

A dense, vibrant green ivy wall covers the entire background. On the left side, there is a small, dark brown wooden door with a metal frame. The door has a decorative metal handle and a small metal latch. The ivy is thick and covers the wall completely, creating a textured, natural backdrop.

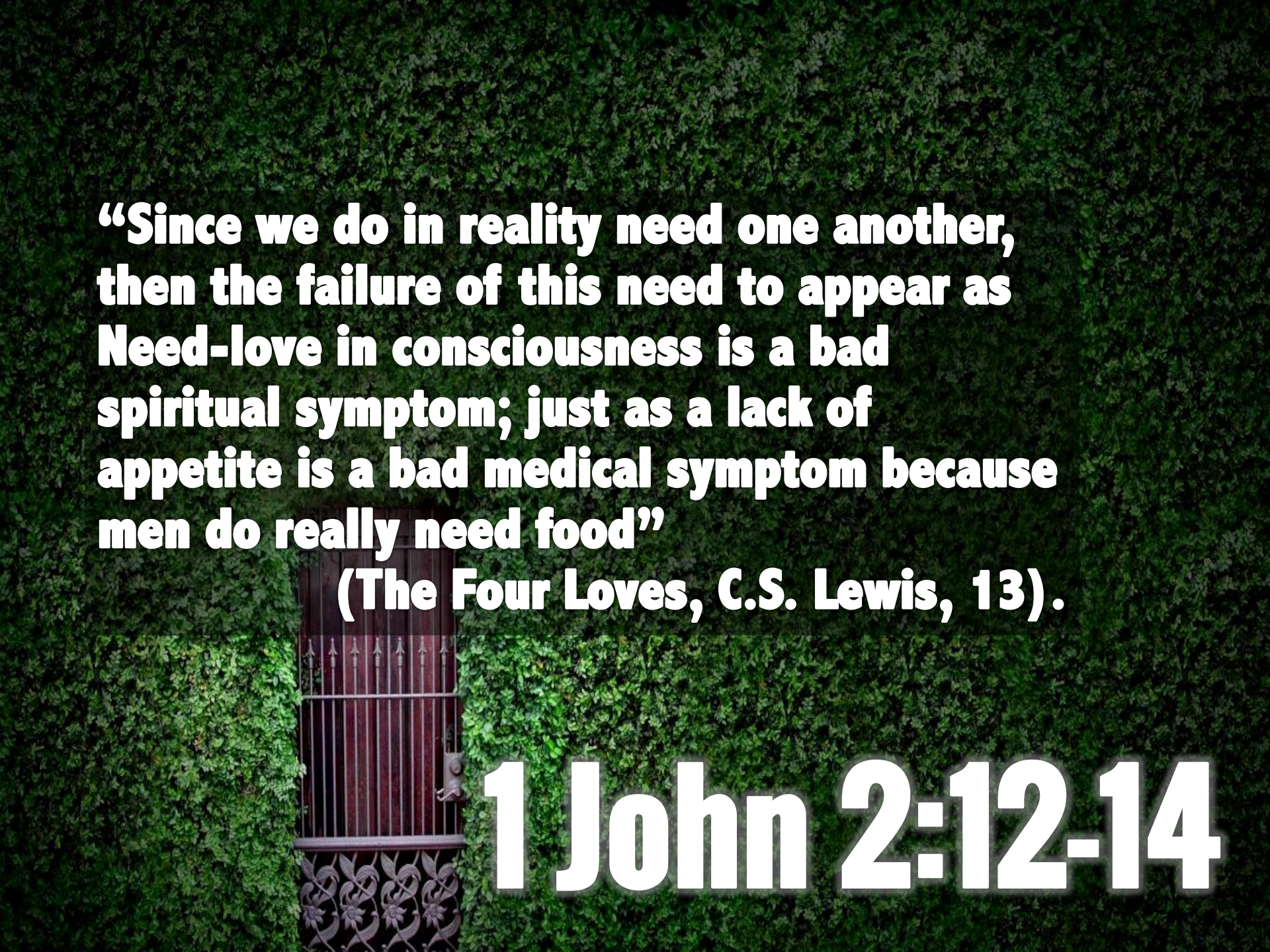
**Draw Near  
To God**



**“Know about”  
or “know”?**







**“Since we do in reality need one another,  
then the failure of this need to appear as  
Need-love in consciousness is a bad  
spiritual symptom; just as a lack of  
appetite is a bad medical symptom because  
men do really need food”**

