

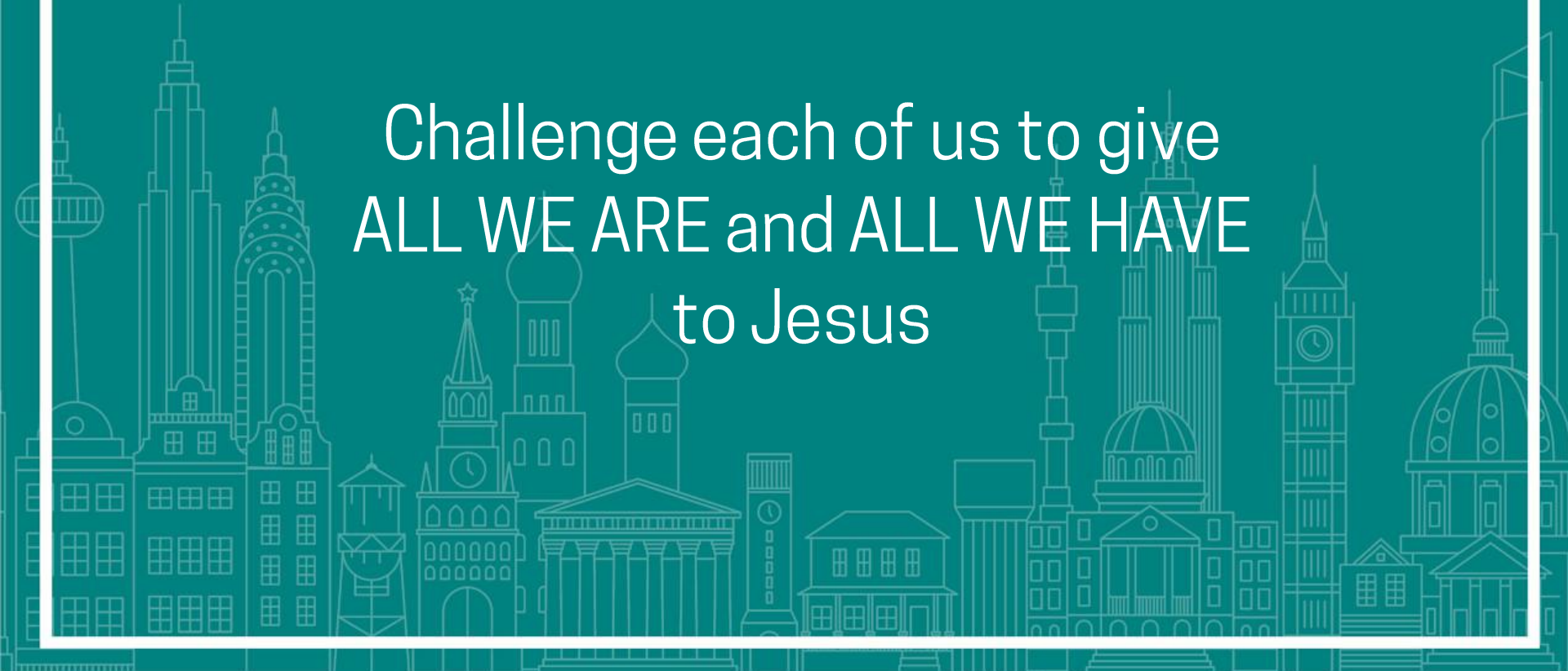
Give to Break Idols

EVERY KNEE



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Challenge each of us to give
ALL WE ARE and ALL WE HAVE
to Jesus



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WHY SHOULD WE BECOME
GENEROUS & JOYFUL GIVERS?

