

John 17:20-23 (NKJV)

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

Proverbs 17:19 (NKJV)

“He who loves transgression loves strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks destruction.”

Proverbs 20:3 (NKJV)

“It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.”

Proverbs 17:14 (NKJV)

“The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.”

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)

“These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.”

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Proverbs 26:20,21 (NKJV)

“Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.”

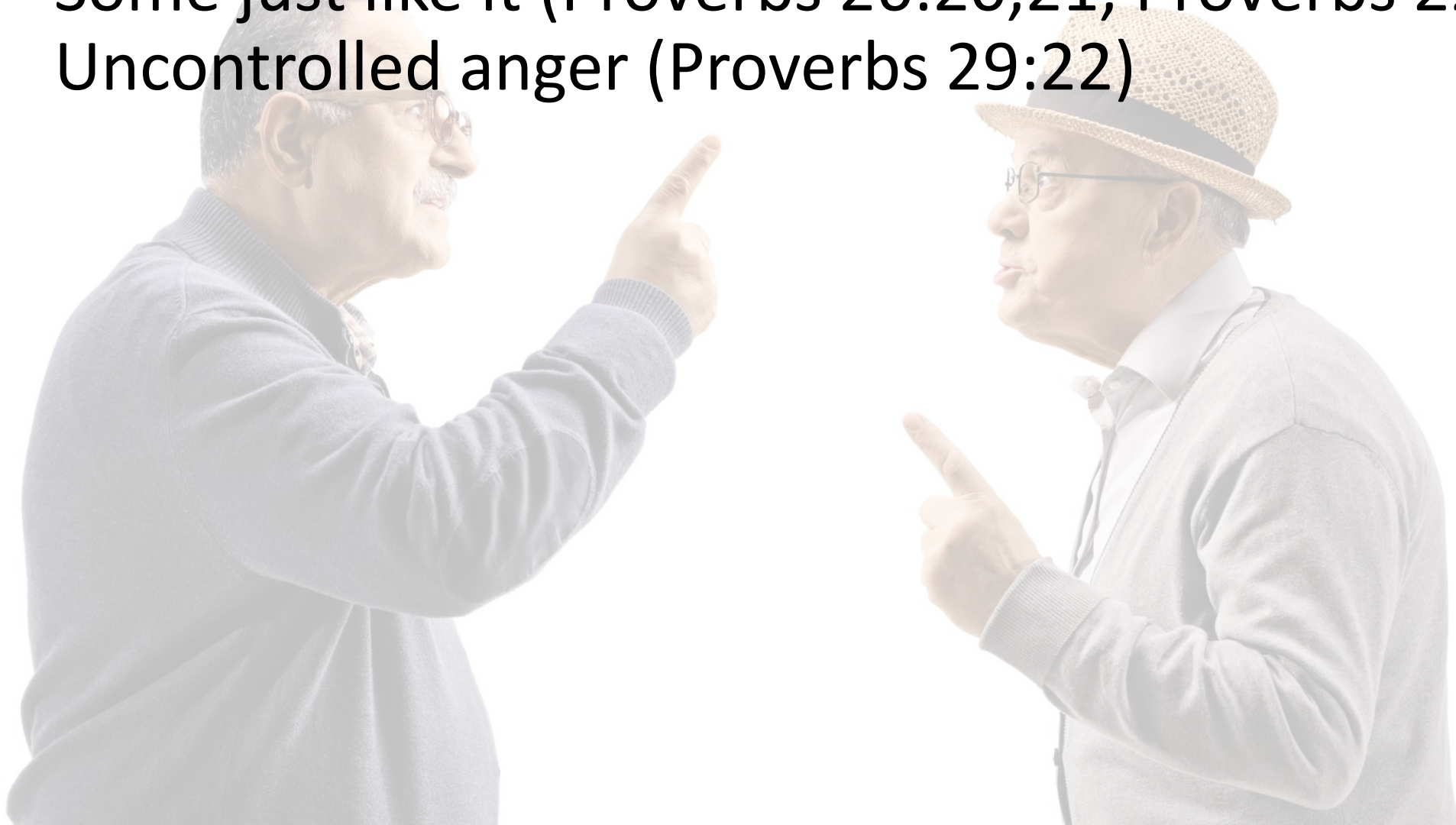
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Proverbs 22:10 (NKJV)

“Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.”

