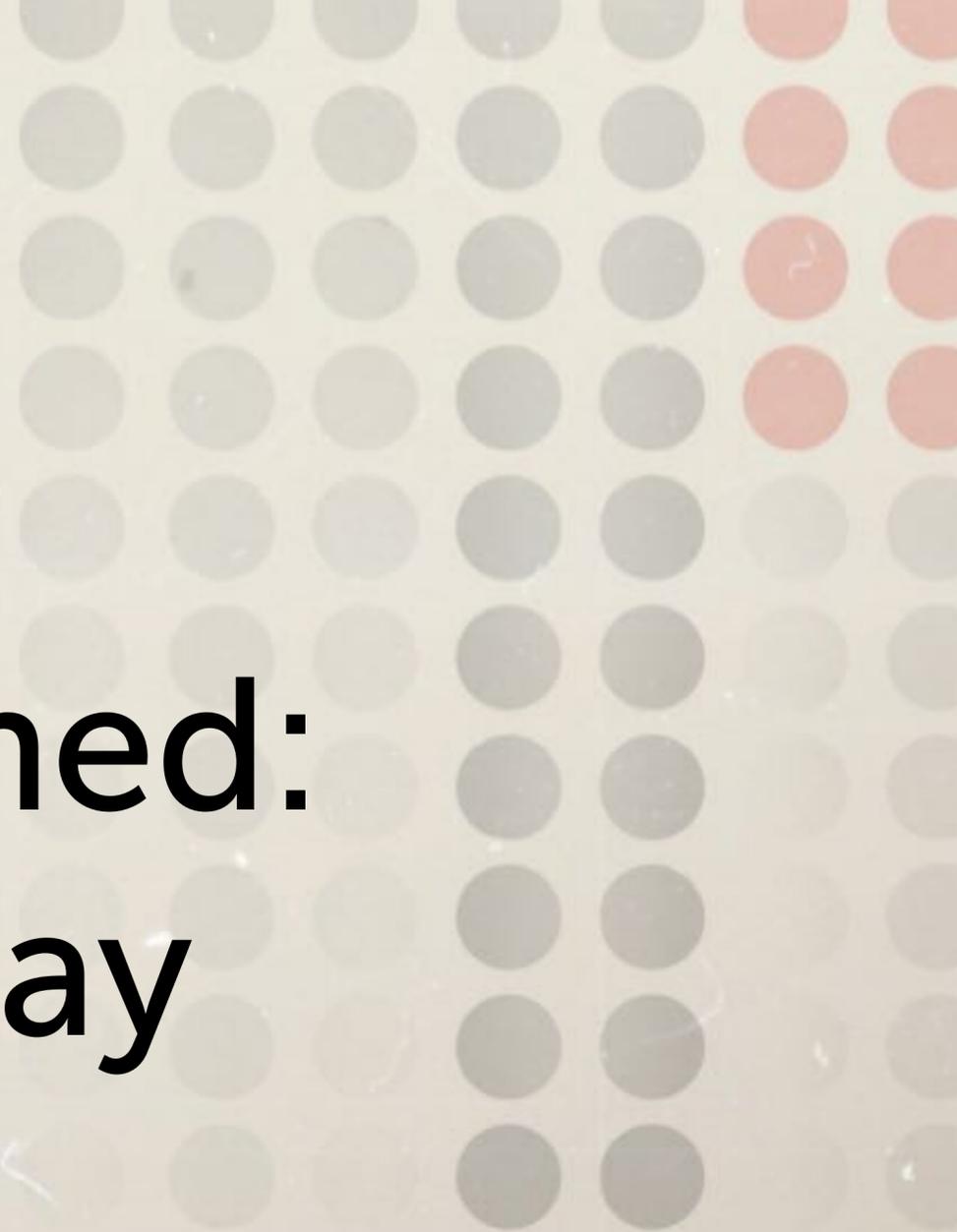


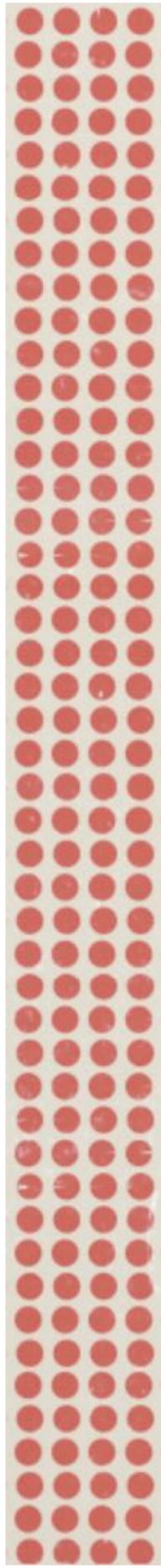
1 Kings 19:14

“Ahab had summoned Obadiah, his palace administrator. (Obadiah was a devout believer in the Lord. While Jezebel was killing off the Lord's prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.)”

