

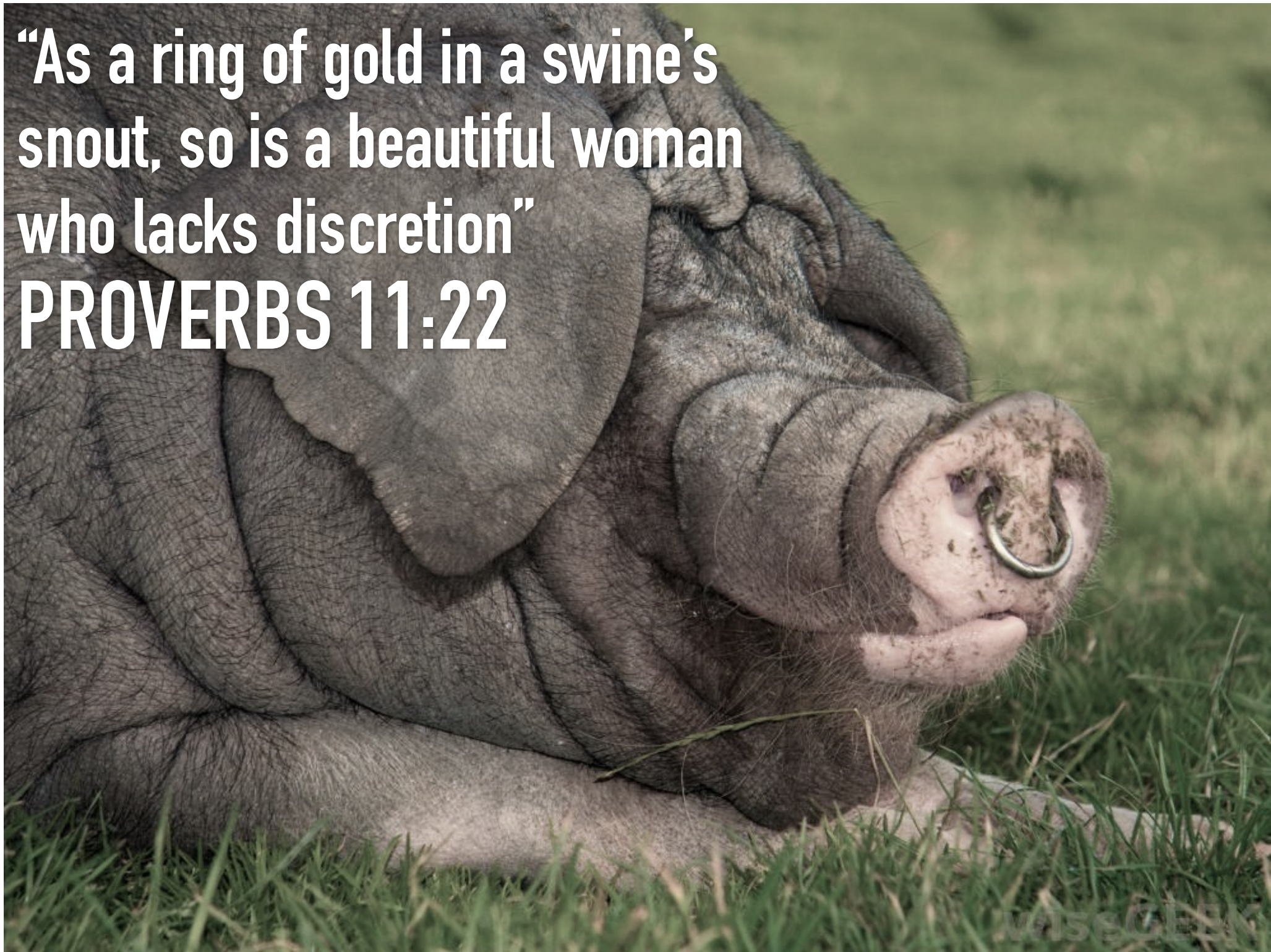
A close-up photograph of dried, brown roses and leaves resting on a dark wooden surface. The roses are in various stages of decay, with some petals still visible but mostly shriveled and brown. The background is blurred, showing a window with light coming through, suggesting an indoor setting. The overall mood is one of decay and loss.

SPOILED BEAUTY

THE OBSESSION ISN'T NEW

- 1 Peter 3:4 warns against the danger of putting too much emphasis on outward appearance.
- God created men and women to be attractive to each other.
- In particular, it is God's will to find your mate handsome or beautiful (Ecc. 9:9, Prov. 5:15–20). This is a frequent feature of the poetic language from the Song of Solomon (5:10–16, 1:16, 1:10, 4:7, 6:4–9, 7:1–9).
- The Bible candidly speaks of the beauty of many people (Gen. 29:17, Deut. 21:11, 2 Sam. 11:2, Esther 2:7).