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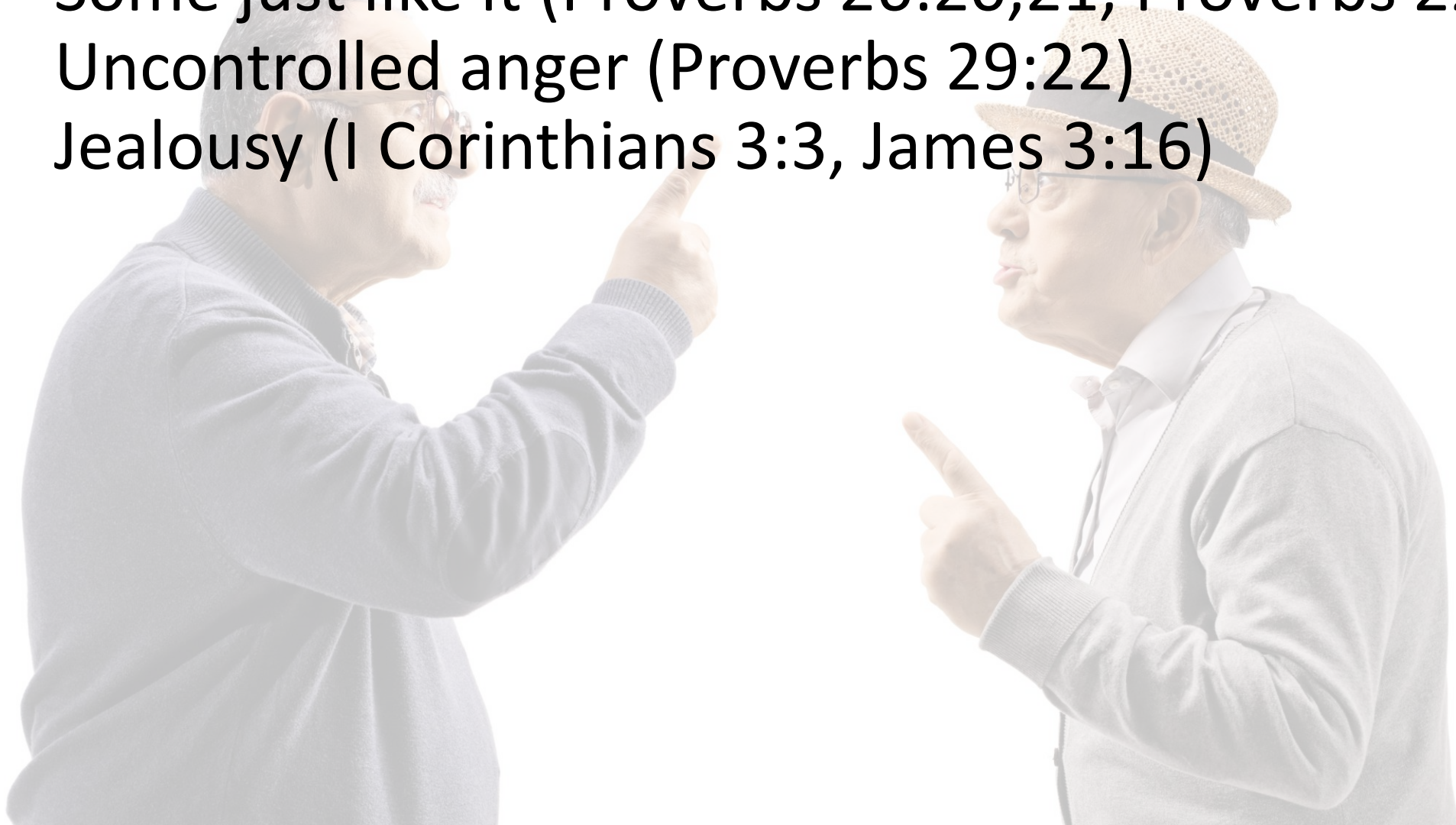
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Proverbs 29:22 (NKJV)

“An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.”

