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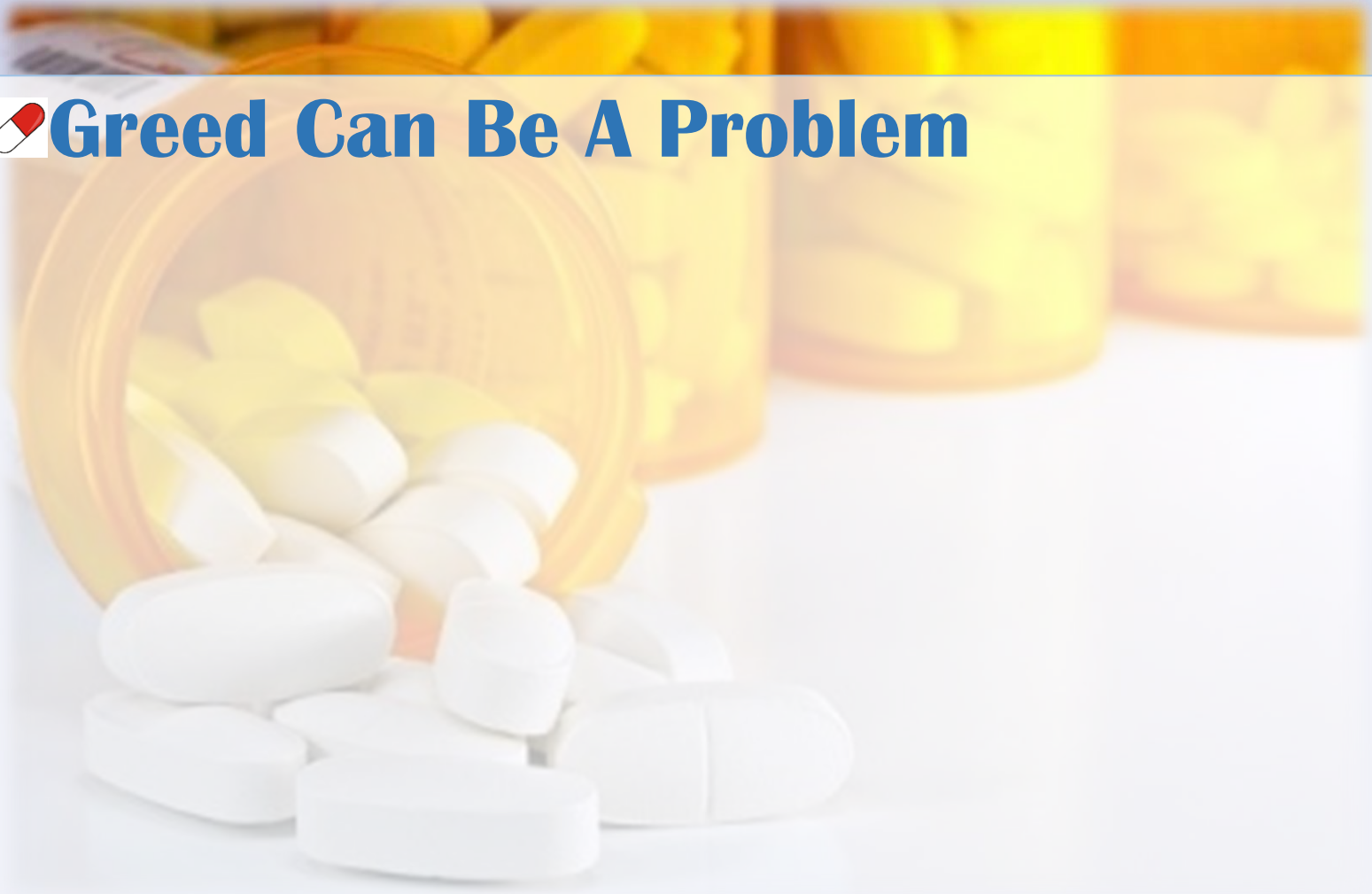
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1 Thessalonians 2:4-6 (NIV)

⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.



Greed Can Be A Problem



Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

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Luke 12:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”



1 Timothy 6:8 (NIV)

⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.





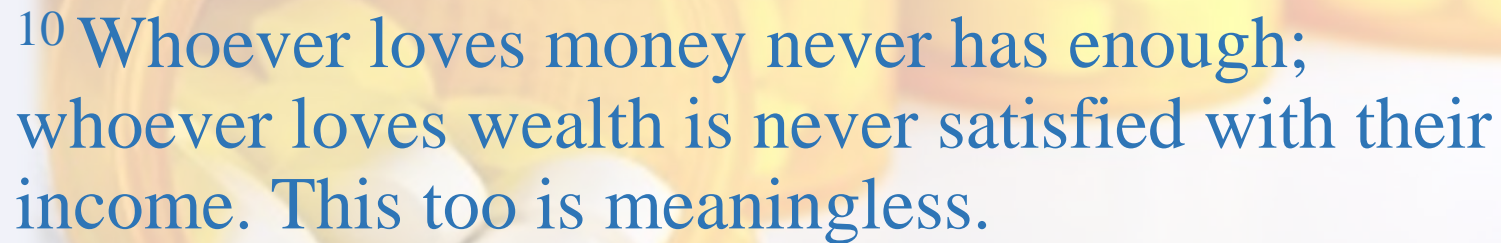
 **Greed Can Be A Problem**

 **Greed Is Disastrous**

 **It Is A Lie**

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their
income. This too is meaningless.





