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The wisdom of the prudent is
to understand his way, but the
folly of fools is deceit.

PROVERBS 14:8

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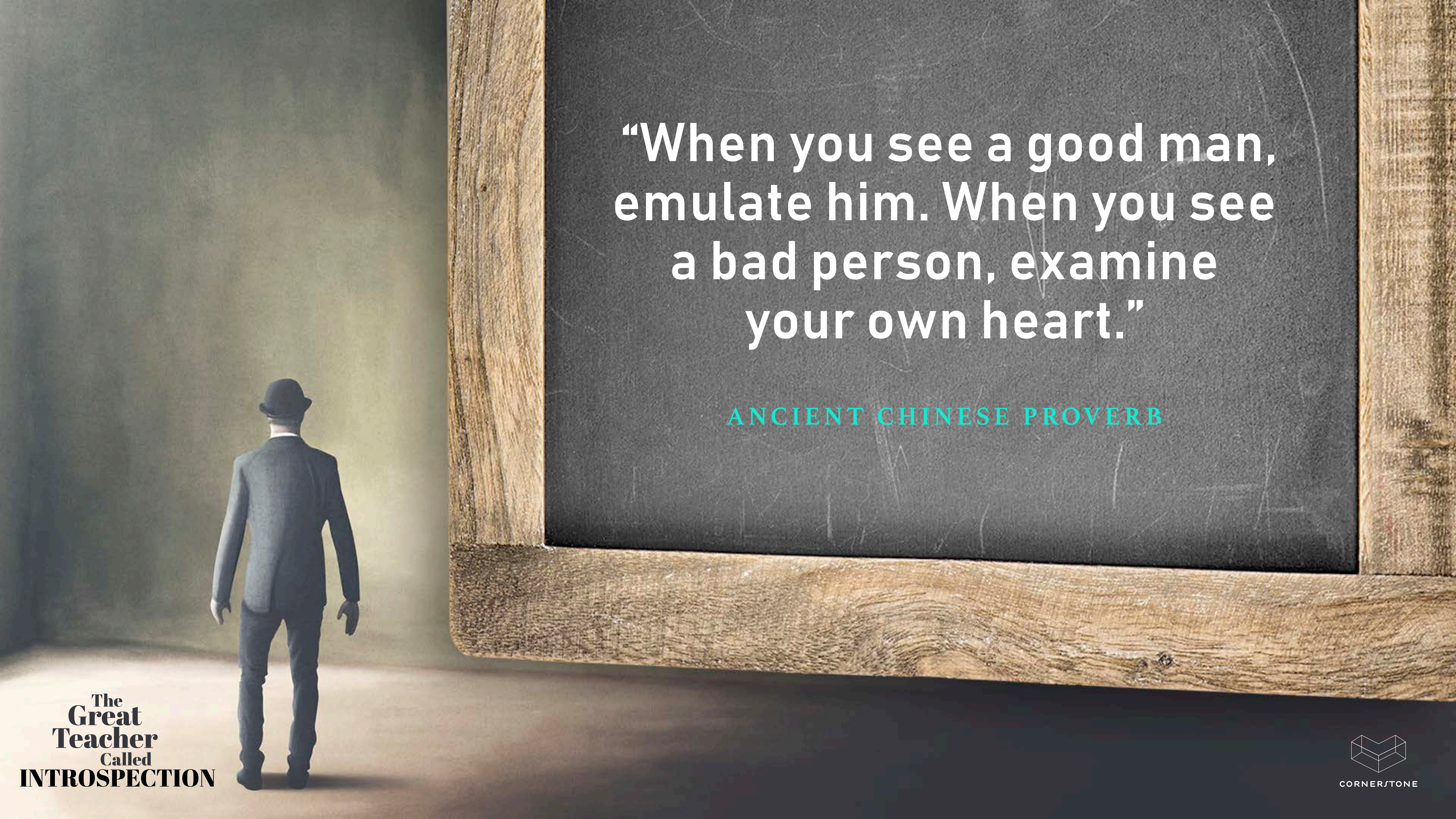
The simple believes every word,
but the prudent considers well
his steps.

PROVERBS 14:15

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“When you see a good man,
emulate him. When you see
a bad person, examine
your own heart.”

ANCIENT CHINESE PROVERB



“The
unexamined
life is not
worth living.”

SOCRATES



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One of the facets of wisdom according to Proverbs 14:8 is for a man to understand his way.

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The fact that we often
react the way we do is
because that's our
default mode behaviour.

It's called
THE OLD MAN



If you are suffering, the correct default is to pray. If you are cheerful, sing psalms. ¹⁴ But if you are sick, the correct default is to call for the elders, not the doctors.

JAMES 5:13-14

My brethren, count it all joy when
you fall into various trials,³ knowing
that the testing of your faith
produces patience (*endurance*).

JAMES 1:2-4

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⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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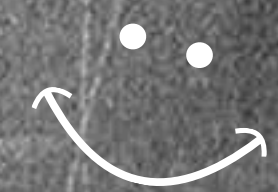
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The word 'COUNT' is borrowed from the accounting profession. It literally means to make a mental note of, or to reckon on a ledger.



Whatever columns you've
stored in your mind,
James is telling us there's
a column called **JOY**.

The moment things go
haywire in your life, you need
to go straight to that **JOY**
column and **REJOICE**.



And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

LUKE 12:47-48A

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⁴⁸ But he who did not know,
yet committed things deserving of
stripes, shall be beaten with few...

LUKE 12:47-48A

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Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 7:21

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Rejoice always, pray without
ceasing, in everything give
thanks; for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

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2 THINGS IN THIS STATEMENT WE CAN DEDUCE

1

THE WILL OF GOD

is not merely focused on whether we should become a doctor, engineer or politician, or whether we should buy this car or that car, or this house or that house, or whom we should marry?

For this is the will of God,
your sanctification: that
you should abstain from
sexual immorality...

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3

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2

That rejoicing always,
praying without ceasing
and in everything give
thanks, these are all
ACTS OF OUR WILL
that particularly in
times of difficulty
and weakness,
require faith.

“The will of God is not something you add to your life. It’s a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world.”

ELIZABETH ELLIOT



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