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“for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”

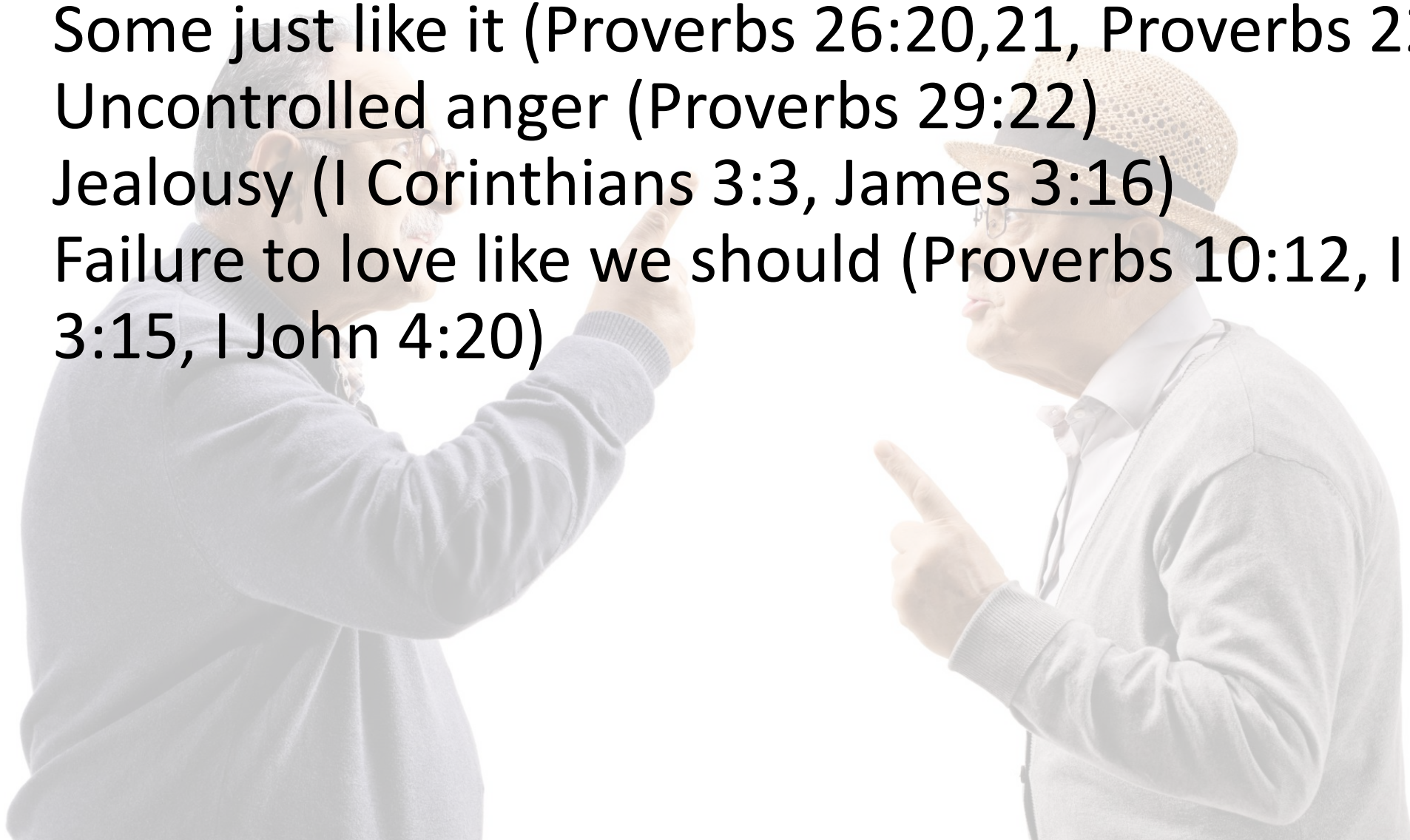
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James 3:16 (NKJV)

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

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Failure to love like we should

Proverbs 10:12 (NKJV)

“Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.”