**(The Four Loves, C.S. Lewis, 13).**

**1 John 2:12-14**



# Revelation 3:20

**“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with Me.”**





# **“That They Should Seek God”**

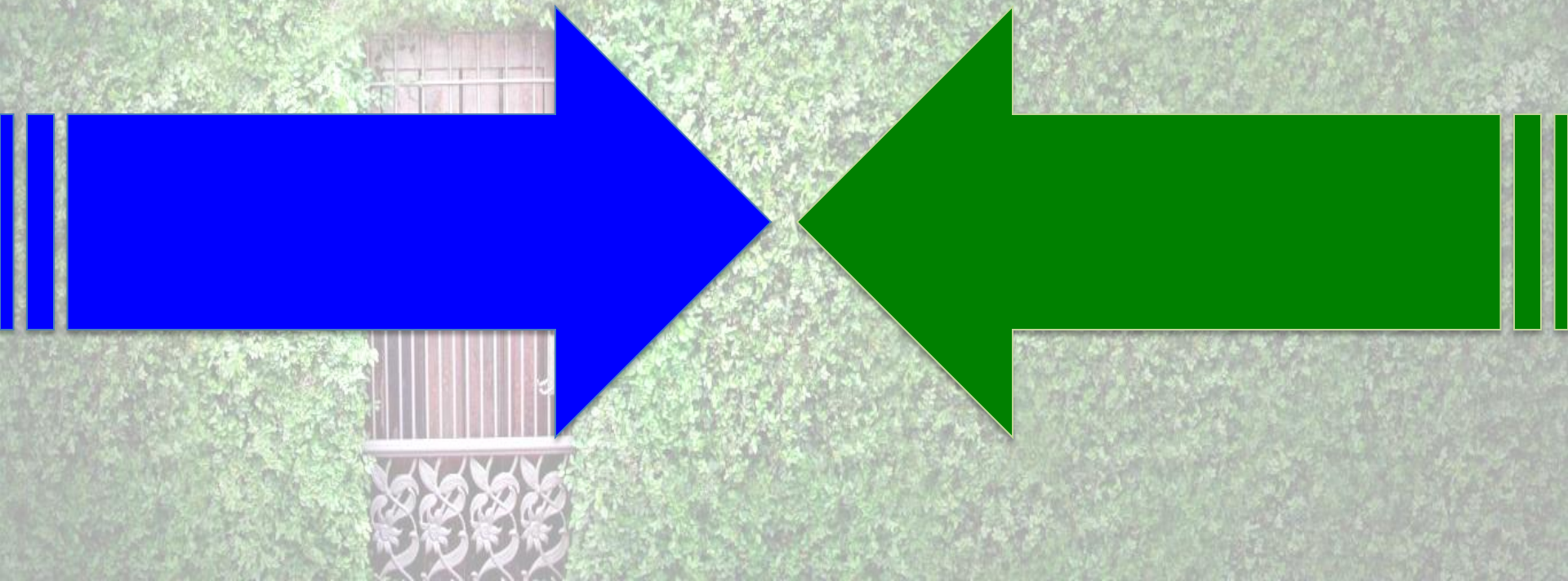
- Even those who are ignorant desire something bigger than themselves – an explanation (Acts 17:16-34).
- This desire comes because we are similar to God. Often, our problem is that we focus so much on being “like” Him (or “unlike” Him) that we forget that our likeness to God is not the basis of our relationship with Him.