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 **It Is Idolatry**

Ephesians 5:5 (NIV)

⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.



Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.





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1 Timothy 6:9 (NIV)

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.



Matthew 19:23-24 (NIV)

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”



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Proverbs 15:27 (NIV)

²⁷ The greedy bring ruin to their households,
but the one who hates bribes will live.



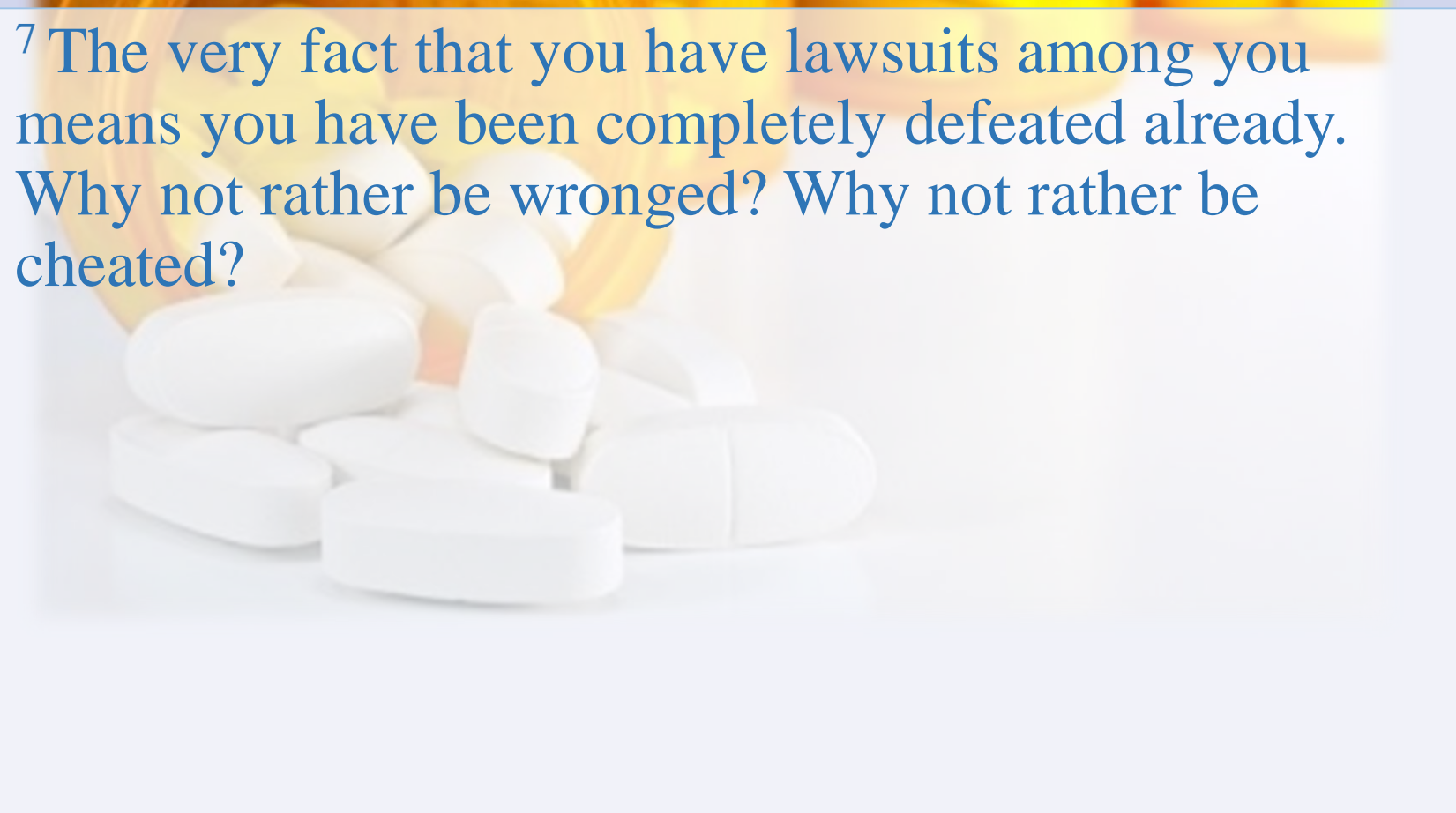
Proverbs 28:25 (NIV)

²⁵ The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the LORD will prosper.



1 Corinthians 6:7 (NIV)

⁷ The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?





