

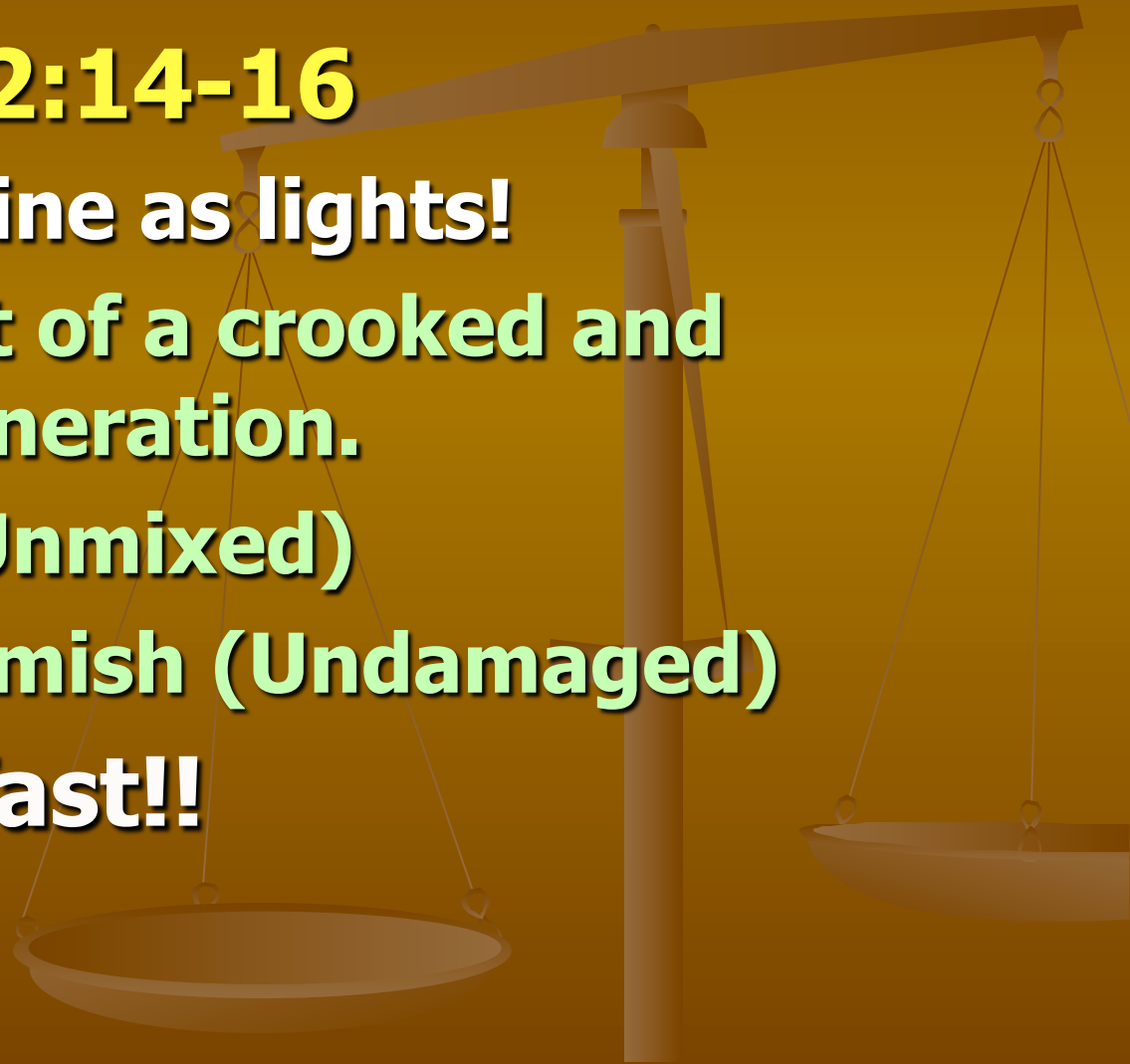
# Keeping Our Balance in this Corrupting Culture



