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Heirs of the Kingdom

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EXPOSITORY THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPELS

“Let us learn from our Lord’s words about the ‘single eye,’ the true secret of the failures which so many Christians seem to make... There are thousands in our churches uncomfortable... dissatisfied... and they hardly know why. The reason is revealed here: they are trying to keep in with both sides... to serve Christ and serve the world at the same time...”

3. Devotion: Whom do I serve?

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“Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god . . . to worship . . . is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive. If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough. It’s the truth.



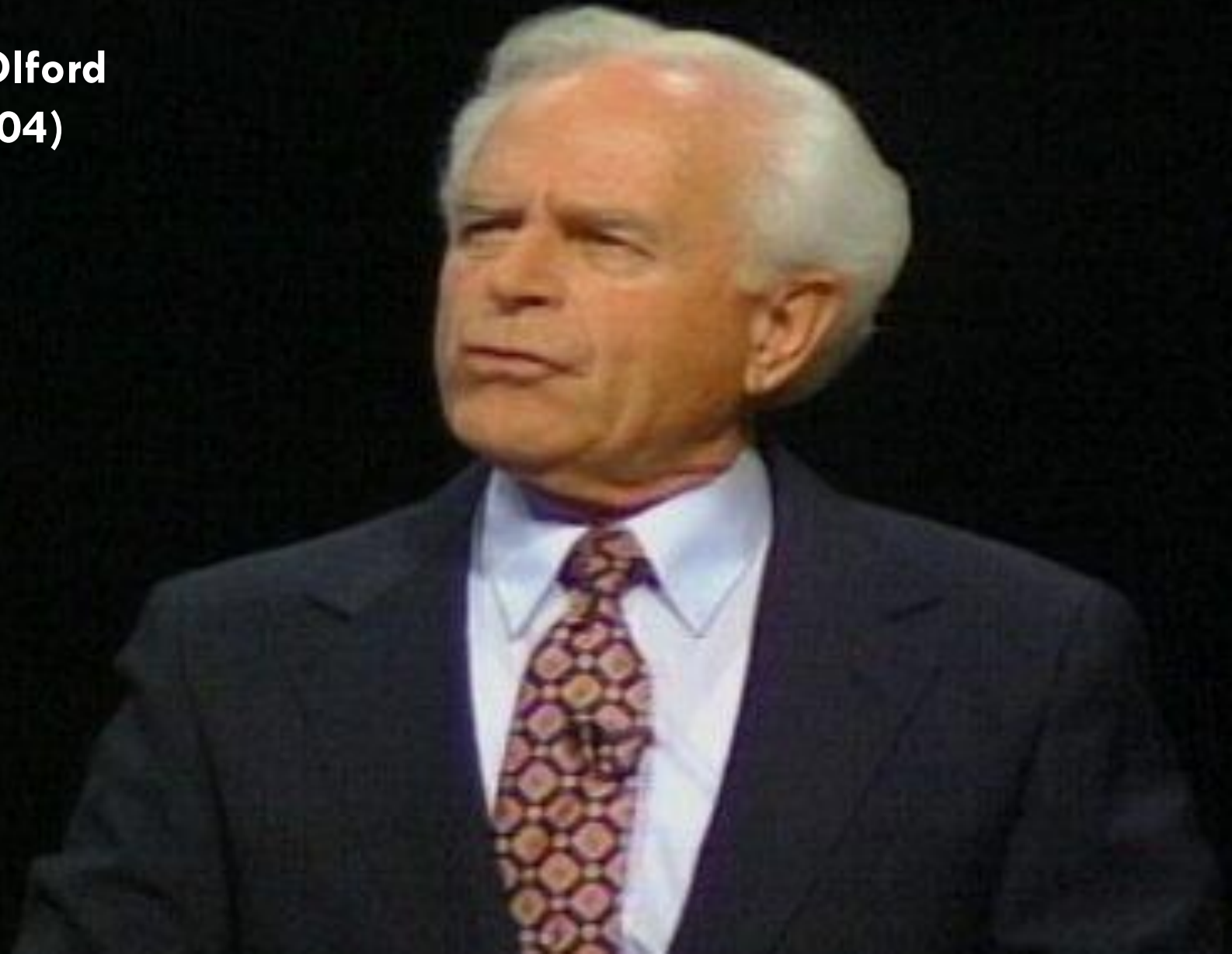
Worship your own body and beauty and sexual allure, and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths Worship power, and you will end up feeling weak and afraid, and you will need ever more power over others to numb you to your own fear. Worship your intellect, being seen as smart, you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out.”

—David Foster Wallace

Outline

1. Values: Where is my treasure?
2. Vision: Where is my focus?
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