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a man-made tool that increases efficiency

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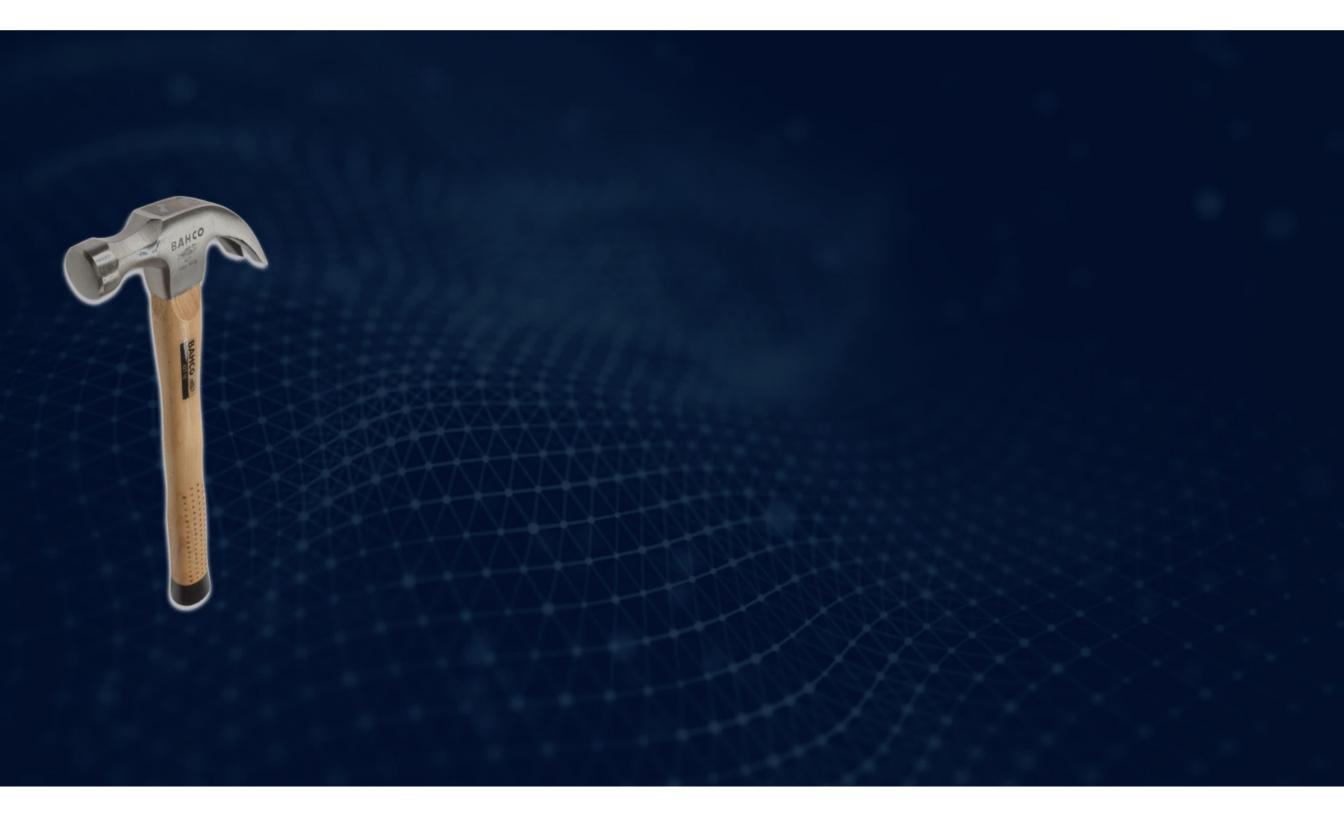
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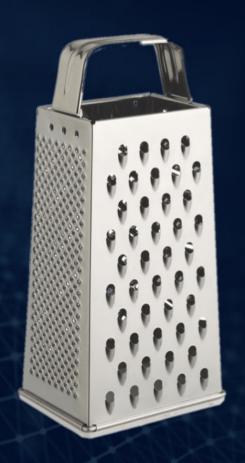
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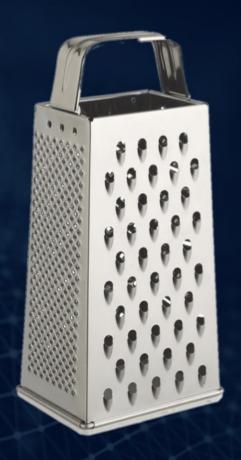














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- Christ **transforms** us into who we're meant to be.



Exploring the Wisdom Tradition in Scripture to Answer Life's Four Essential Questions

- 1. Who are you? (Identity)
- 2. Where do you belong? (Community)
- 3. Why are you here? (Purpose)
- 4. How should you live? (Priorities)

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Ecclesiastes 1:2

Meaningless! Meaningless! says the Teacher.
Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.
(NIV)

Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. (KJV)

Futility of futilities, says the Preacher, Futility of futilities! All is futility. (NASB)

The Hebrew word **Hevel** הבל can also mean:

- mere breath
- breath that is already spent; an exhale
- connotation is of things that are...
 insubstantial, fleeting, temporary, ephemeral...
 with a dash of absurdity

Psalm 39:5

You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure.

Proverbs 31:30

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Zechariah 10:2

The idols speak deceitfully, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd.

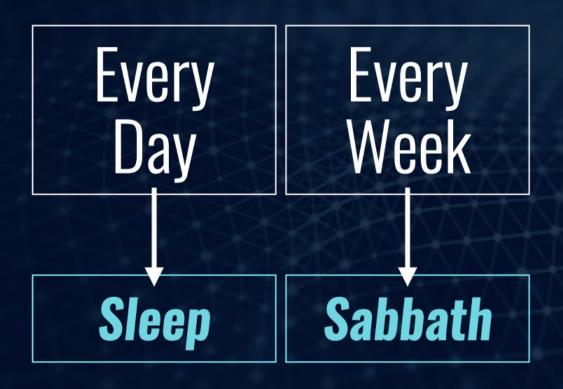
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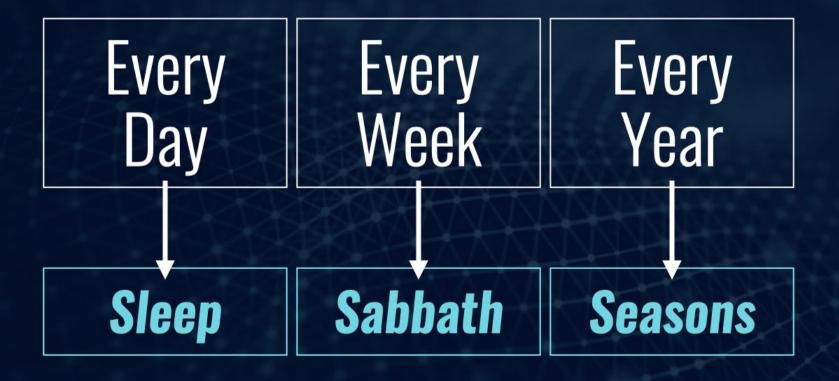
¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

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 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, N^7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.











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