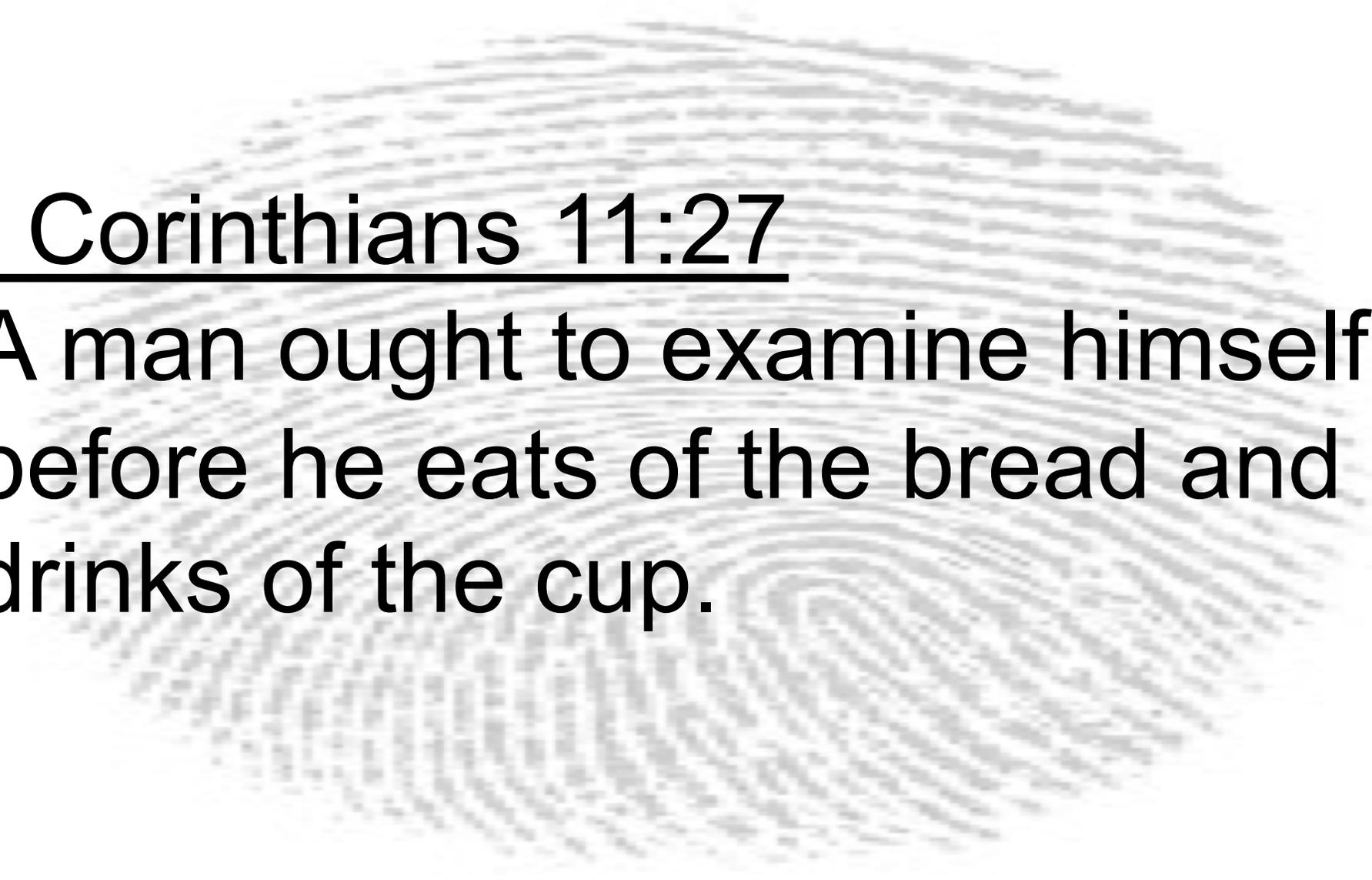




**EXAMINE
OURSELVES
TO SEE ...**



1 Corinthians 11:27

A man ought to examine himself
before he eats of the bread and
drinks of the cup.

II Corinthians 13:5-6

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ is in you, unless you fail the test?



EXAMINATION > EVIDENCE



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Jesus > Paul (*Acts 26:18*)

“I am sending you to them to OPEN their eyes and TURN them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, so that they may RECEIVE forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are SANCTIFIED by faith in me.”



EXAMINE ... Has this happened to you?