# **“Need Love” and “Gift Love”**

Gift Love – Matthew  
11:28-30, Psalm 81:10

Need Love

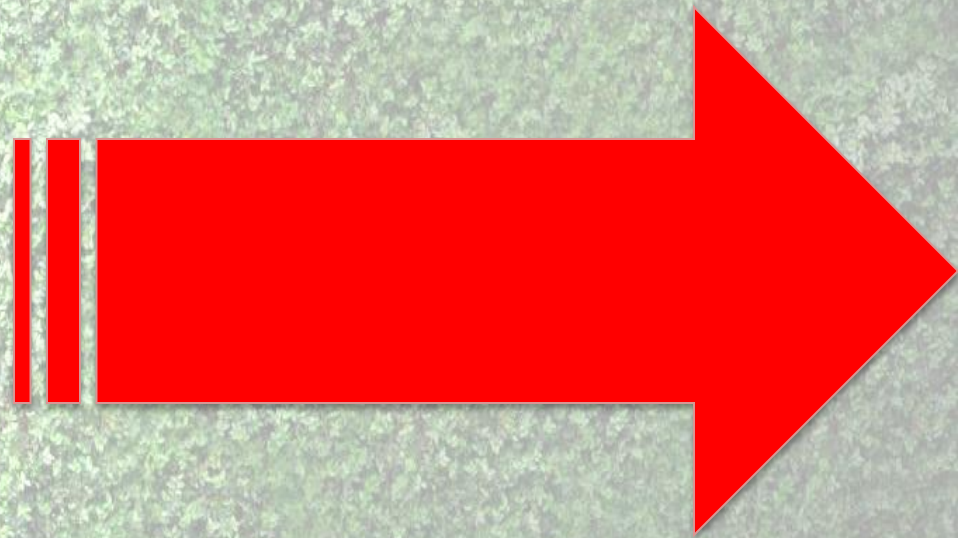
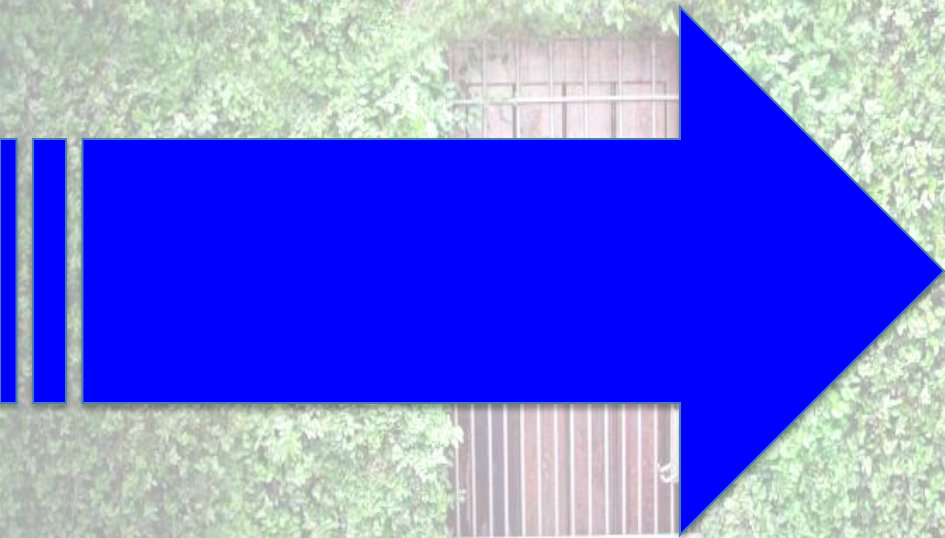




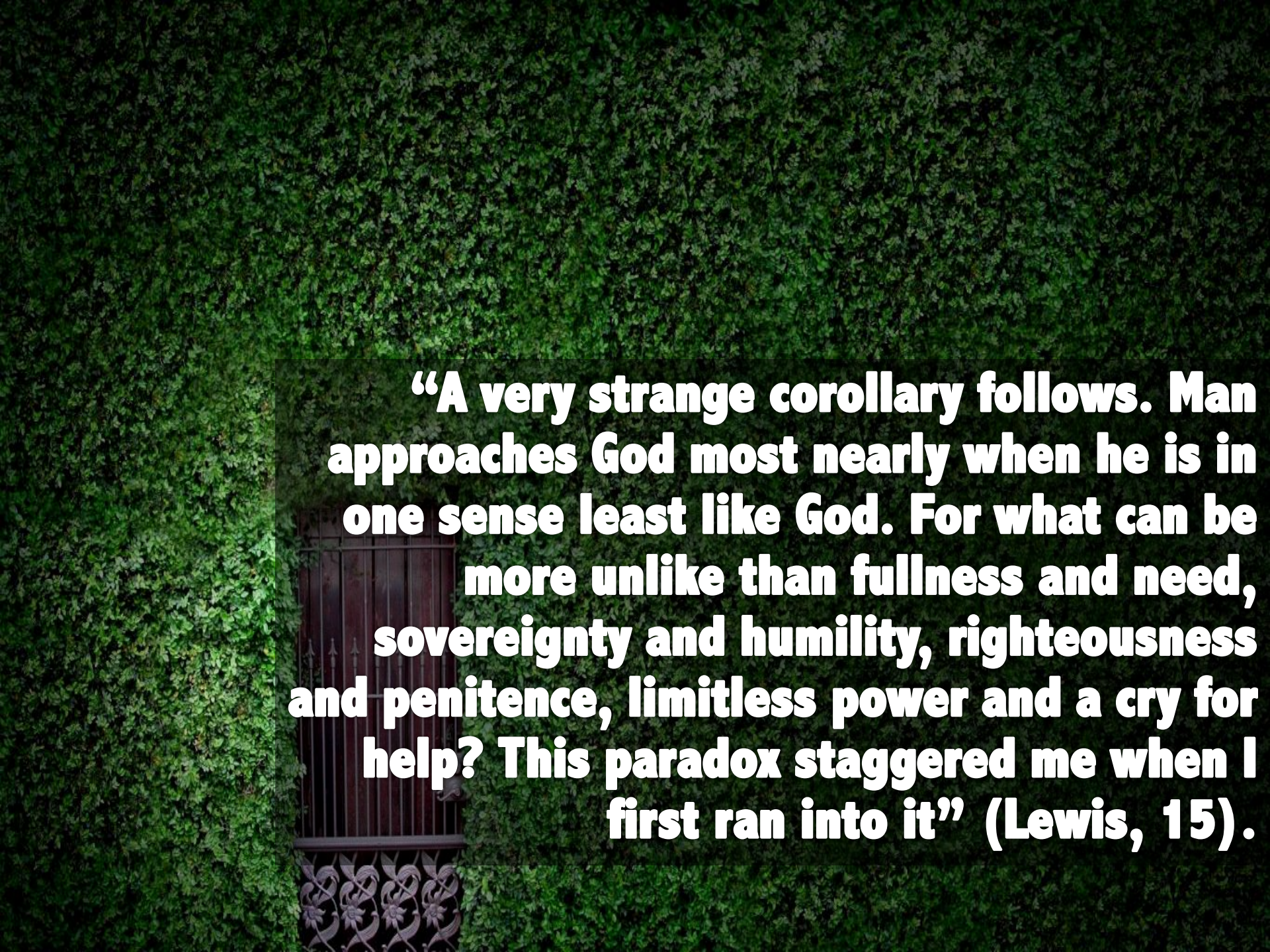
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Gift Love