REASON #4

Because giving breaks our idols

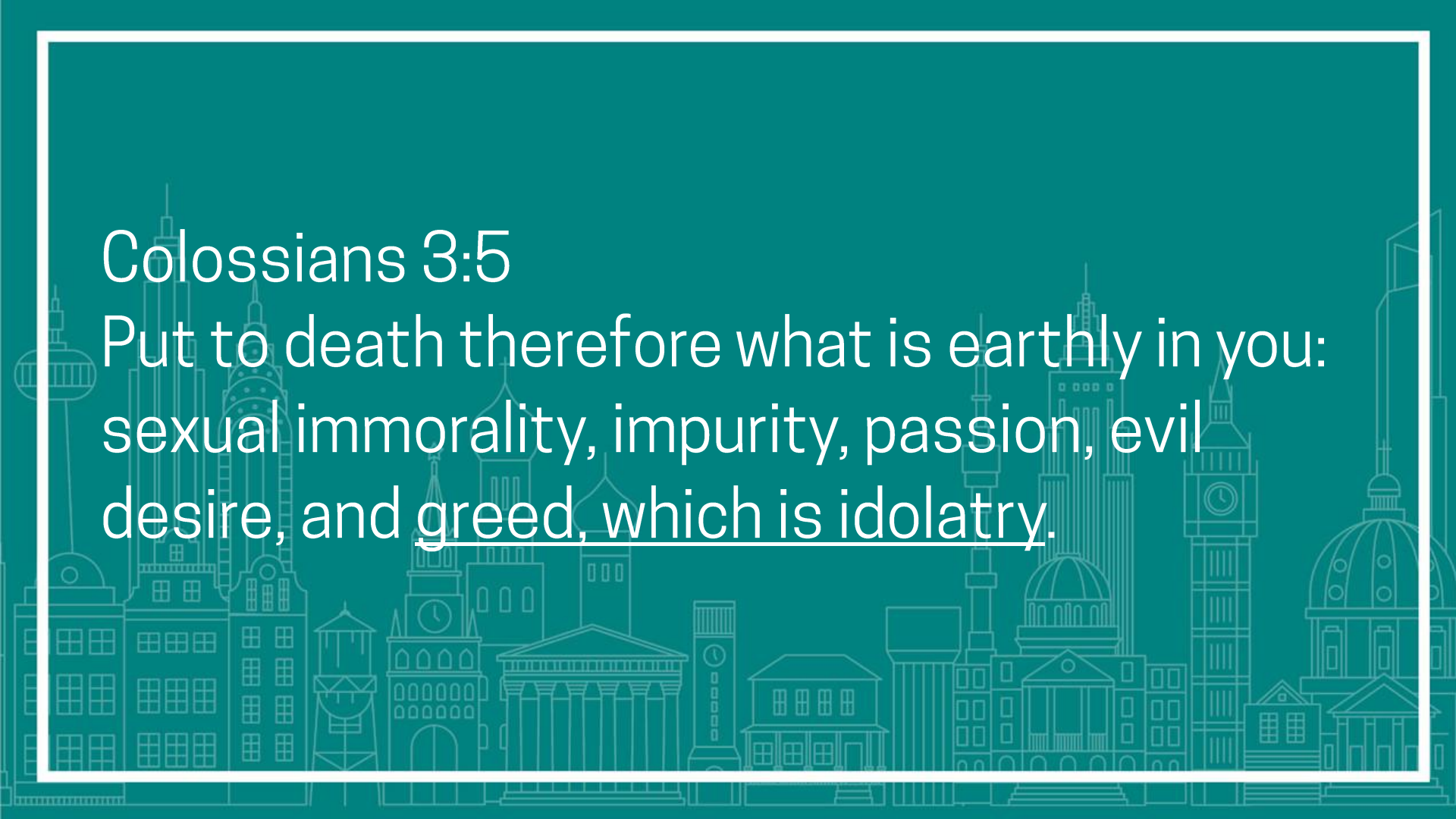
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Ezekiel 14:3

“Son of man, these men have set up their
idols in their hearts...”

Colossians 3:5

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil
desire, and greed, which is idolatry.



