

ADDICTION

“Addiction is a state that is characterized by compulsive drug and or alcohol use or compulsive engagement in rewarding behavior, despite adverse consequences.”

- Angres DH, Bettinardi-Angres K (October 2008). "The disease of addiction: origins, treatment, and recovery". *Dis Mon* 54 (10): 696-721.

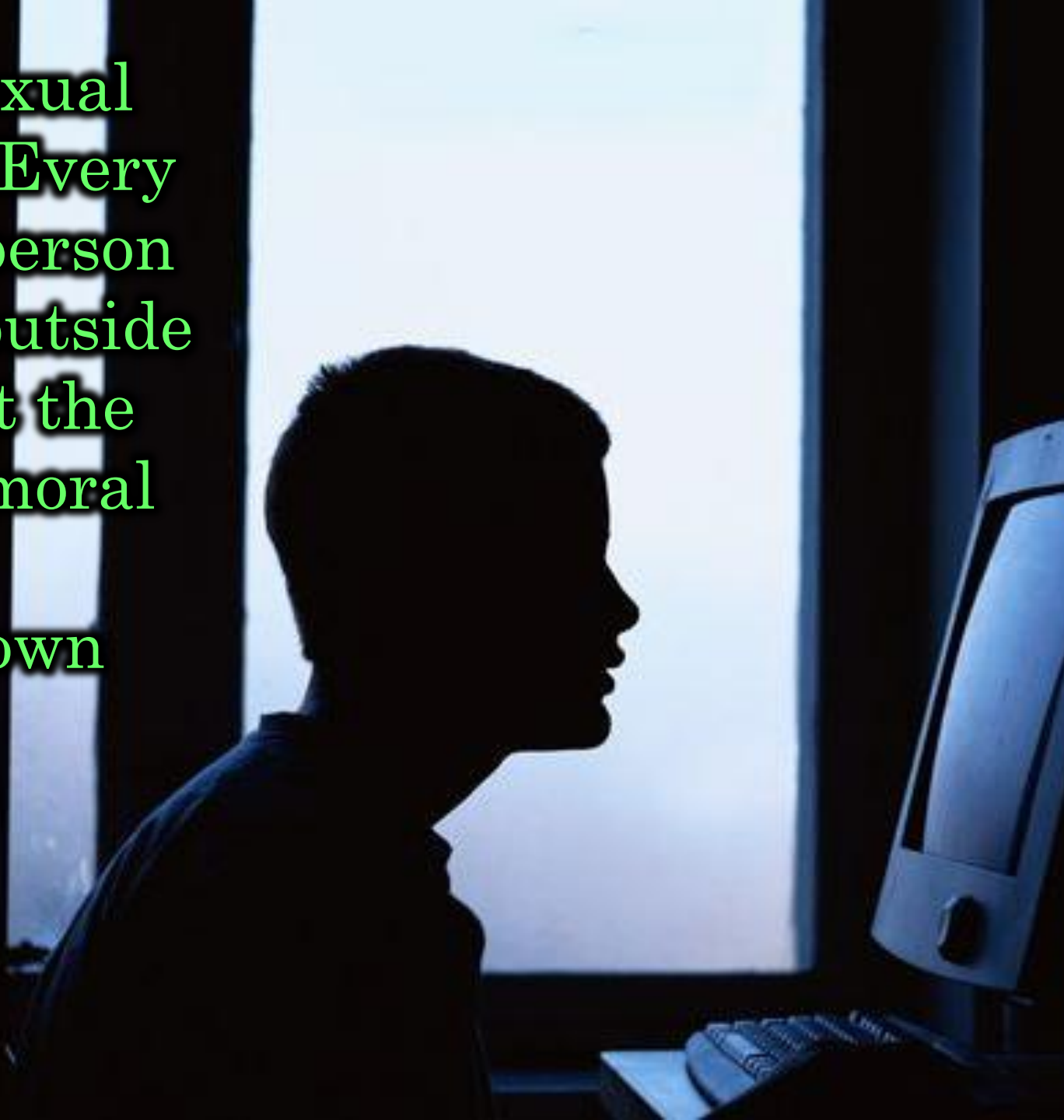
When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first. (Luke 11:24-26)

When the
unclean
spirit has
gone out
of a
person...



Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

(1 Cor. 6:18)



See to it that no
one fails to obtain
the grace of God;
that no root of
bitterness springs
up and causes
trouble, and by it
many become
defiled;
(Heb. 12:15)





Do not look at wine
when it is red, when
it sparkles in the
cup and goes down
smoothly. In the end
it bites like a
serpent and stings
like an adder. Your
eyes will see
strange things, and
your heart utter
perverse things. (Pr
23:31)

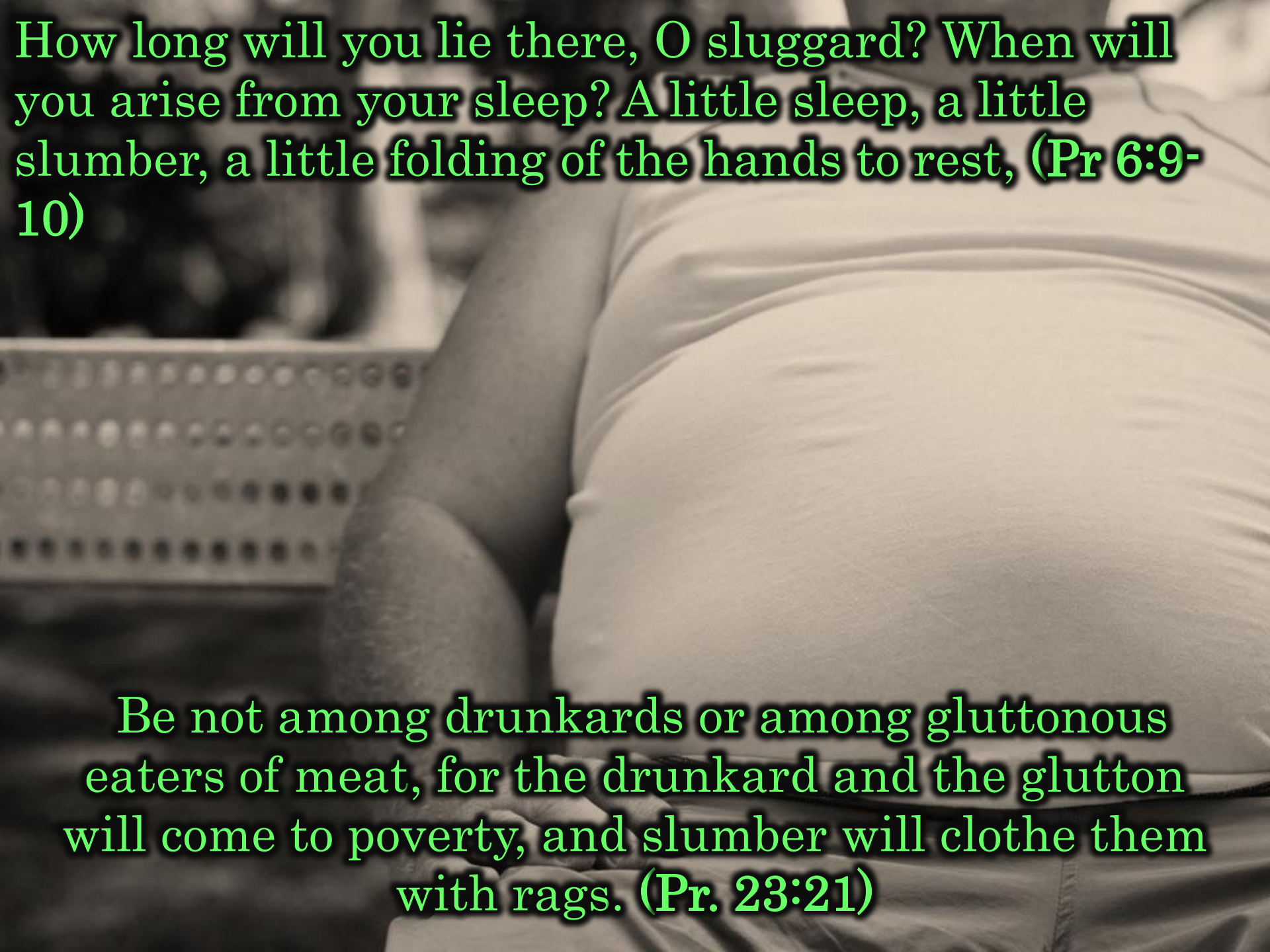
The words of a whisperer are like
delicious morsels;
they go down
into the
inner parts
of the body.
(Pr 18:8)



And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”
(Lk 12:15)