- eyes opened
- heart turned
- gift received
- life changed

darkness > light

Satan > God

sin > forgiveness

faith > holiness

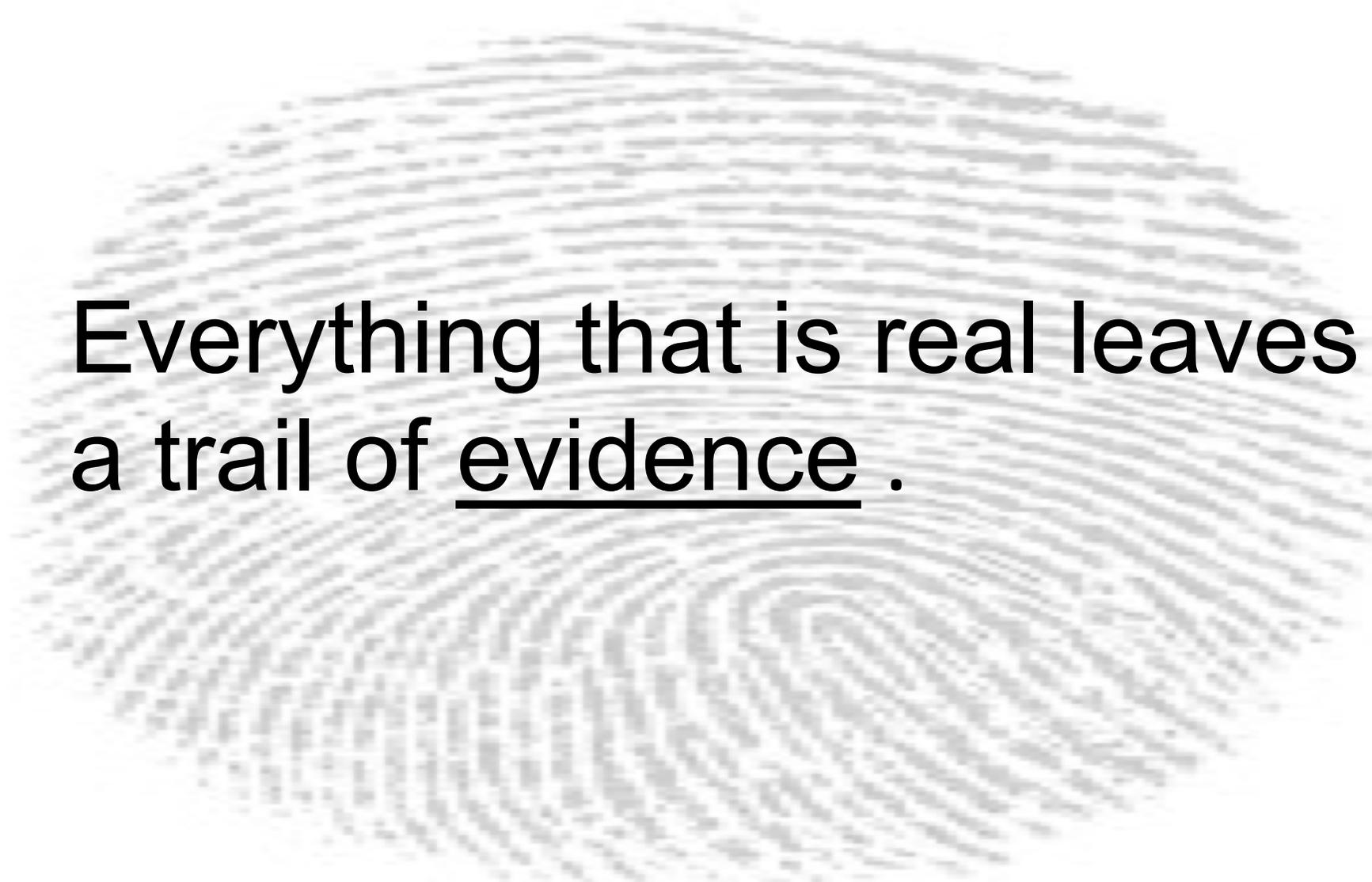
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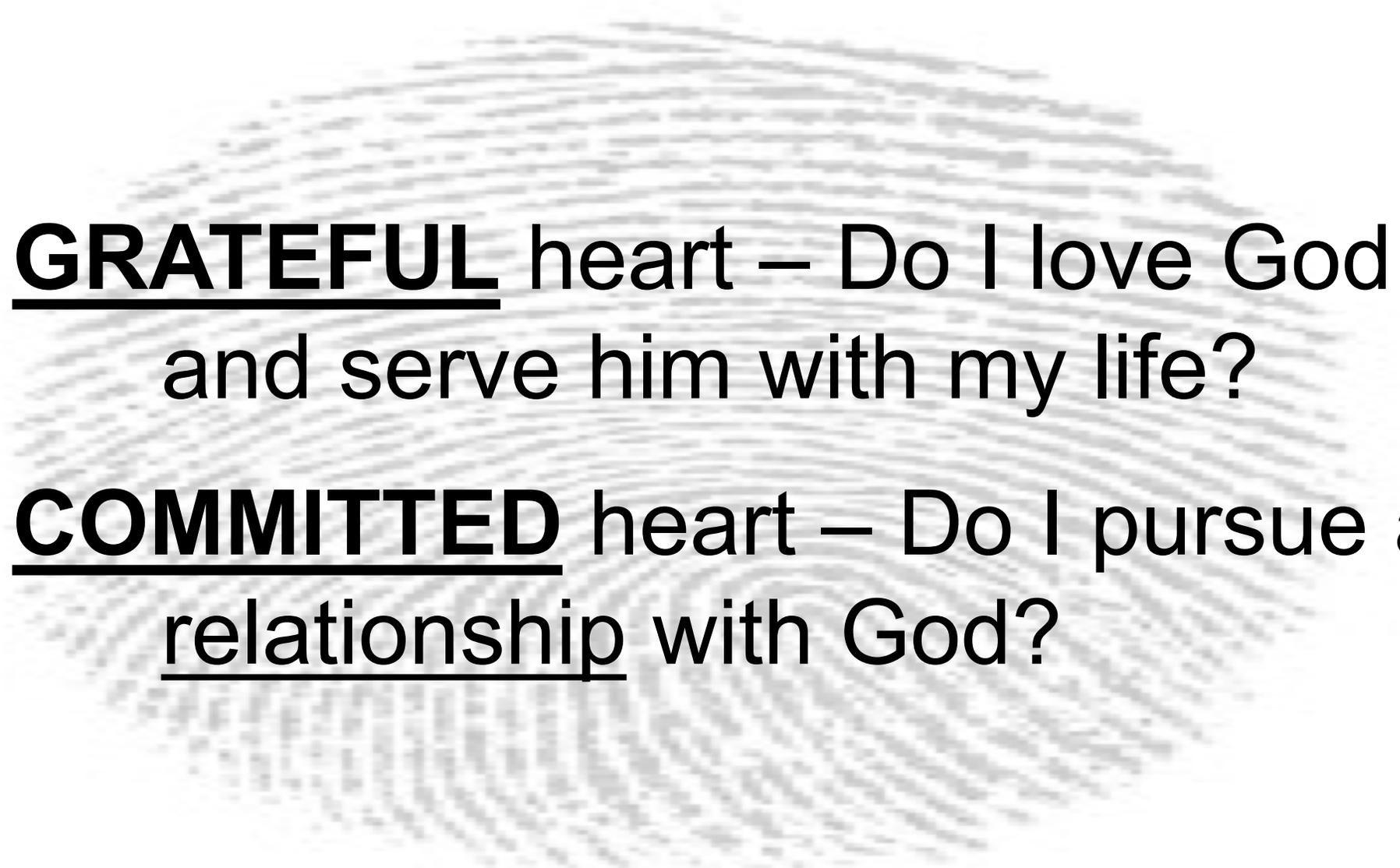