**Romans 10:1-4**

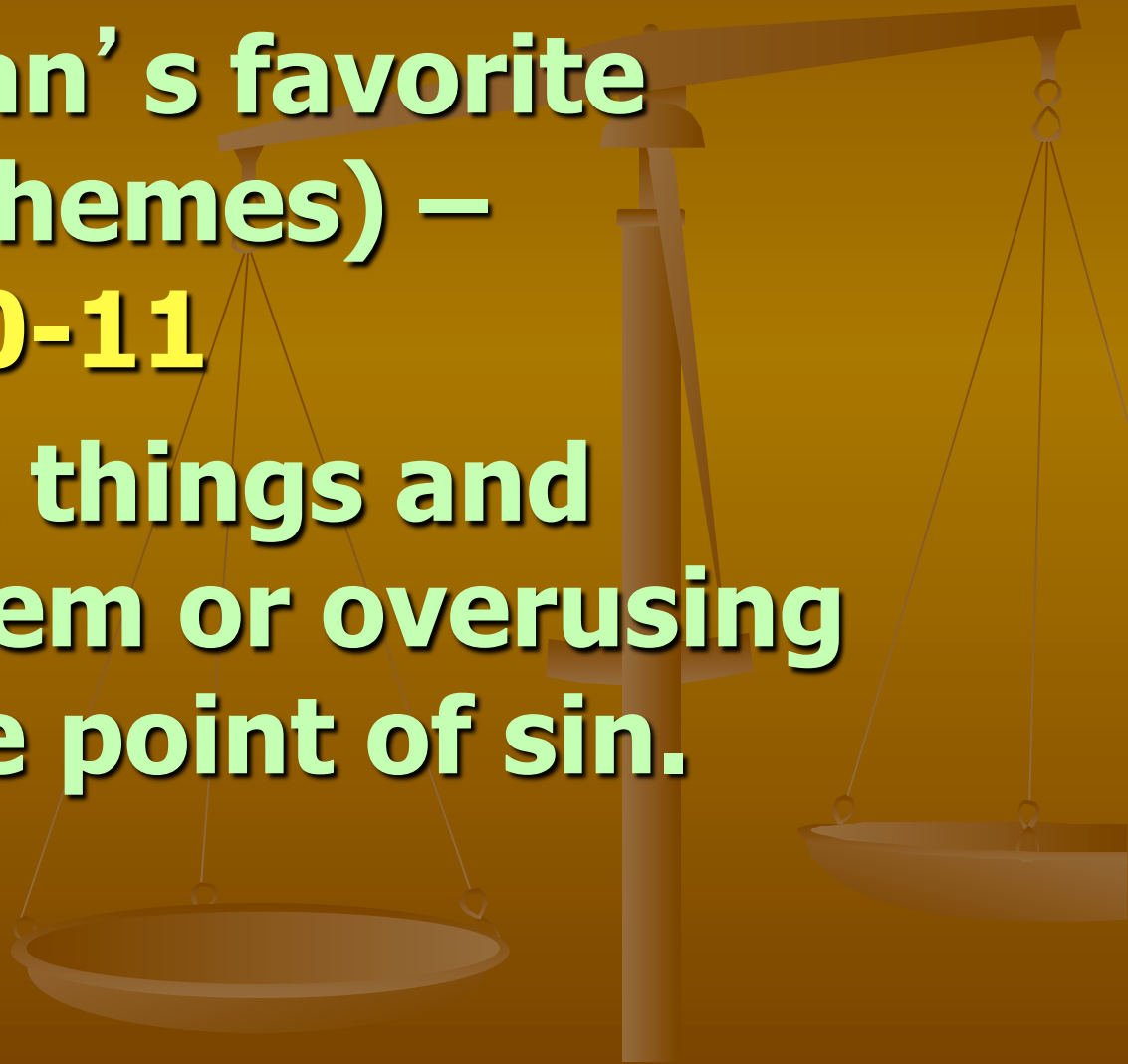
# Keeping Our Balance

- **Philippians 2:14-16**
  - **We must shine as lights!**
  - **In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.**
  - **Harmless (Unmixed)**
  - **Without blemish (Undamaged)**
  - **And hold fast!!**



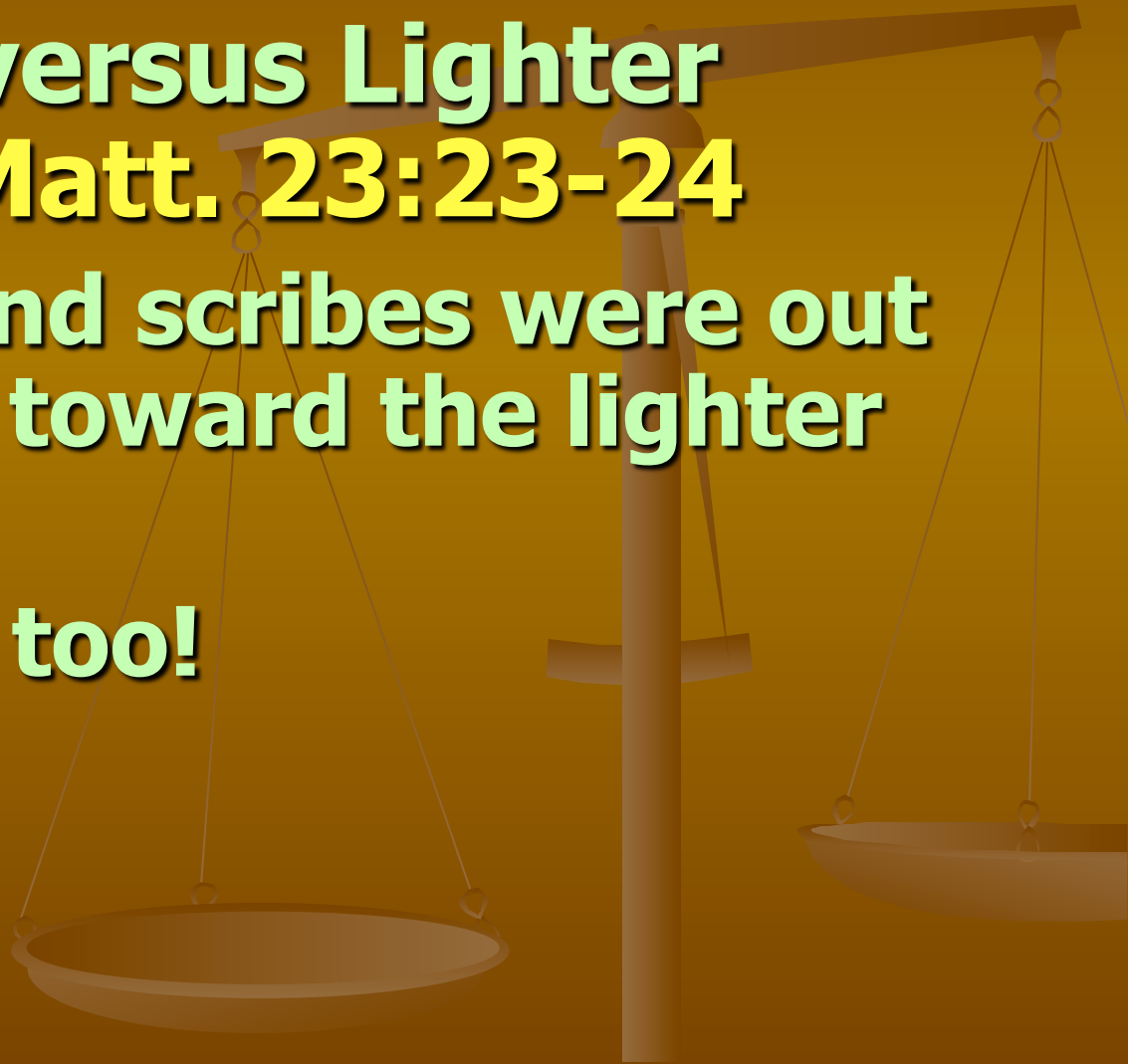
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- One of Satan's favorite devices (schemes) –  
**Eph. 6:10-11**
- Using good things and twisting them or overusing them to the point of sin.



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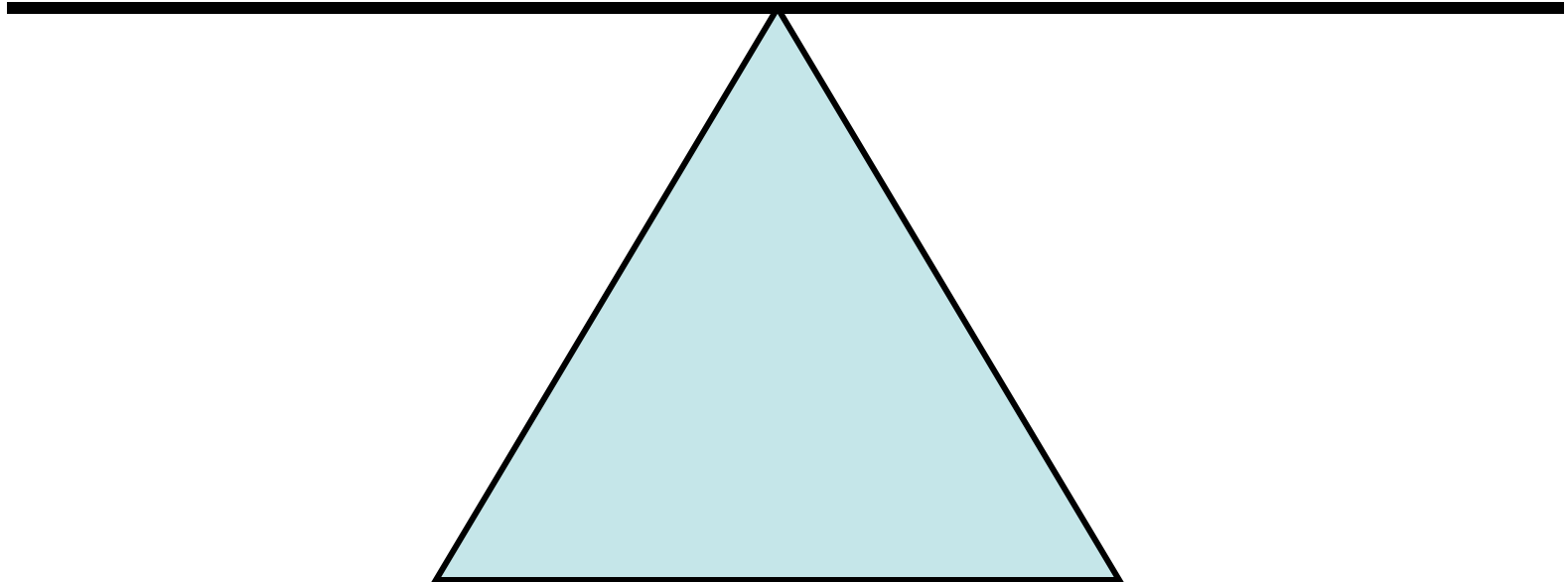