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I John 3:15 (NKJV)

“Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

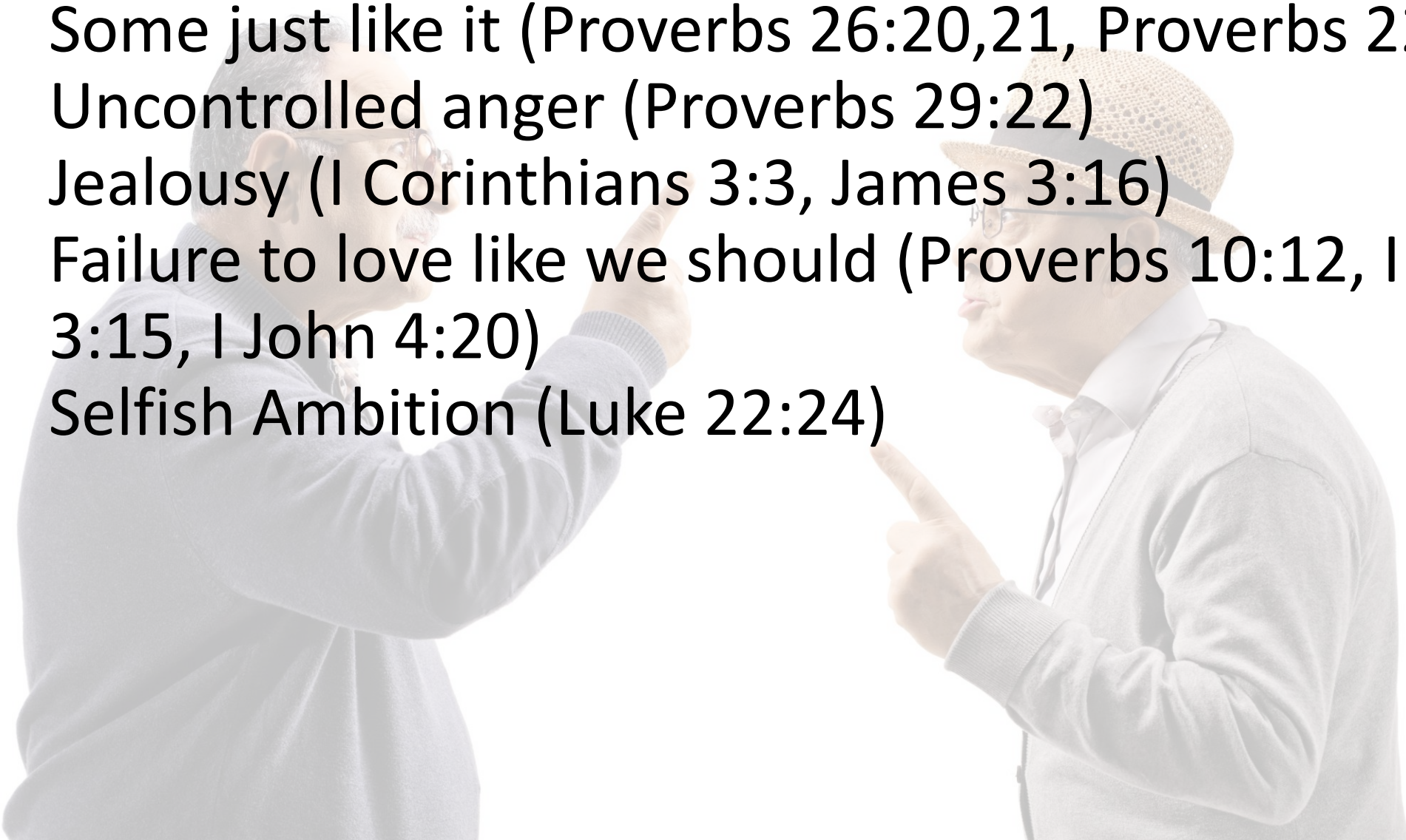
Failure to love like we should

I John 4:20 (NKJV)