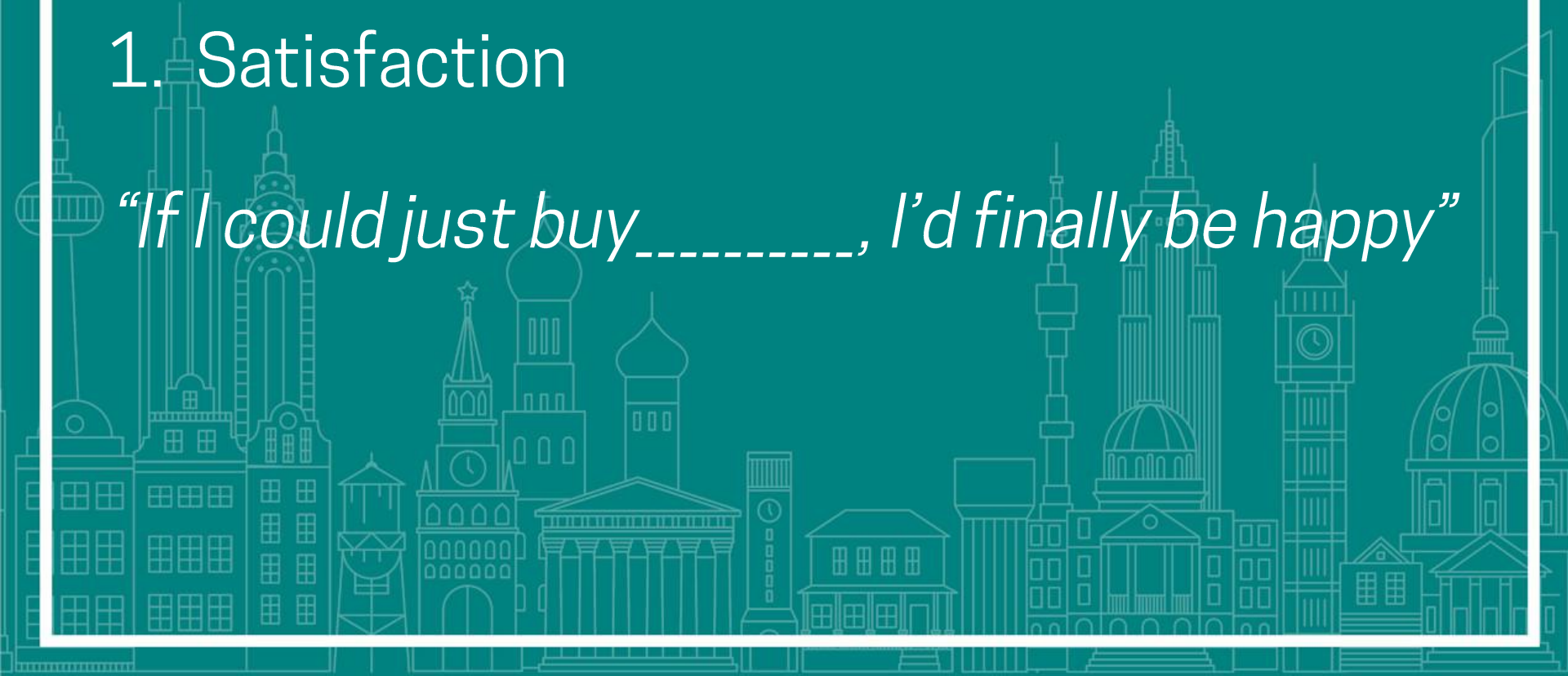
1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

WE IDOLIZE MONEY TO GET

1. Satisfaction

“If I could just buy _____, I’d finally be happy”



WE IDOLIZE MONEY TO GET

1. Satisfaction
2. Security

“If I have \$ _____ in the bank, I’ll be content”

WE IDOLIZE MONEY TO GET

1. Satisfaction
2. Security

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

WE IDOLIZE MONEY TO GET

1. Satisfaction
2. Security
3. Love and Respect



Timothy Keller, in *Counterfeit Gods*

“The human heart takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things. Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety and fulfillment...”

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... We think that idols are bad things, but that is almost never the case. The greater the good, the more likely we are to expect that it can satisfy our deepest needs and hopes. Anything can serve as a counterfeit god, especially the very best things in life."