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**Matthew 23:23-24**

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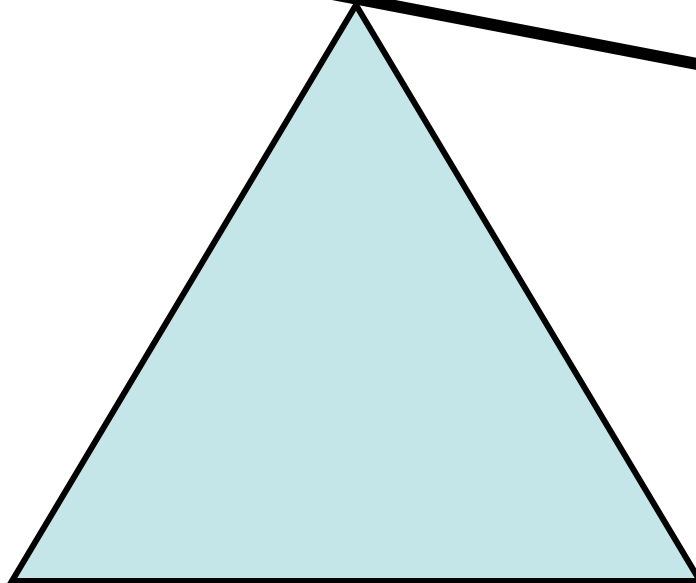


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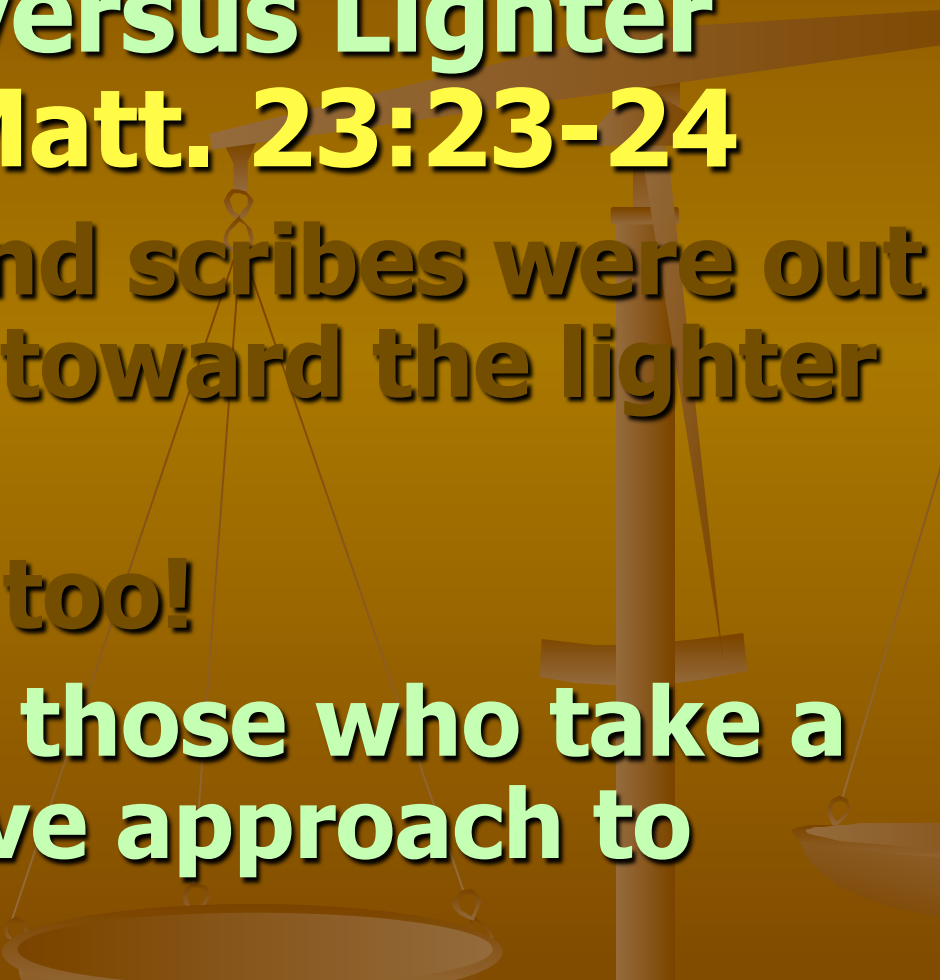
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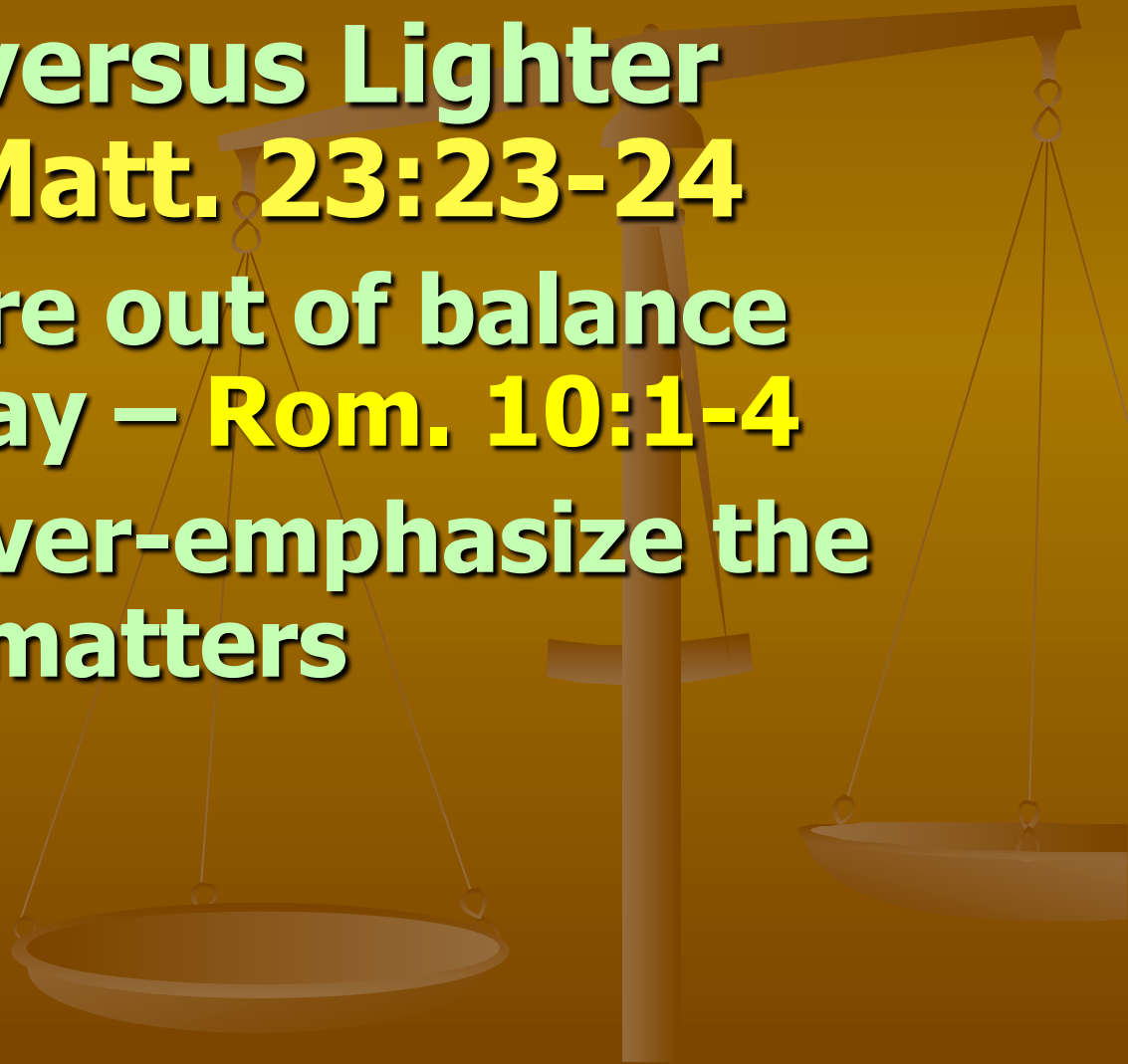