“If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”

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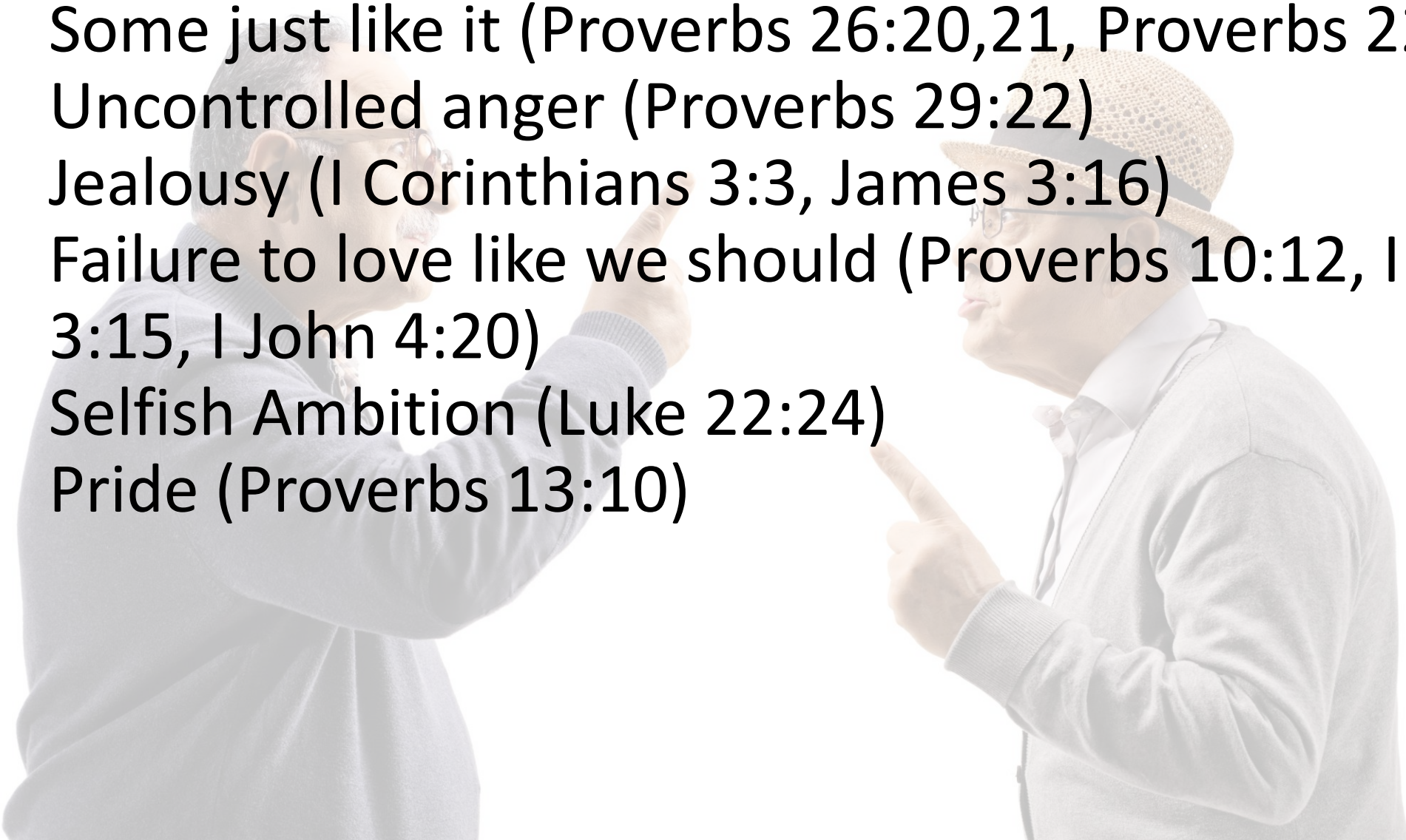
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Luke 22:24 (NKJV)

“Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.”

