

HOW TO DEVELOP FAITH

Being Blessed

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"... accept the Word planted in you ..." (vs. 21)

Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23, 1 Peter 1:23

ATTITUDES FOR "GOOD RECEPTION"

- **Be Careful** (vs. 19a) "Be quick to listen, slow to speak..."
- **Be Calm** (vs.19b) " ... and slow to become angry ... "
- **Be Clean** (vs. 21a)

"Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent ..."

- **Be Compliant** (vs. 21b)

"humbly accept the Word planted in you ..."

II. I MUST REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD (vs. 22-25)

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2. **REVIEW IT** "... and continues to do so ..."

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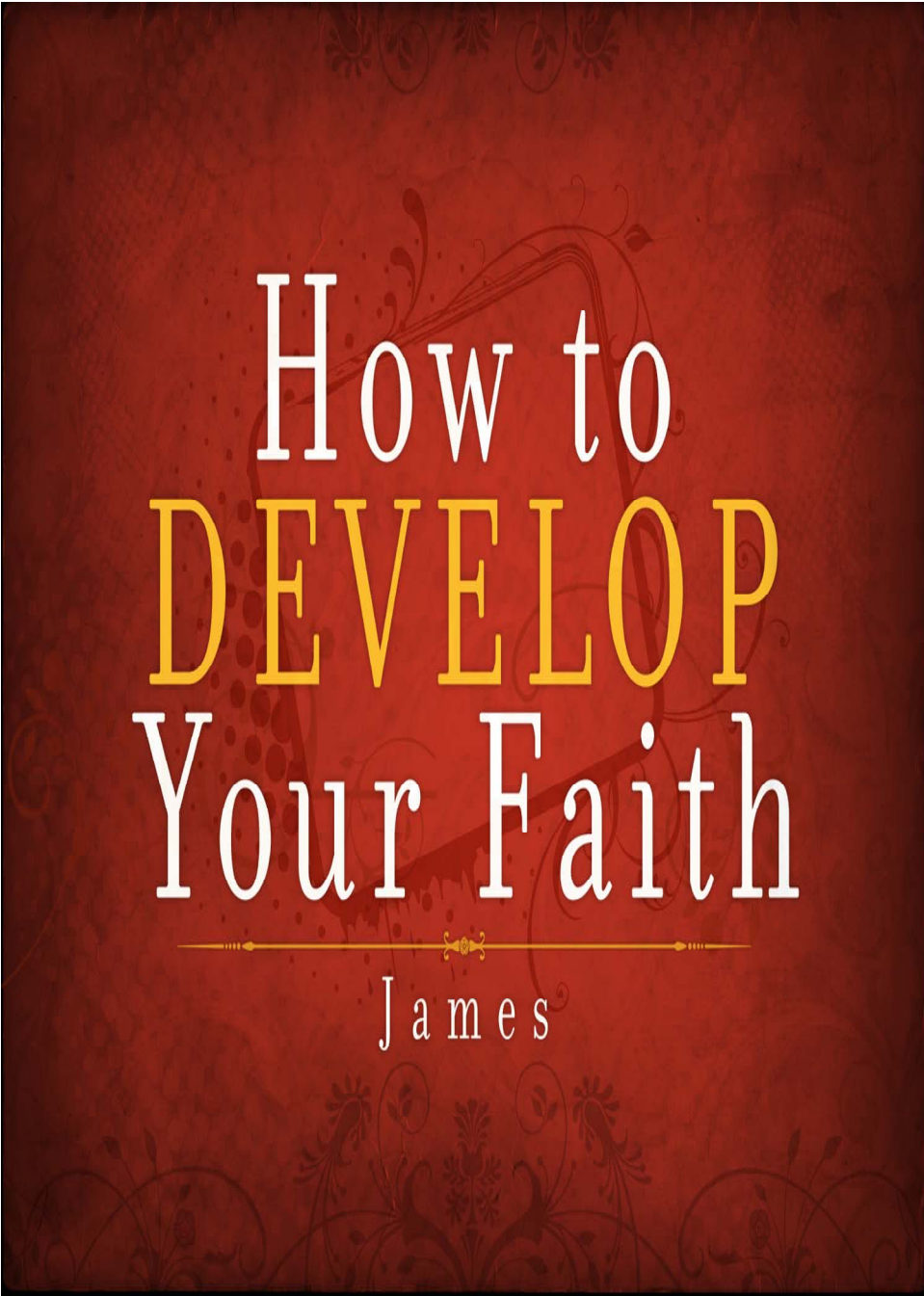
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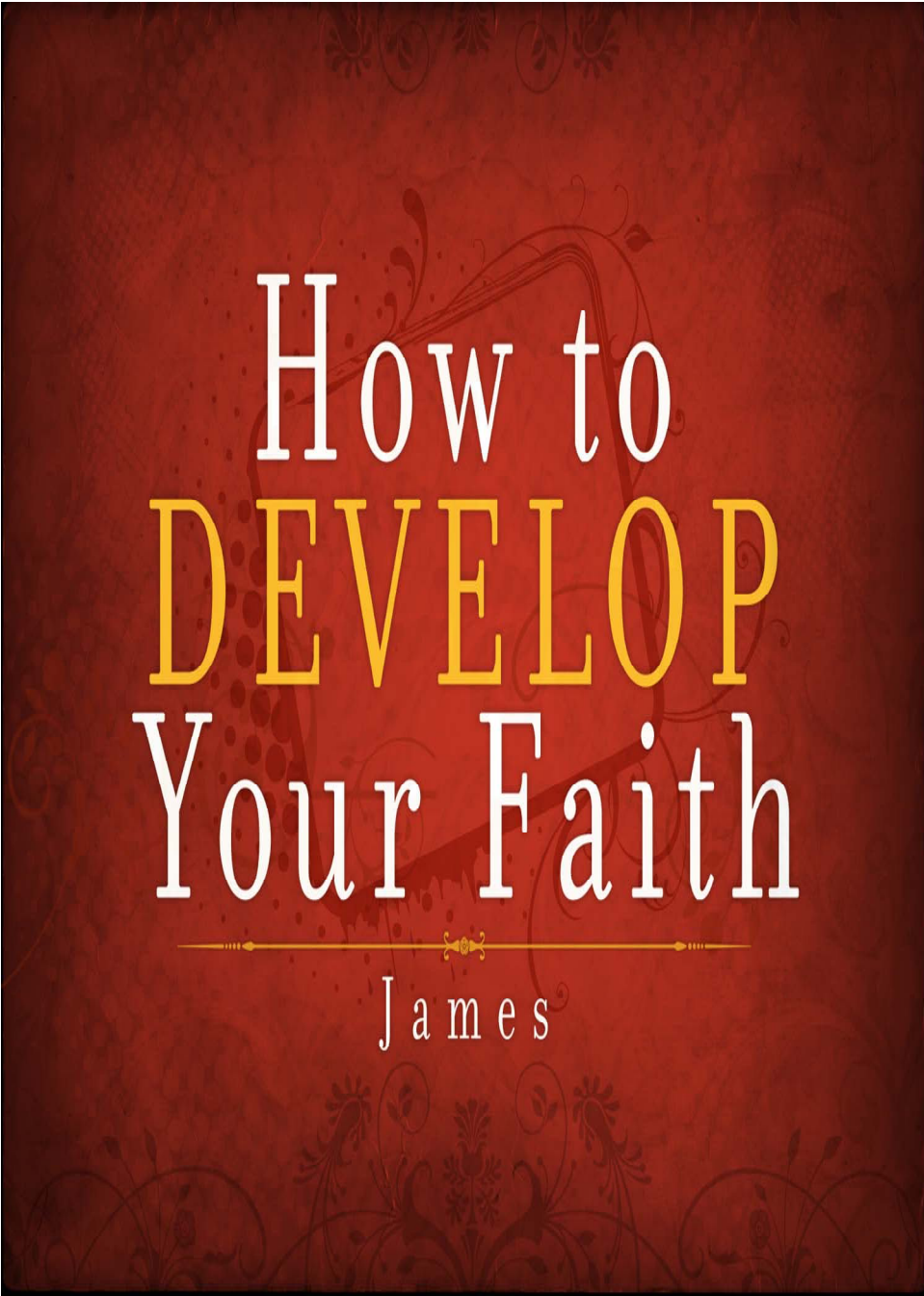
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Many years ago, Queen Elizabeth, who was beautiful in her youth, ordered that all of the mirrors be removed from Buckingham Palace because she couldn't stand to face that she was growing old.

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