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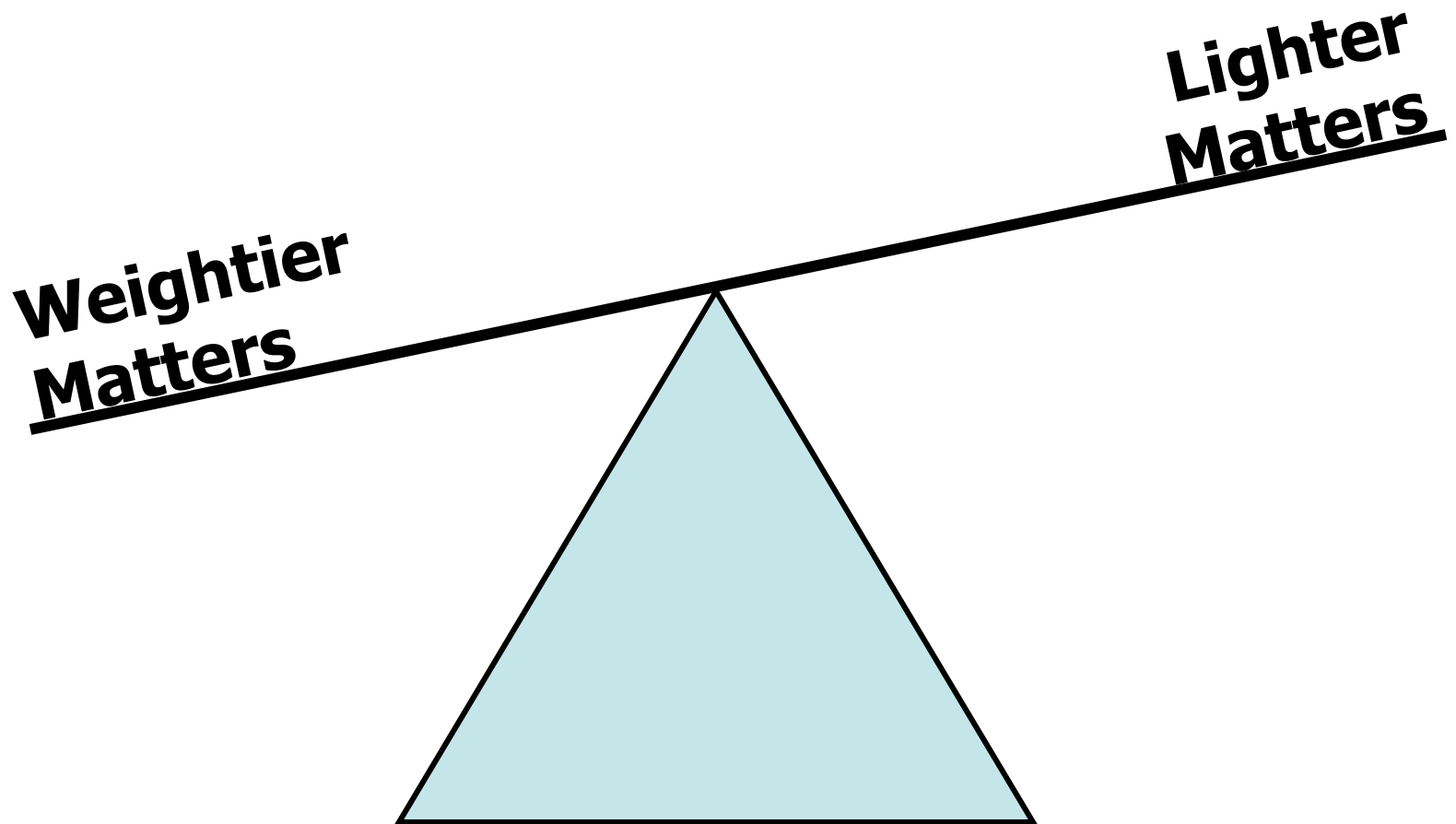
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**Matthew 23:23-24; Romans 10:1-4**