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 **Remember Your Hope**

 **Be Content**

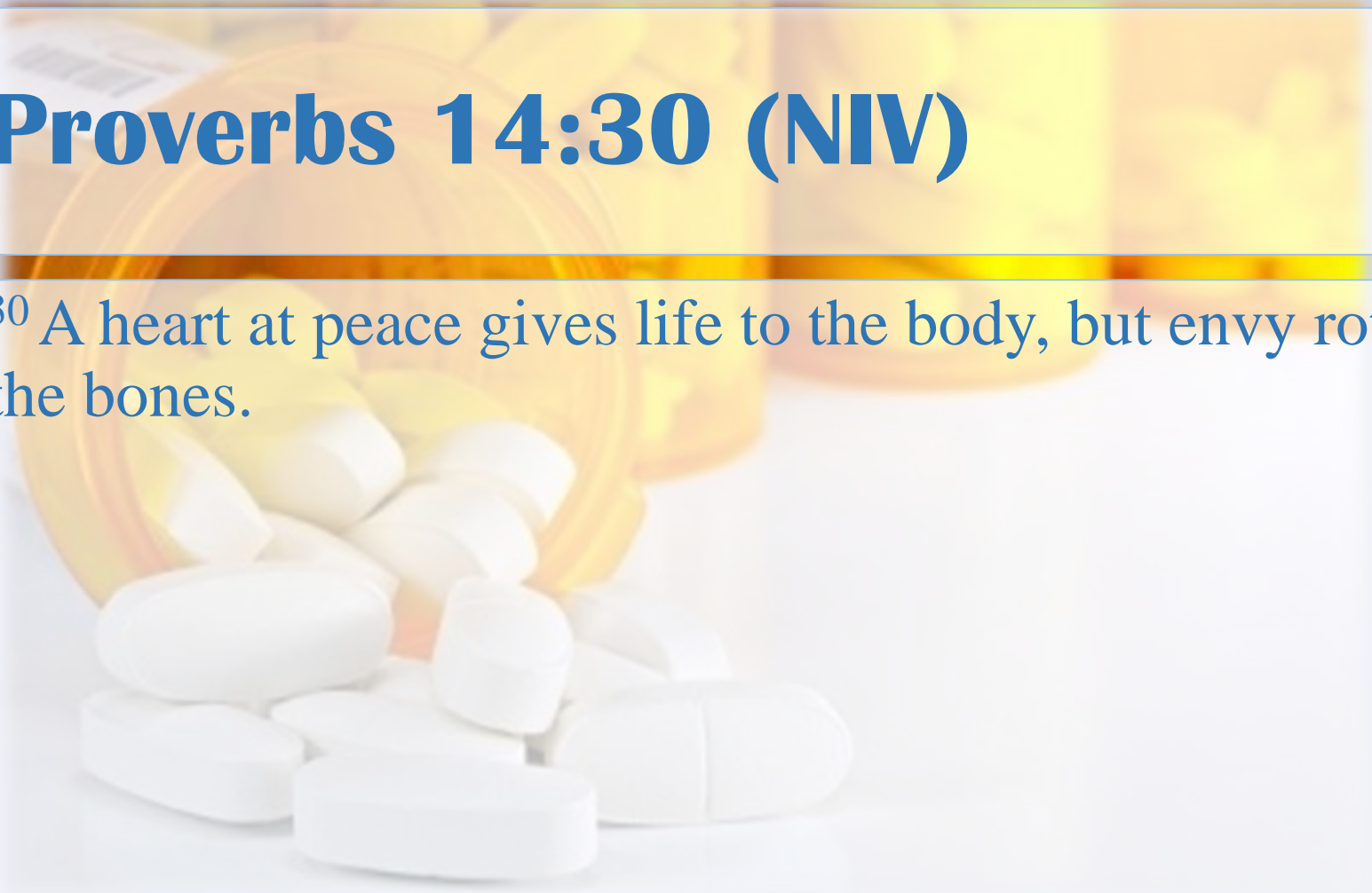
1 Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.



Proverbs 14:30 (NIV)

³⁰ A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.



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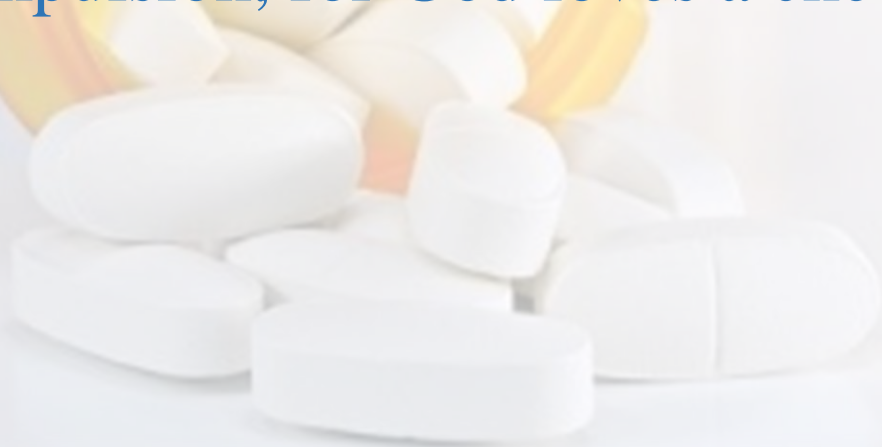
Acts 20:35 (NIV)

³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”



2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed.



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