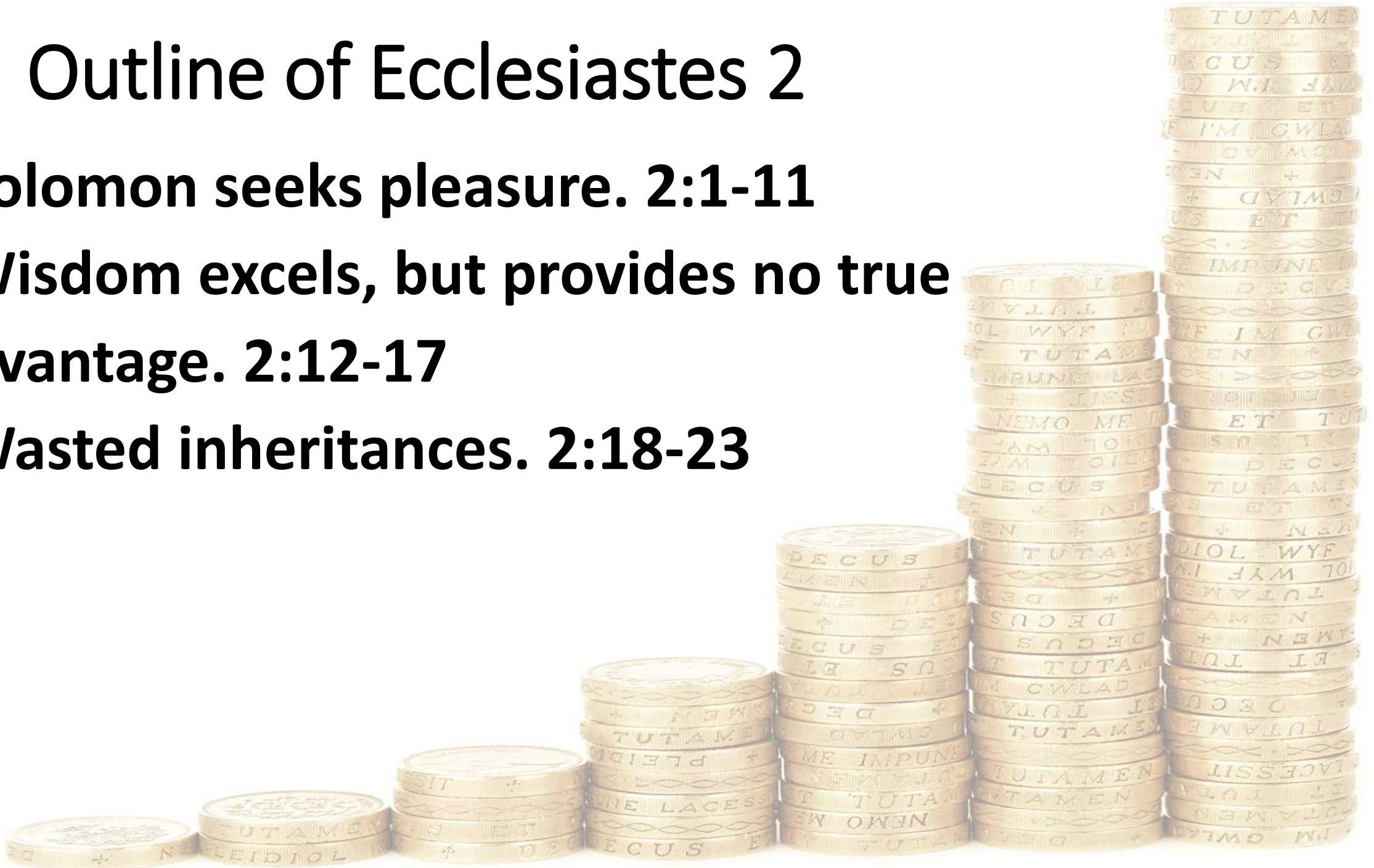


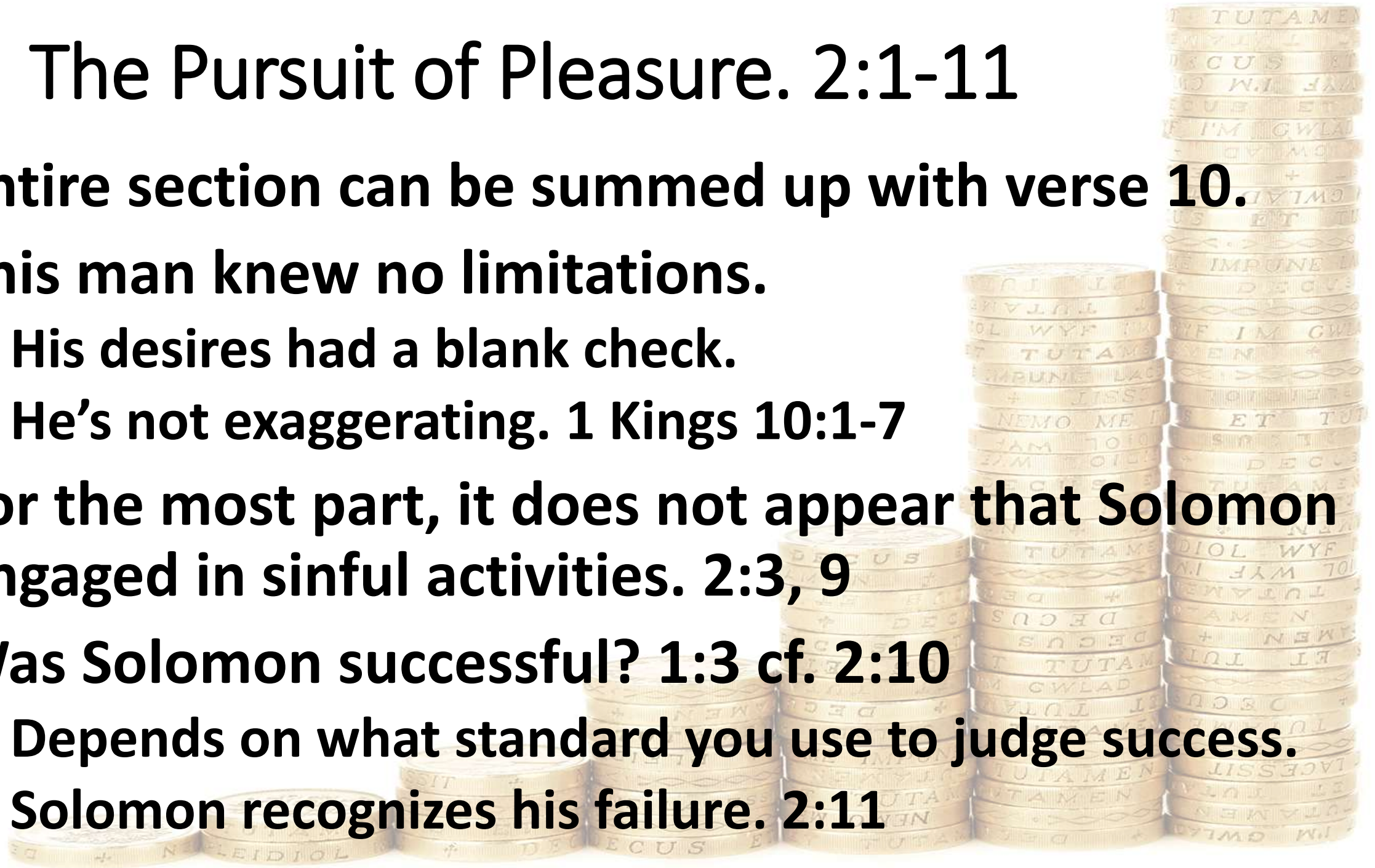
Outline of Ecclesiastes 2

- **Solomon seeks pleasure. 2:1-11**
- **Wisdom excels, but provides no true advantage. 2:12-17**
- **Wasted inheritances. 2:18-23**