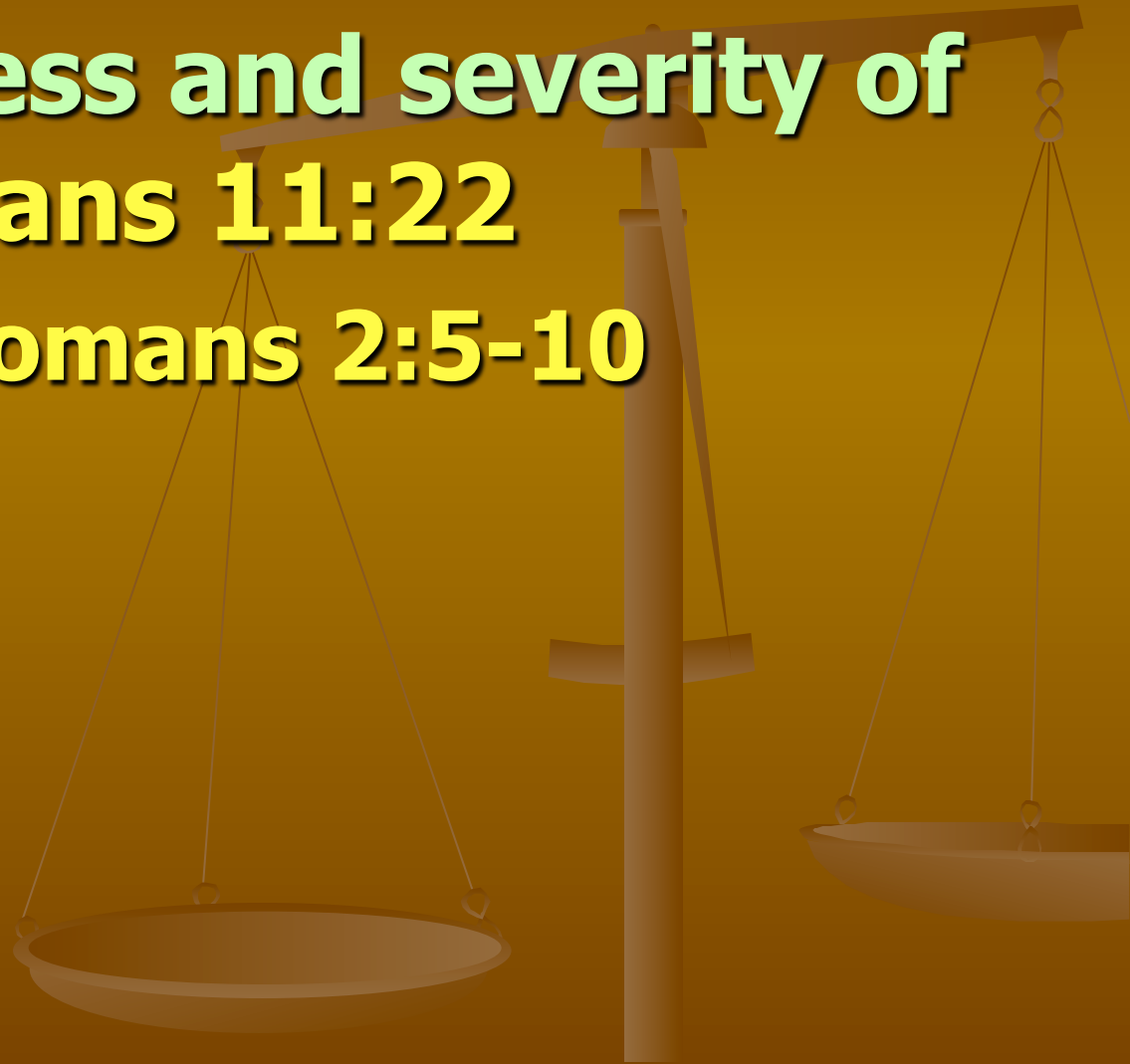
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# Keeping Our Balance