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“By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.”

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I Timothy 6:3-5 (NKJV)

“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.”

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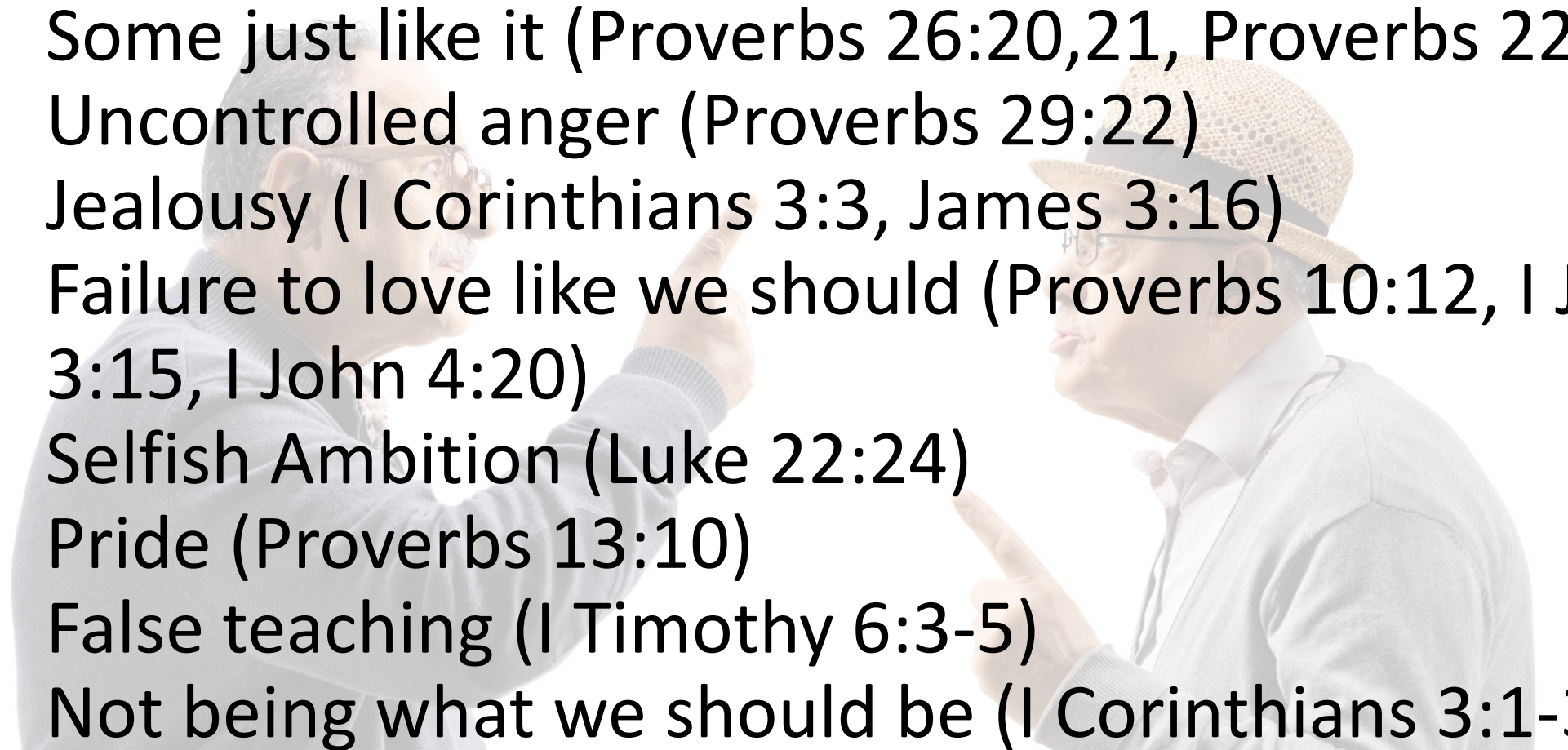
“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”

Not being what we should be

James 4:1 (NKJV)

“Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?”

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Romans 13:13 (NKJV)

“Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.”

Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

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