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John Calvin

“Every one of us is, even from his mother's womb, a master craftsman of idols”

WHY IDOLATRY MATTERS

1. It angers God
2. It destroys us

Isaiah 44:9-11

All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame... craftsmen [of idols] are nothing but men... they will be brought down to terror and infamy.

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Proverbs 18:11

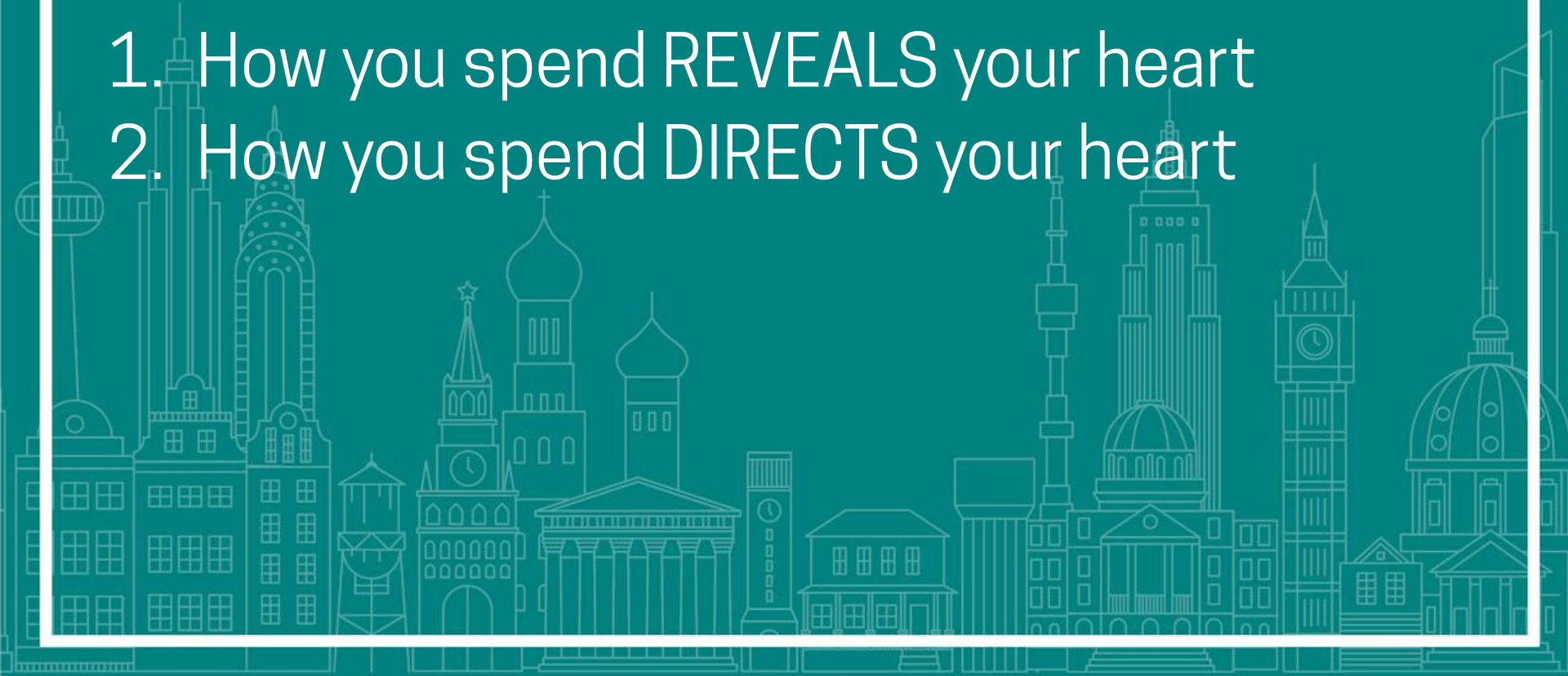
A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.



*Money is a wonderful servant
but a terrible god!*

BREAK IDOLS W/ GENEROSITY

1. How you spend REVEALS your heart
2. How you spend DIRECTS your heart



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