- The goodness and severity of God – Romans 11:22
  - See also Romans 2:5-10

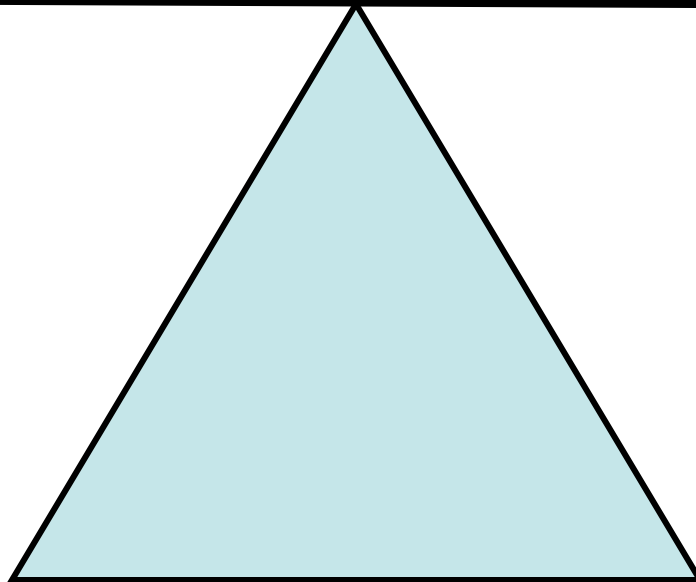


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**Romans 11:22**

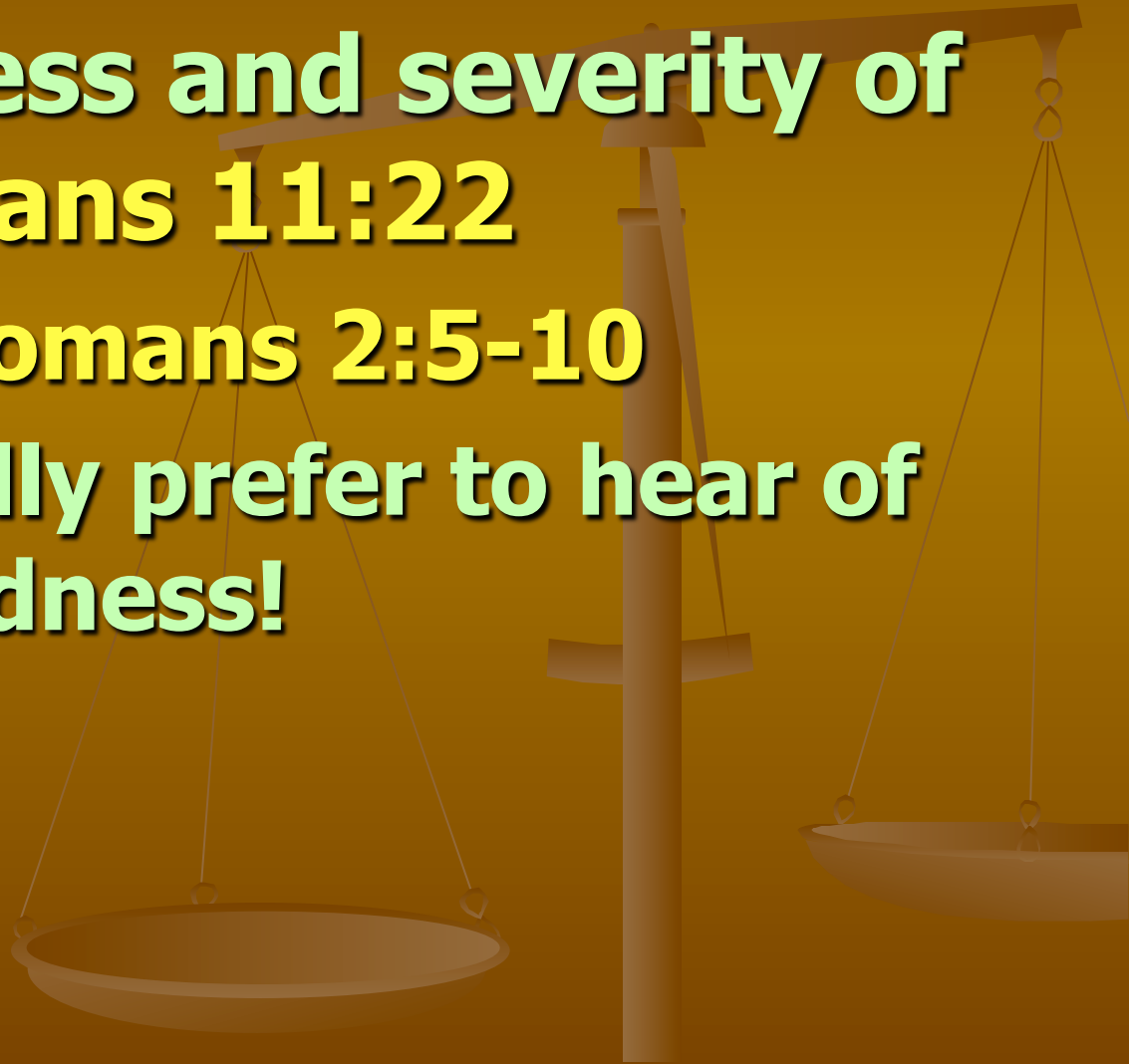
**GOODNESS**

**SEVERITY**



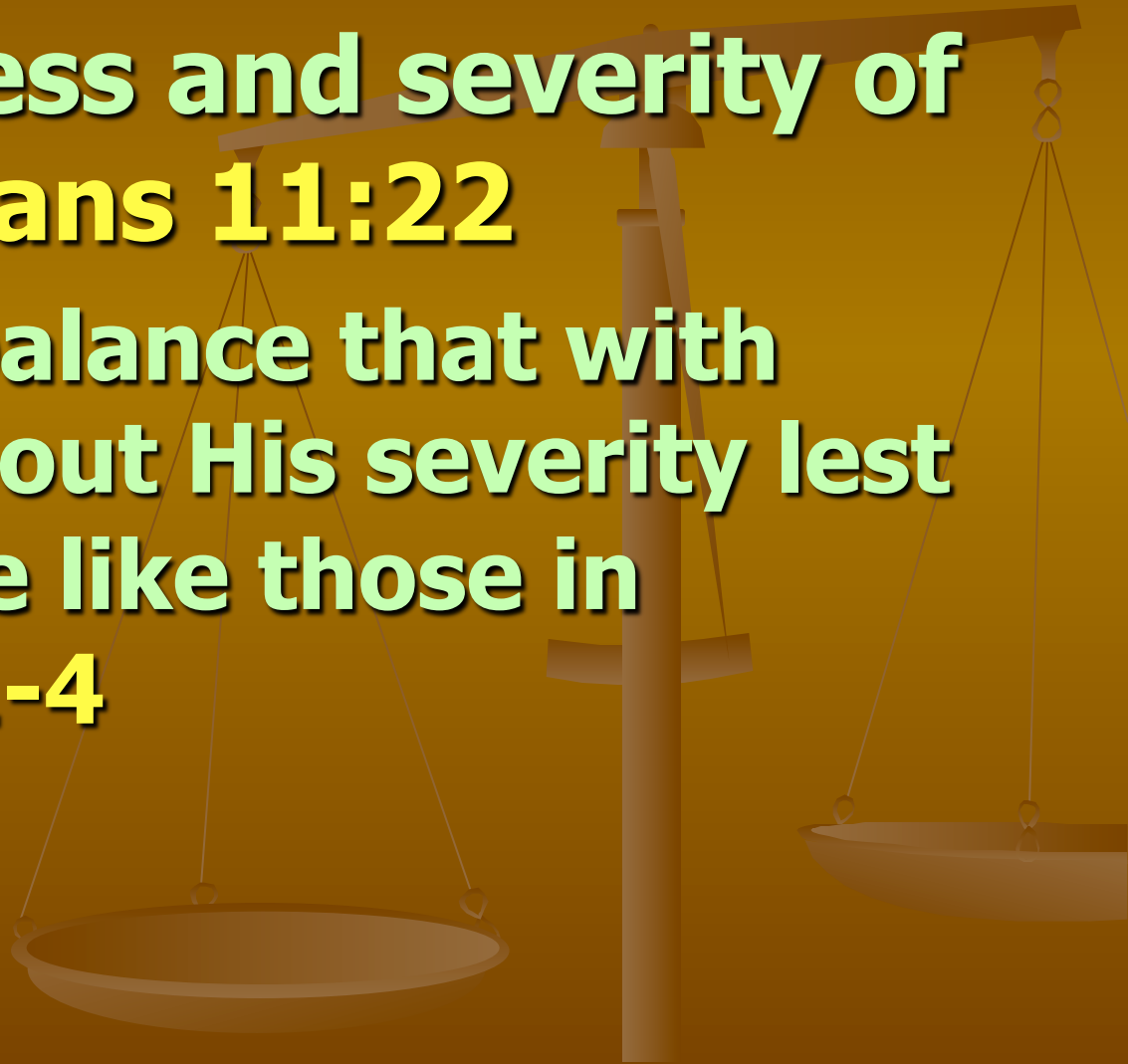
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- The goodness and severity of God – Romans 11:22
  - See also Romans 2:5-10
  - We naturally prefer to hear of God's goodness!