Everything that is real leaves
a trail of evidence .

HONEST heart – Have I accepted
God's diagnosis and care?

TRUSTING heart – Have I trusted
Christ [alone] to save me?

HUMBLE heart – Have I acknowledged
Christ as the Lord of my life?



GRATEFUL heart – Do I love God
and serve him with my life?

COMMITTED heart – Do I pursue a
relationship with God?



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A Christian displays evidence of both connection and commitment to God.

**CONNECTION = initiated through faith
and strengthened through individual effort.**

Just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted down and built up in the faith ... do not be taken captive by deceptive philosophy which depends on human tradition and worldly principles rather than Christ. *(Col. 2:6-7)*

COMMITMENT = **lifestyle** of honoring your friendship with God by following his teachings and expectations.

Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? (*James 4:4*)



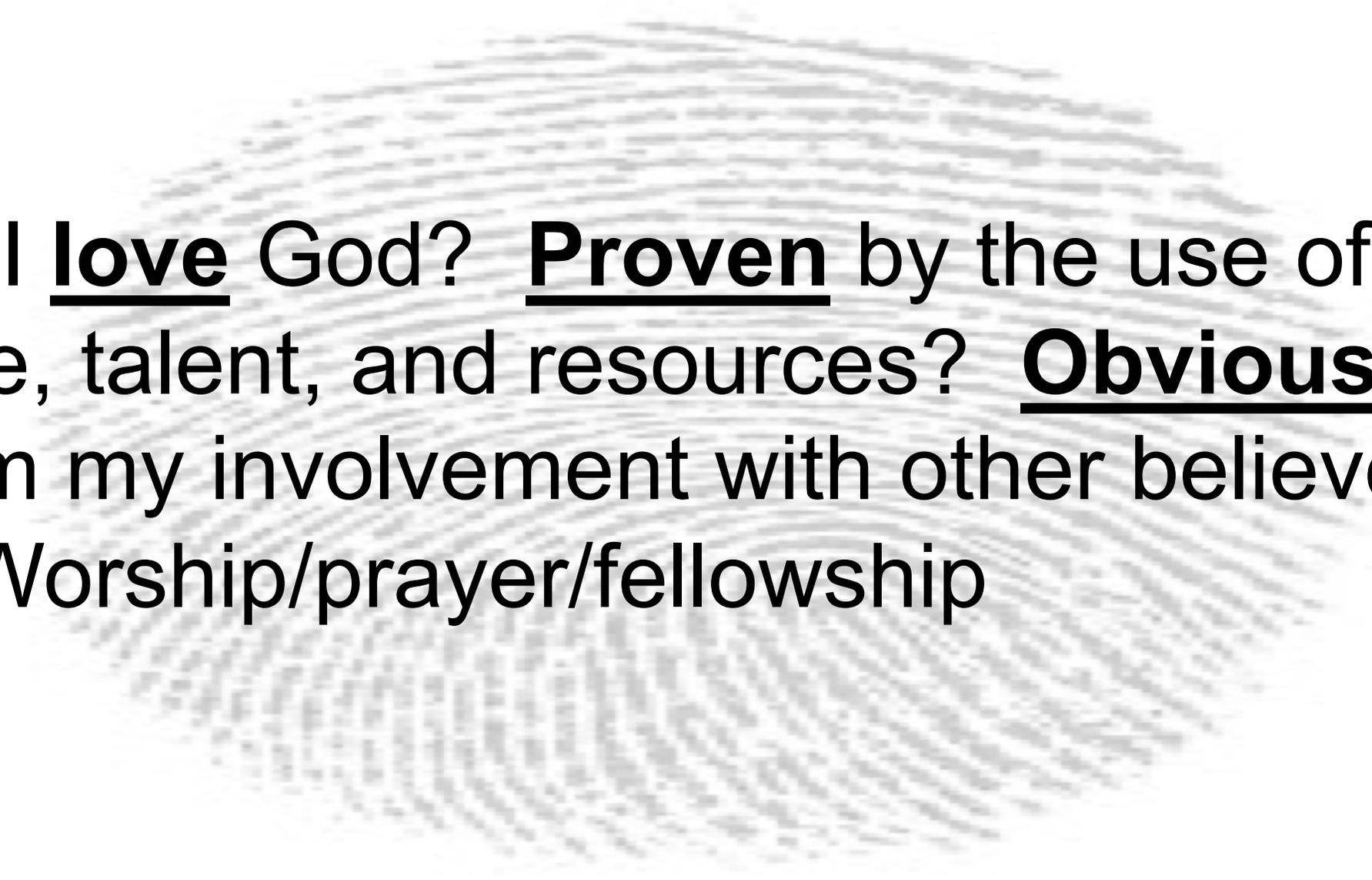
Where Is The Evidence?

Do I acknowledge the Bible as God's
revelation and **rulebook**?

Man shall not live by bread alone
but by every word which comes
from God's mouth. (*Matt. 4:4*)

Does my **lifestyle** reflect God's **character**?

We have come to know him if we obey his commands. The one who says "I know him" but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him ... If you claim to live in him you must walk as Jesus did. *(1 John 2:3-6)*



Do I love God? Proven by the use of my
time, talent, and resources? Obvious
from my involvement with other believers
... Worship/prayer/fellowship

So draw near to God with a sincere heart and full faith ... hold unswervingly to the hope you profess ... Spur one another on toward love and good deeds ... Never give up meeting together (as some folks do) but continually encourage each other.
(Heb. 10:22-25)

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