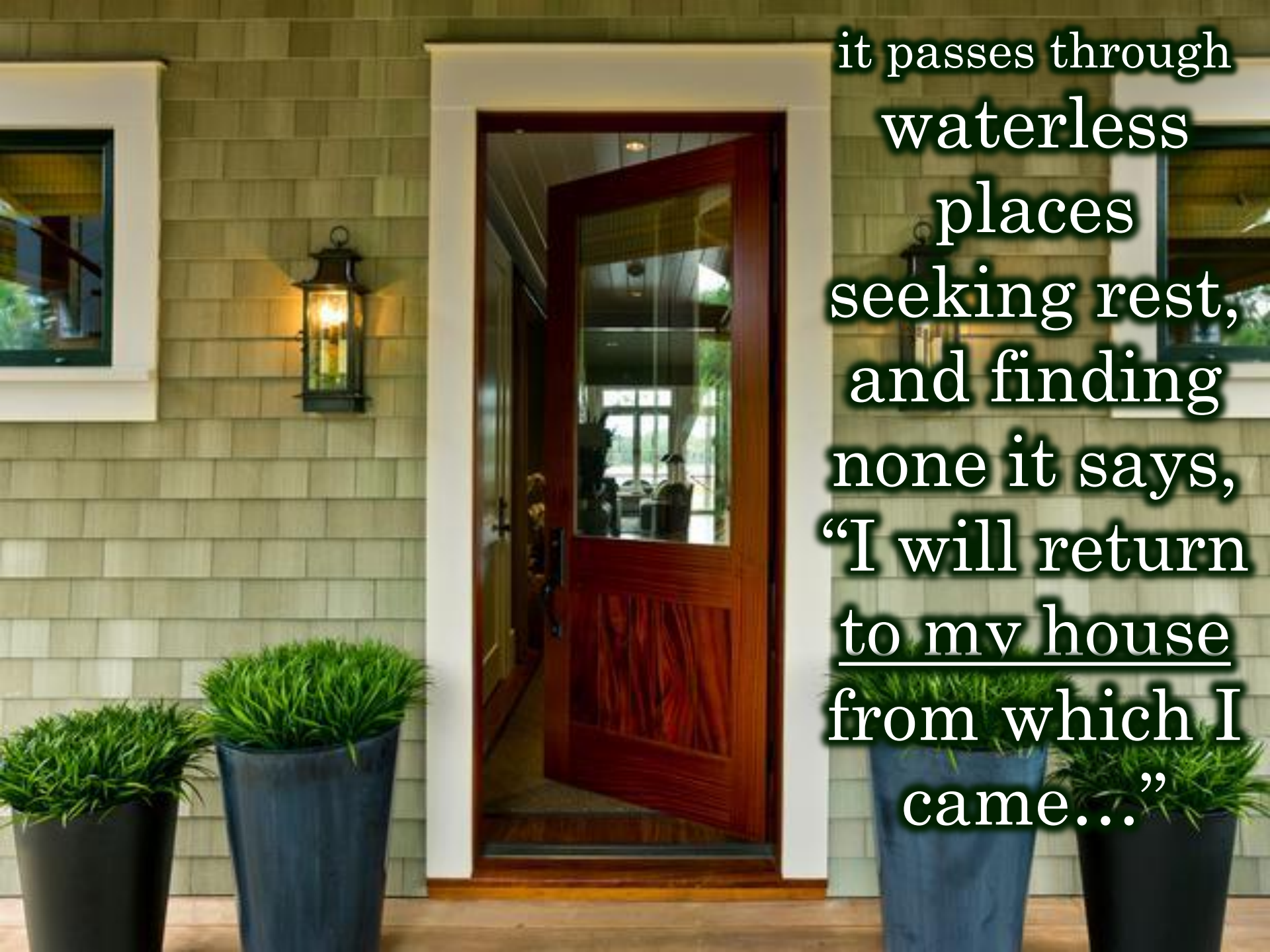


... and
covetousness,
which is idolatry.
(Col. 3:5)

A black and white photograph of a person lying in a hospital bed, their hands clasped together. The person is wearing a light-colored hospital gown. The background shows the metal frame of the bed and a blurred hospital room.

How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, (Pr 6:9-10)

Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags. (Pr. 23:21)



it passes through
waterless
places
seeking rest,
and finding
none it says,
“I will return
to my house
from which I
came...”

Addictions cause you
to see the world
differently

Your eye is the lamp of
your body. When your eye
is healthy, your whole
body is full of light, but
when it is bad, your body
is full of darkness.