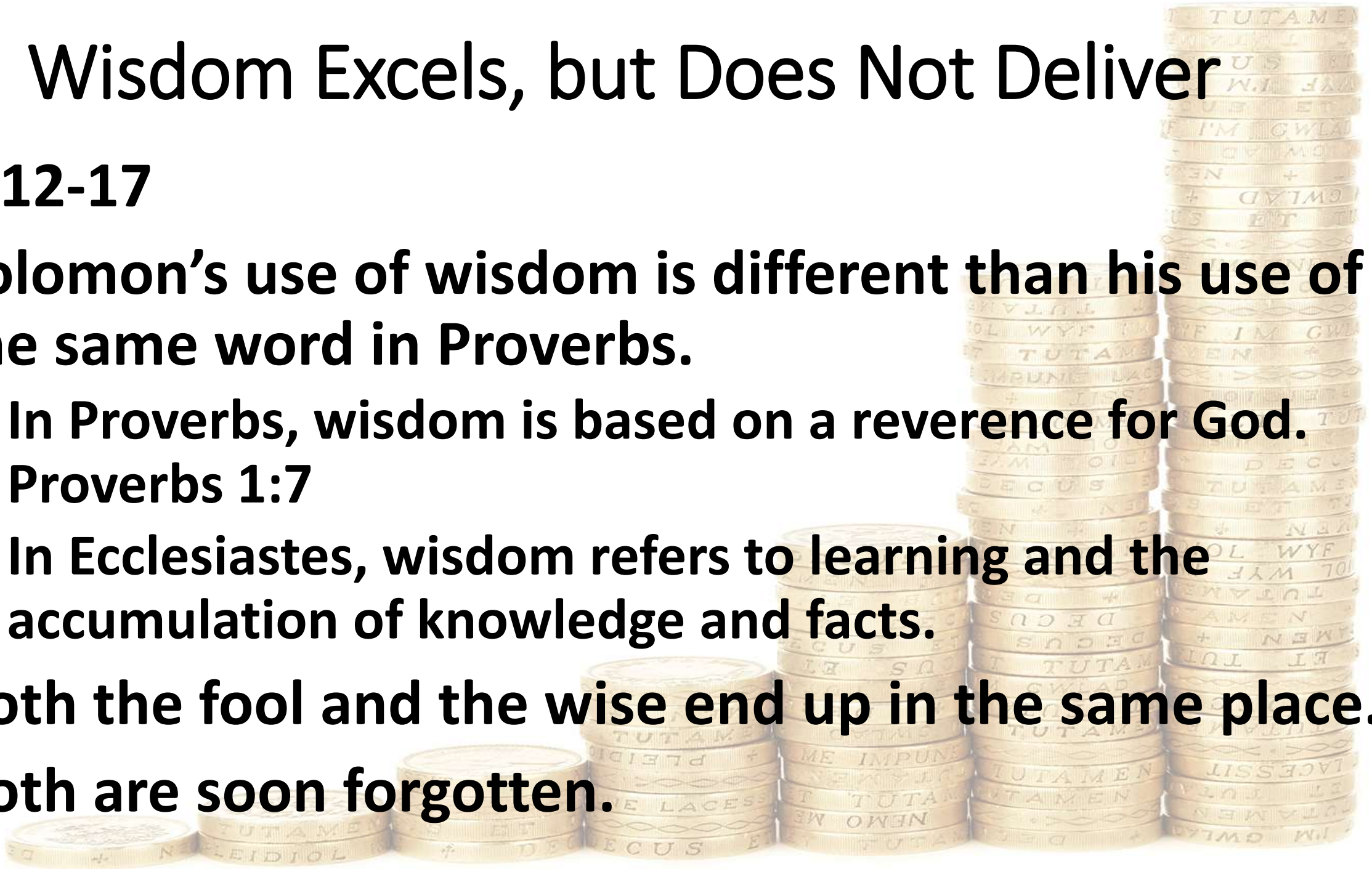
The Pursuit of Pleasure. 2:1-11

- Entire section can be summed up with verse 10.
- This man knew no limitations.
 - His desires had a blank check.
 - He's not exaggerating. 1 Kings 10:1-7
- For the most part, it does not appear that Solomon engaged in sinful activities. 2:3, 9
- Was Solomon successful? 1:3 cf. 2:10
 - Depends on what standard you use to judge success.
 - Solomon recognizes his failure. 2:11