Gift Love that God does  
not need – Acts 17:24-25







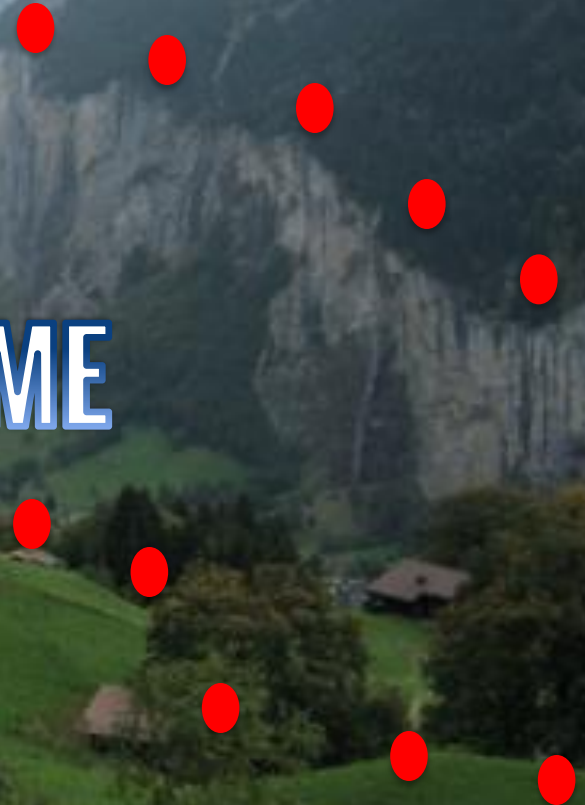
**“A very strange corollary follows. Man approaches God most nearly when he is in one sense least like God. For what can be more unlike than fullness and need, sovereignty and humility, righteousness and penitence, limitless power and a cry for help? This paradox staggered me when I first ran into it” (Lewis, 15).**



**YOU**



**HOME**





# James 4:8-10

**“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be tuned into mourning, and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.”**



# **“The Love of God Is Manifested”**

- 1 John 4:9
- Because God created us, He is invested in us. He would not have created us only to ignore us or treat us with indifference.
- Not only that, but His love is not lessened by our sin. Rather, His great love is shown in how He graciously made provision for our salvation in spite of the fact that we could offer nothing in return.



A dense green ivy wall with a dark metal gate. The gate is partially open, revealing a dark interior. The ivy is thick and covers the entire wall, with some leaves showing signs of wear or damage.

# 1 John 4:10

**“Not that we loved God, but  
that He loved us”**