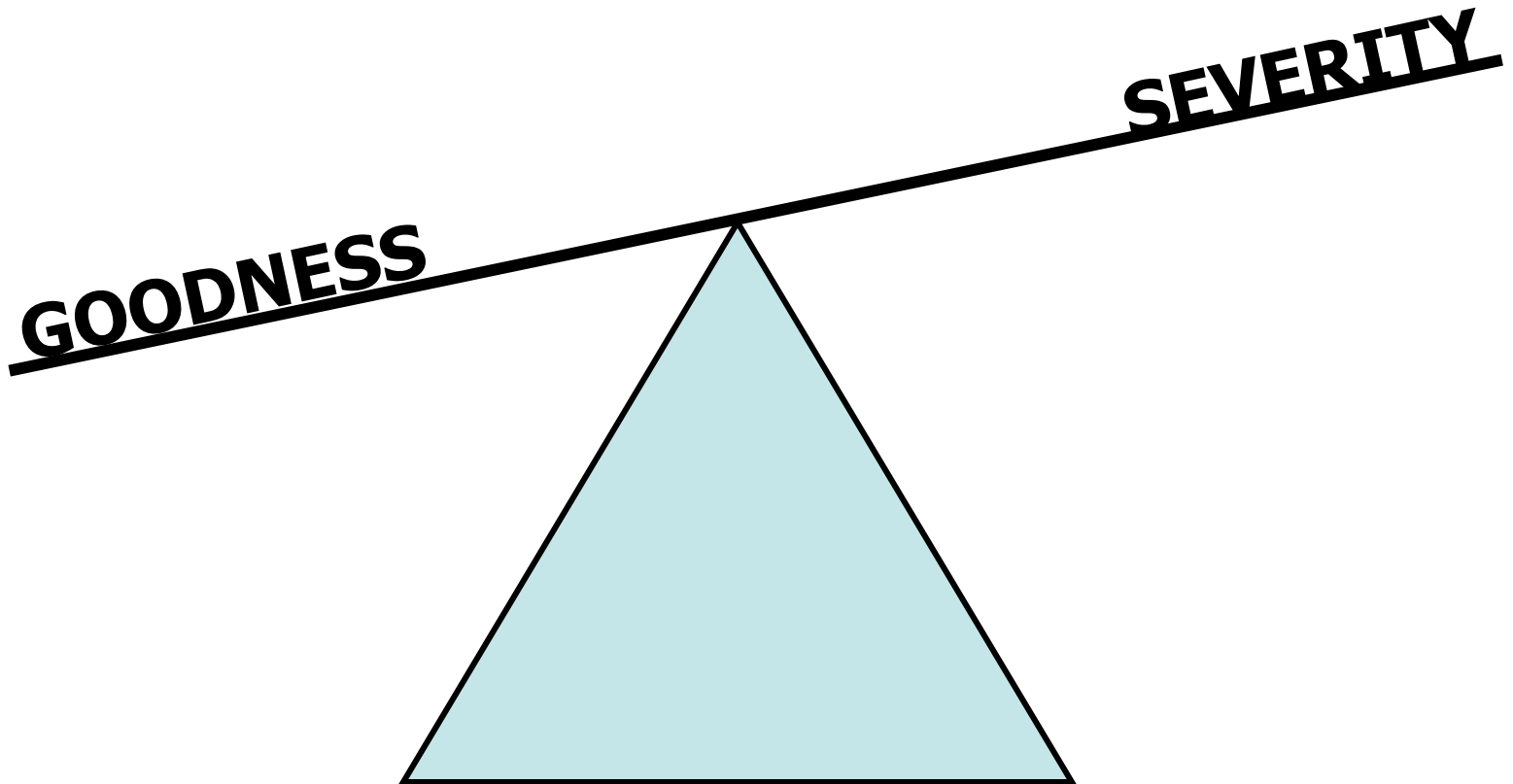
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  - We must balance that with hearing about His severity lest we become like those in 2 Tim. 4:1-4



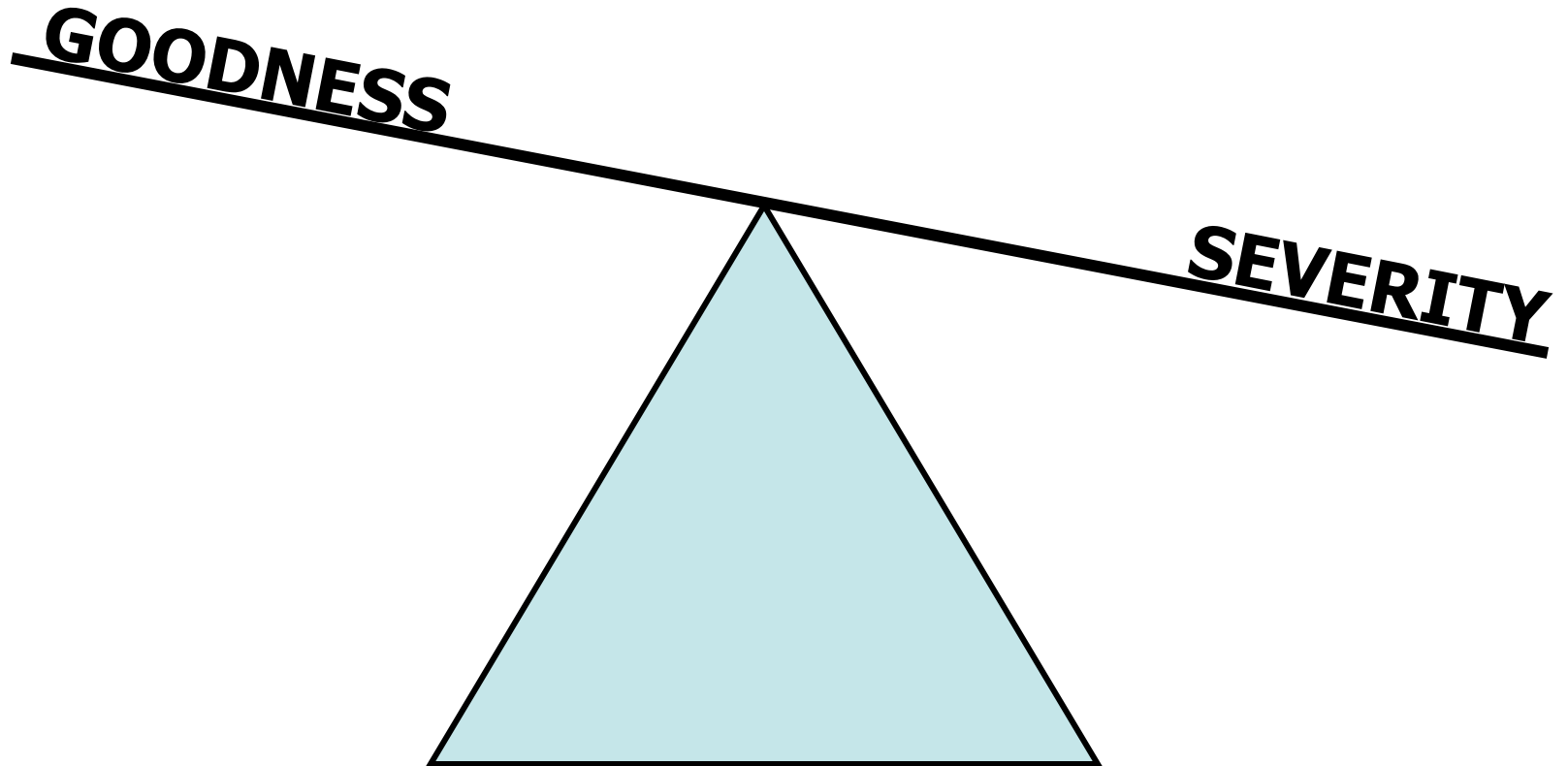
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**Romans 11:22: 2 Timothy 4:1-4**