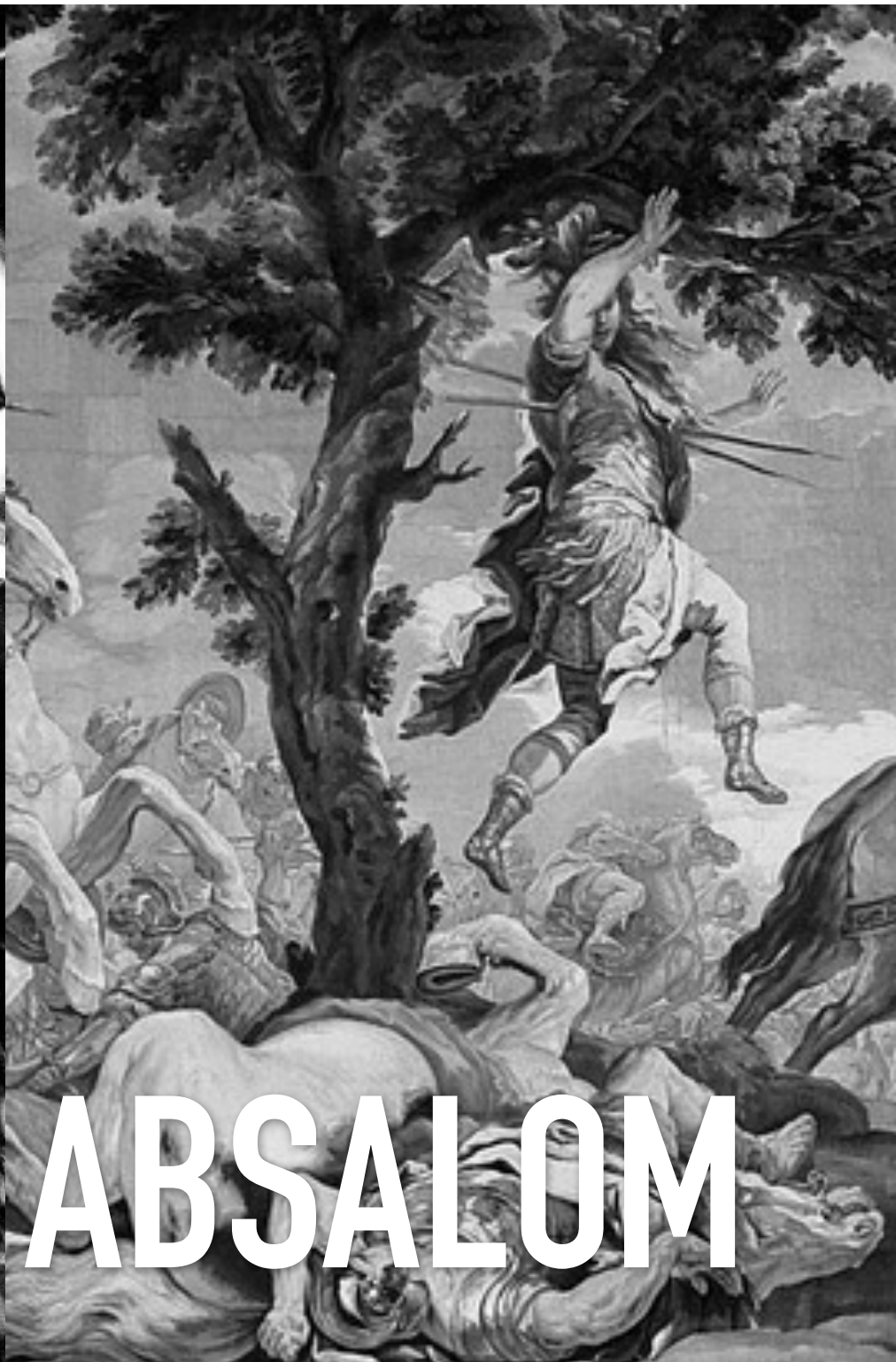
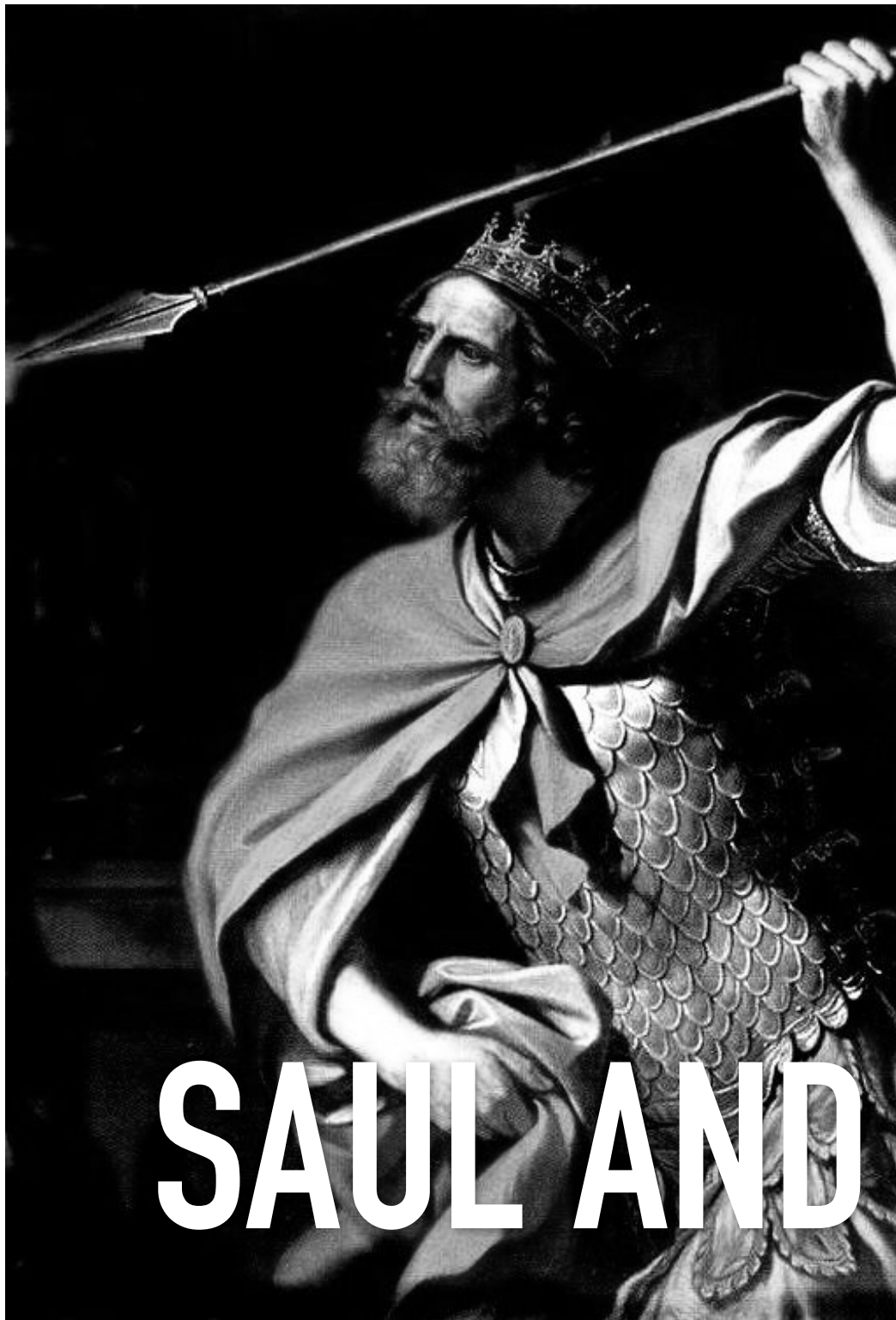
**“As a ring of gold in a swine’s
snout, so is a beautiful woman
who lacks discretion”
PROVERBS 11:22**



A close-up photograph of several dried, brown roses and leaves, likely from a rosehip plant, hanging from a dark wooden surface. The roses are in various stages of decay, with some showing the intricate petal structure and others being more flattened. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of light and dark spots, suggesting an outdoor setting with sunlight filtering through trees.

WHAT SPOILS BEAUTY?

- Dishonesty
- Anger issues
- Selfishness
- Sexual unfaithfulness
- Ugly language
- Financial irresponsibility
- Dishonor toward parents
- Arrogance
- Bullying



SAUL AND ABSALOM

SO, WHAT IS TRUE BEAUTY?

- “Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised” (Proverbs 31:30).
- “But rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness” (1 Timothy 2:10).
- “But let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God” (1 Peter 3:4).
- “For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation” (Psalm 149:4).