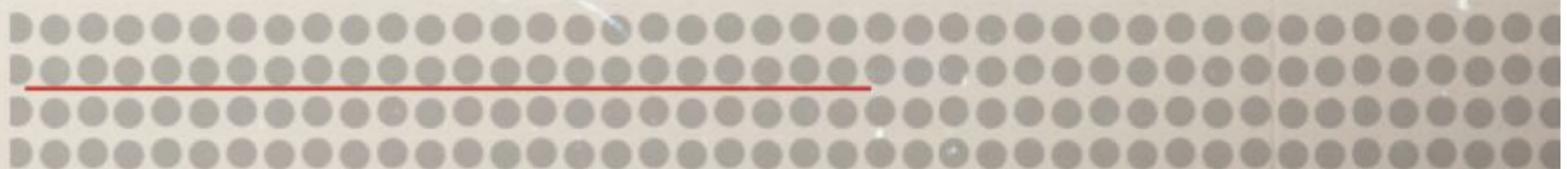
1 Kings 18:3-4

**Do Not Be Conformed:
There is a Third Way**

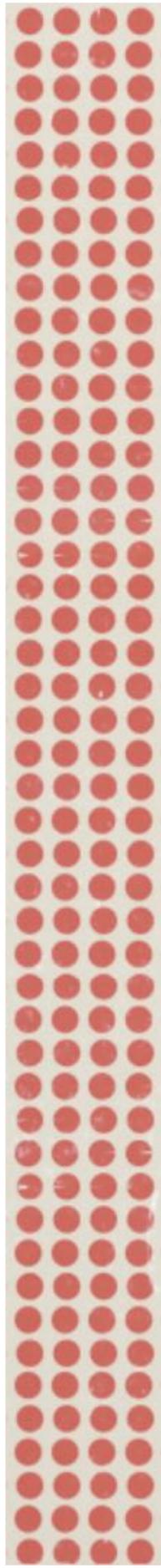




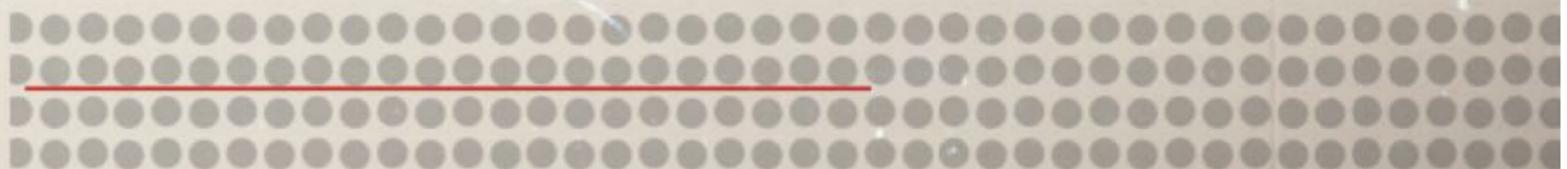
“Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your
mind. Then you will be able to test and
approve what God's will is---his good,
pleasing and perfect will.”



Romans 12:2



“Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.”



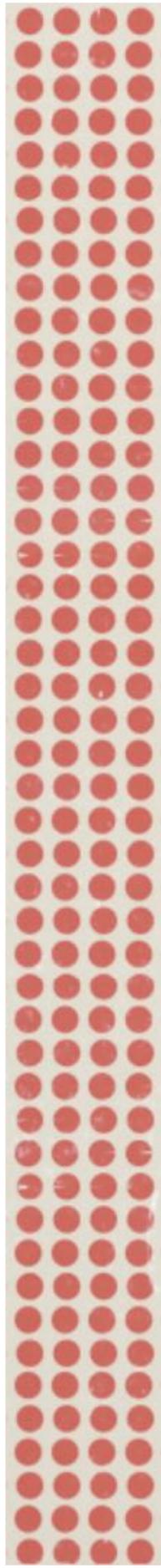
Leviticus 19:15

Vote



Play Your Role

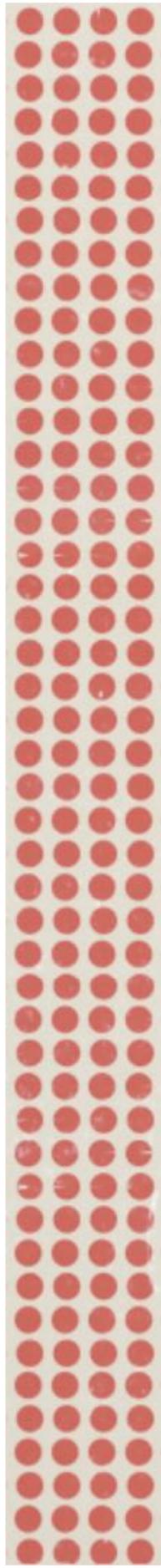




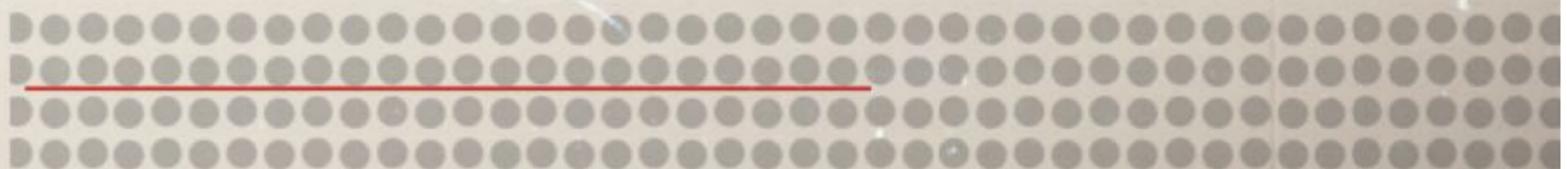
“For the one in authority is God's servant”



Romans 13:4



“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”



Romans 12:6-7

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