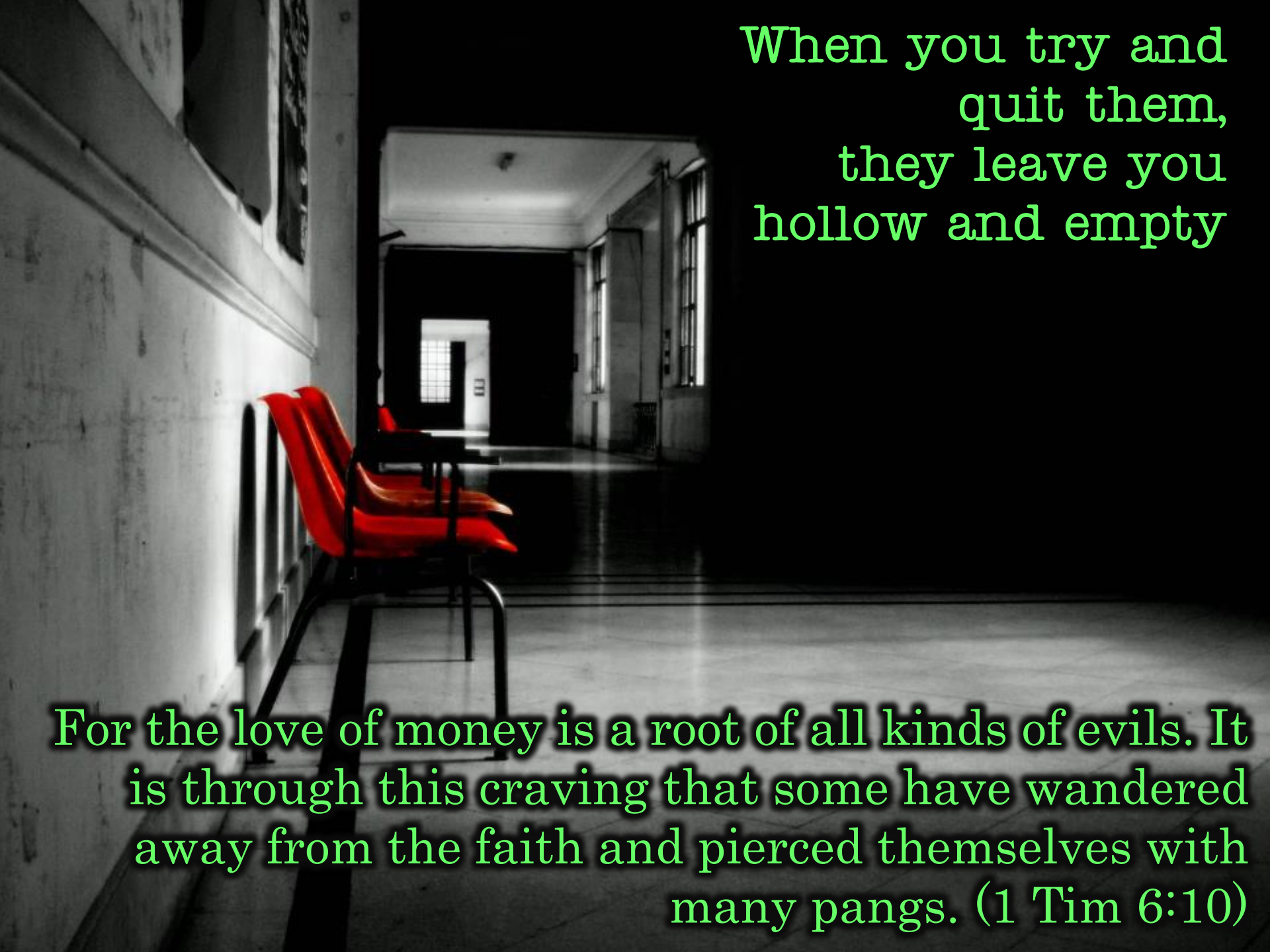
(Luke 11:34)



They seduce you into thinking they will
truly fulfill you



But the Spirit says expressly,
that in later times some shall fall away
from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits
and doctrines of demons, (1 Tim 4:1)

A long, empty hallway with a red chair in the foreground. The hallway is dimly lit, with light coming from windows on the right and a doorway at the end. The walls are white and the floor is dark. The red chair is the only object in the foreground, and it is positioned on the left side of the hallway. The hallway leads to a dark doorway at the end, which is slightly ajar, revealing a glimpse of light from another room.