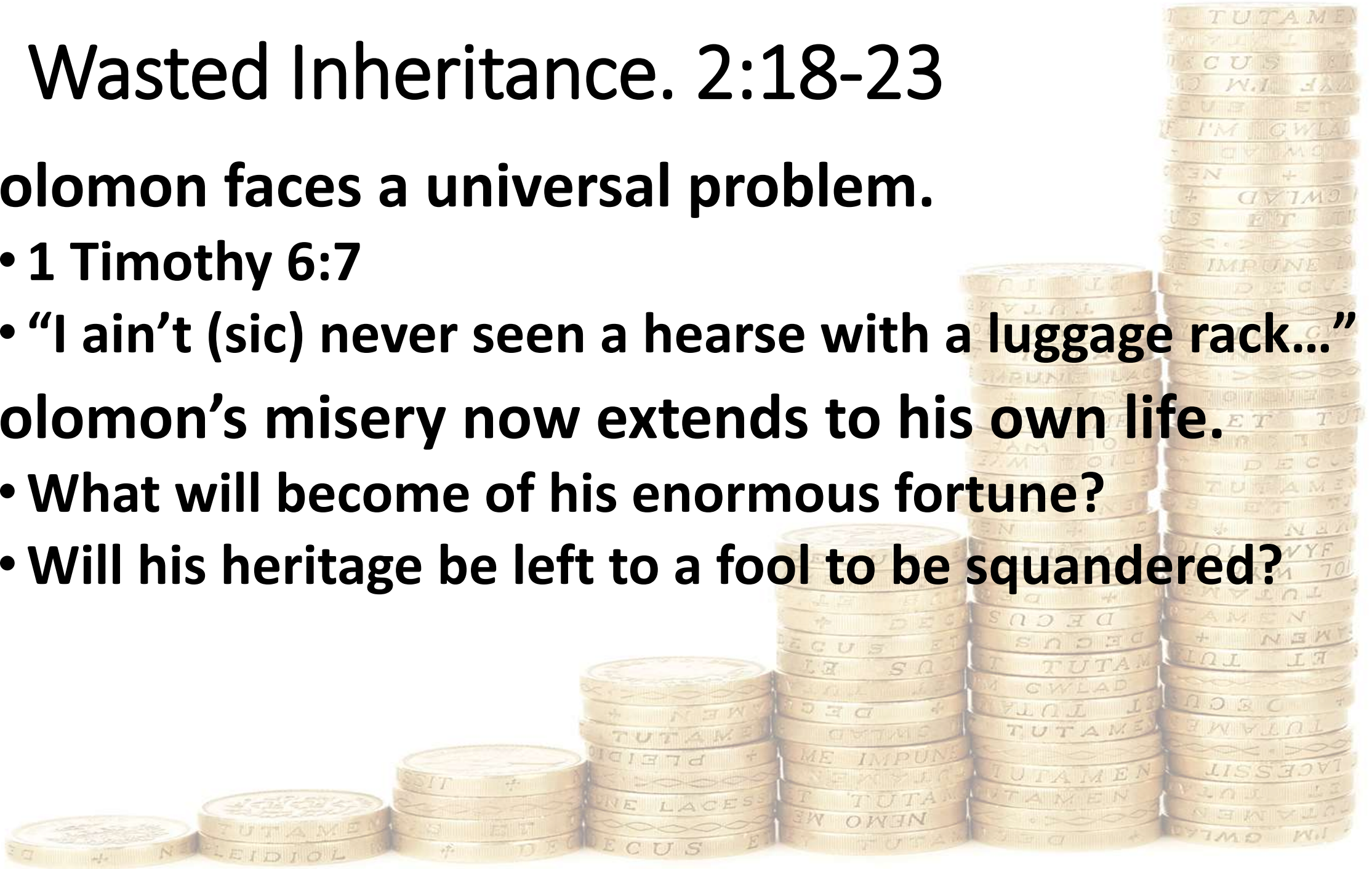
Wisdom Excels, but Does Not Deliver

- **2:12-17**
- **Solomon's use of wisdom is different than his use of the same word in Proverbs.**
 - **In Proverbs, wisdom is based on a reverence for God.**
Proverbs 1:7
 - **In Ecclesiastes, wisdom refers to learning and the accumulation of knowledge and facts.**
- **Both the fool and the wise end up in the same place.**
- **Both are soon forgotten.**



Wasted Inheritance. 2:18-23

- **Solomon faces a universal problem.**
 - **1 Timothy 6:7**
 - **“I ain’t (sic) never seen a hearse with a luggage rack...”**
- **Solomon’s misery now extends to his own life.**
 - **What will become of his enormous fortune?**
 - **Will his heritage be left to a fool to be squandered?**



Blank Checks Do Not Deliver

- **Happiness cannot be bought with money.**
 - **May make life easier, but does not ultimately satisfy.**
- **Our sports team, job, house, or family do not bring ultimate satisfaction either.**
- **Ecclesiastes 12:9, 10, 13, 14**