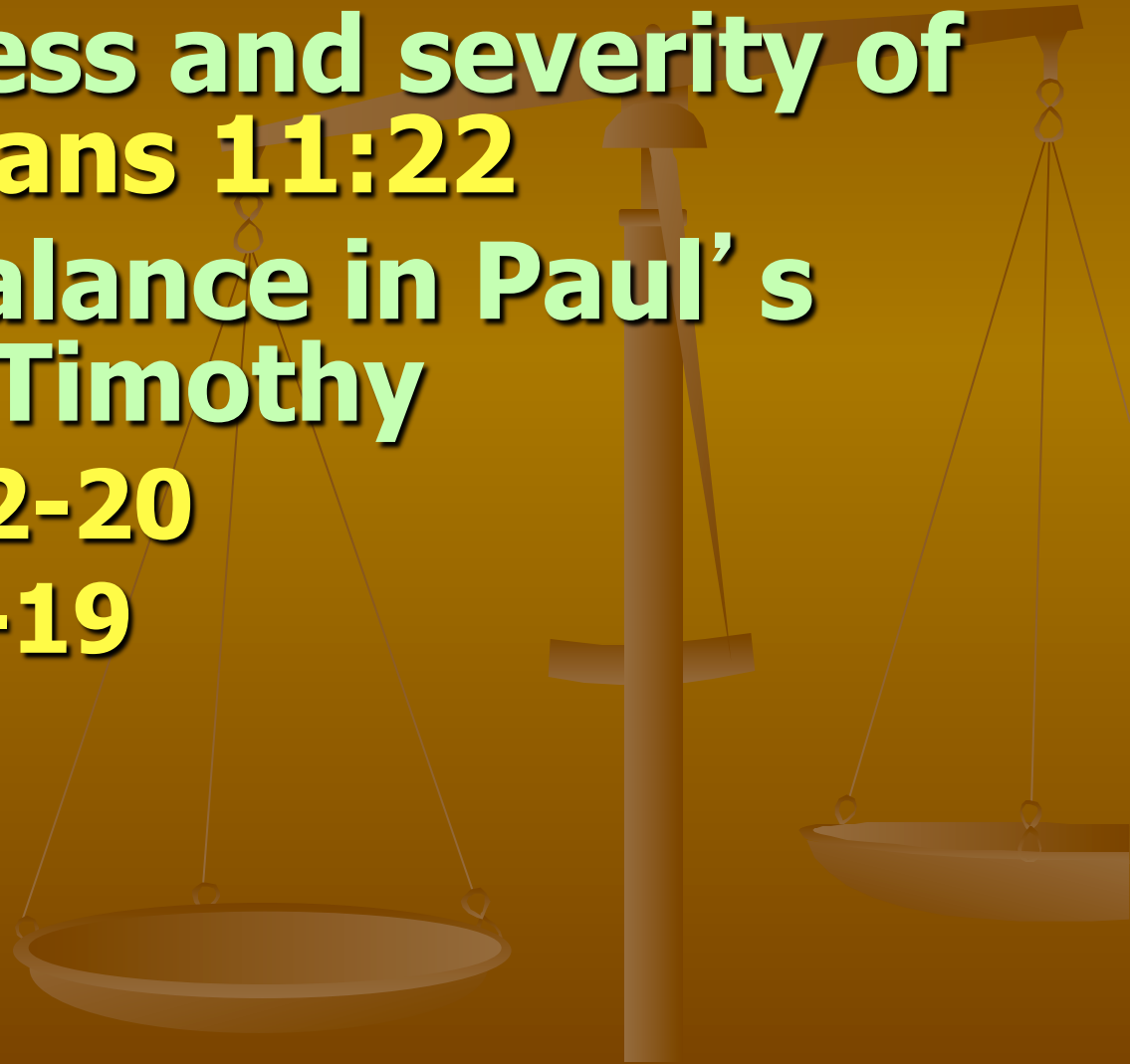
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**Romans 11:22**



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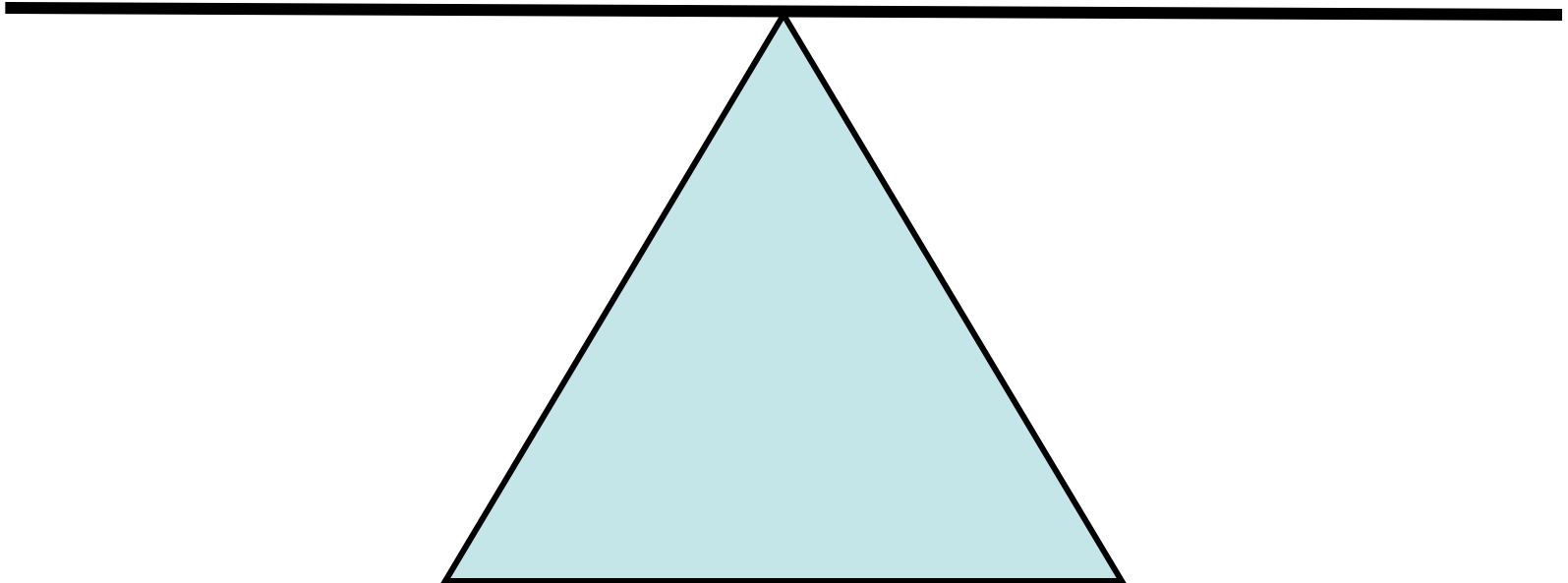
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- Note the balance in Paul's epistles to Timothy
  - 1 Tim. 1:12-20
  - 2 Tim. 2:6-19



# Keeping Our Balance

**Sincerity**  
**Individual**  
**Discipline - Firm**

**Truth**  
**Congregation**  
**Discipline - Soft**



# Keeping Our Balance

- God provides a defense to every scheme of Satan  
**Eph. 6:11-17**
- We need not be overcome by any of his temptations!  
**1 Corinthians 10:13**