When you try and
quit them,
they leave you
hollow and empty

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim 6:10)

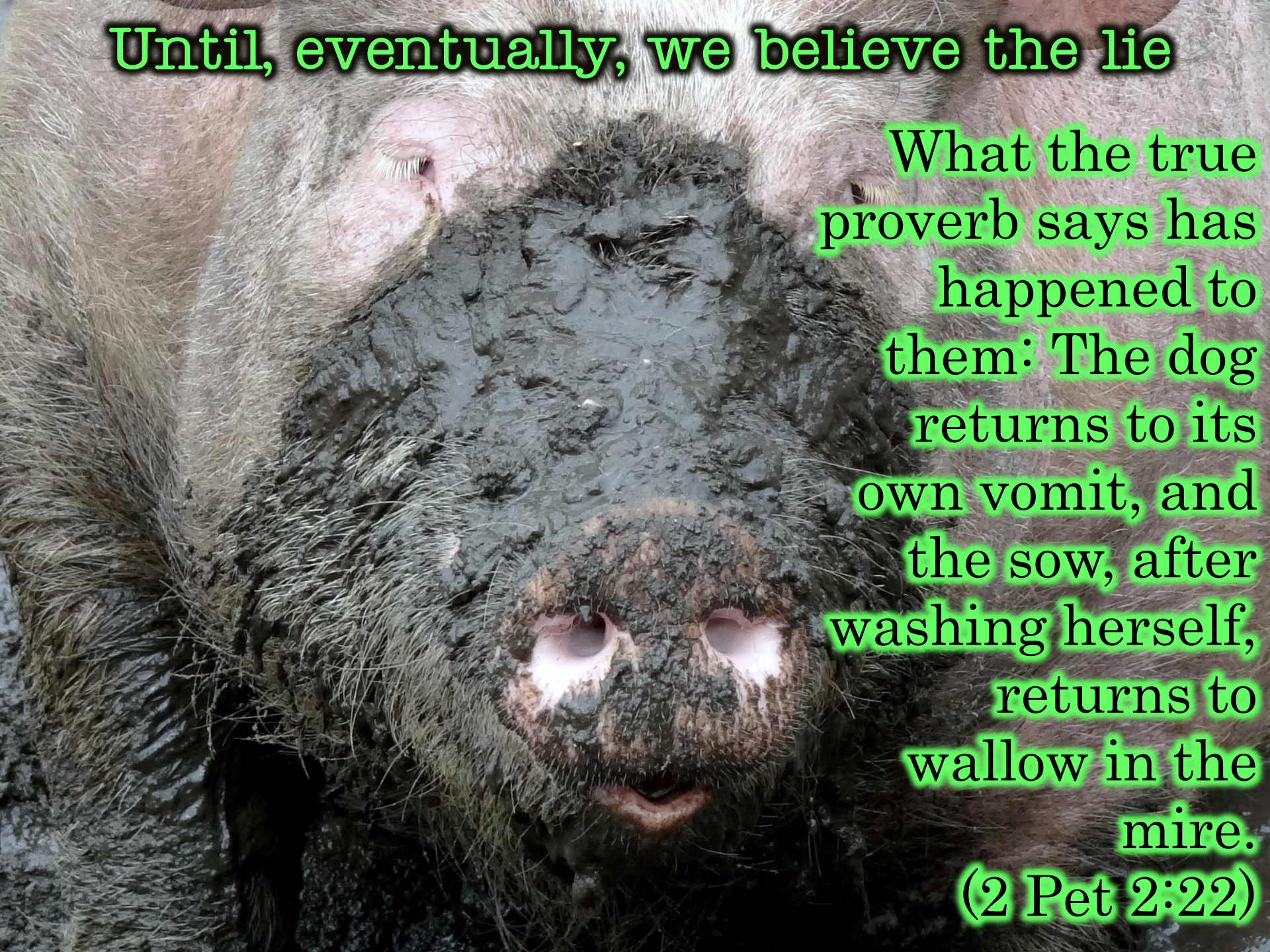
A close-up photograph of a green snake's head, showing its scales and eyes. The snake is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its head pointing towards the bottom left. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural habitat. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the scales and the color of the snake's body.

So instead we feed them, sustain them,
grow them

They shall eat, but
not be satisfied; they
shall play the whore,
but not multiply,
because they
have forsaken
the LORD to cherish
whoredom, wine,
and new wine, which
take away the
understanding. (Hos
4:10-11)

Until, eventually, we believe the lie

What the true
proverb says has
happened to
them: The dog
returns to its
own vomit, and
the sow, after
washing herself,
returns to
wallow in the
mire.
(2 Pet 2:22)



**BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO
BE THIS WAY!**

HEBREWS 6:4-9

**But, beloved, we are persuaded
better things of you, and things
that accompany salvation, though
we thus speak:**