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Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV): “Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 3 ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy....”



**“...8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. 11 Blessed are you when others revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for so they
persecuted the prophets who were
before you.”**





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MAIN POINT:

HAPPINESS

IS NEXT TO

GODLINESS.



**Psalm 16:11 (ESV): “In your presence
there is fullness of joy; at your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.”**



1 Corinthians 7:39-40 (ESV): “If her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. 40 Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is.”



Matthew 5:3 (YLT): “Happy the poor in spirit – because theirs is the reign of the heavens.”



Psalm 146:5 (KJV): “Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.”



Matthew 7:28-29 (ESV): “When Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.”



John 3:16 (ESV): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”



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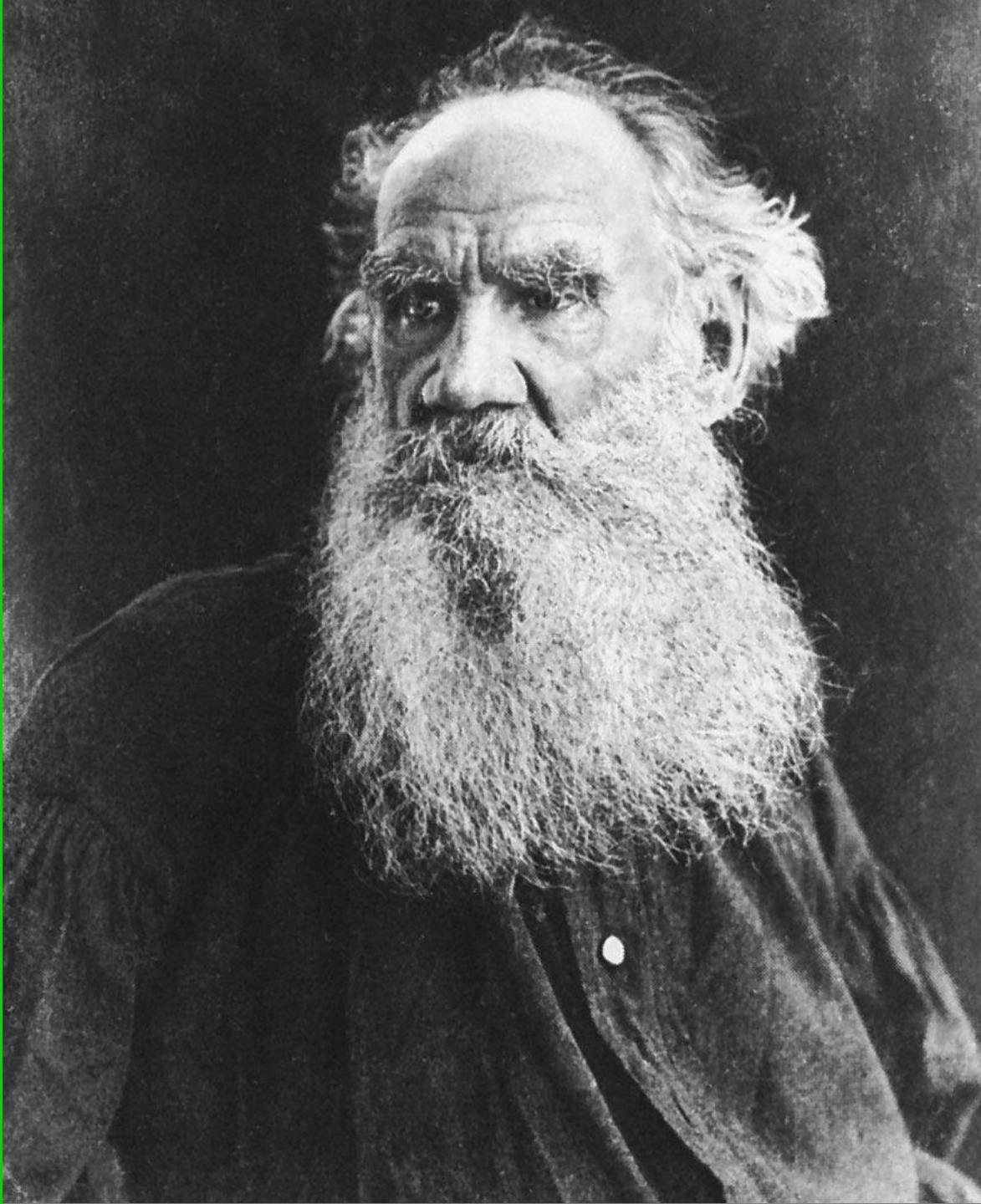
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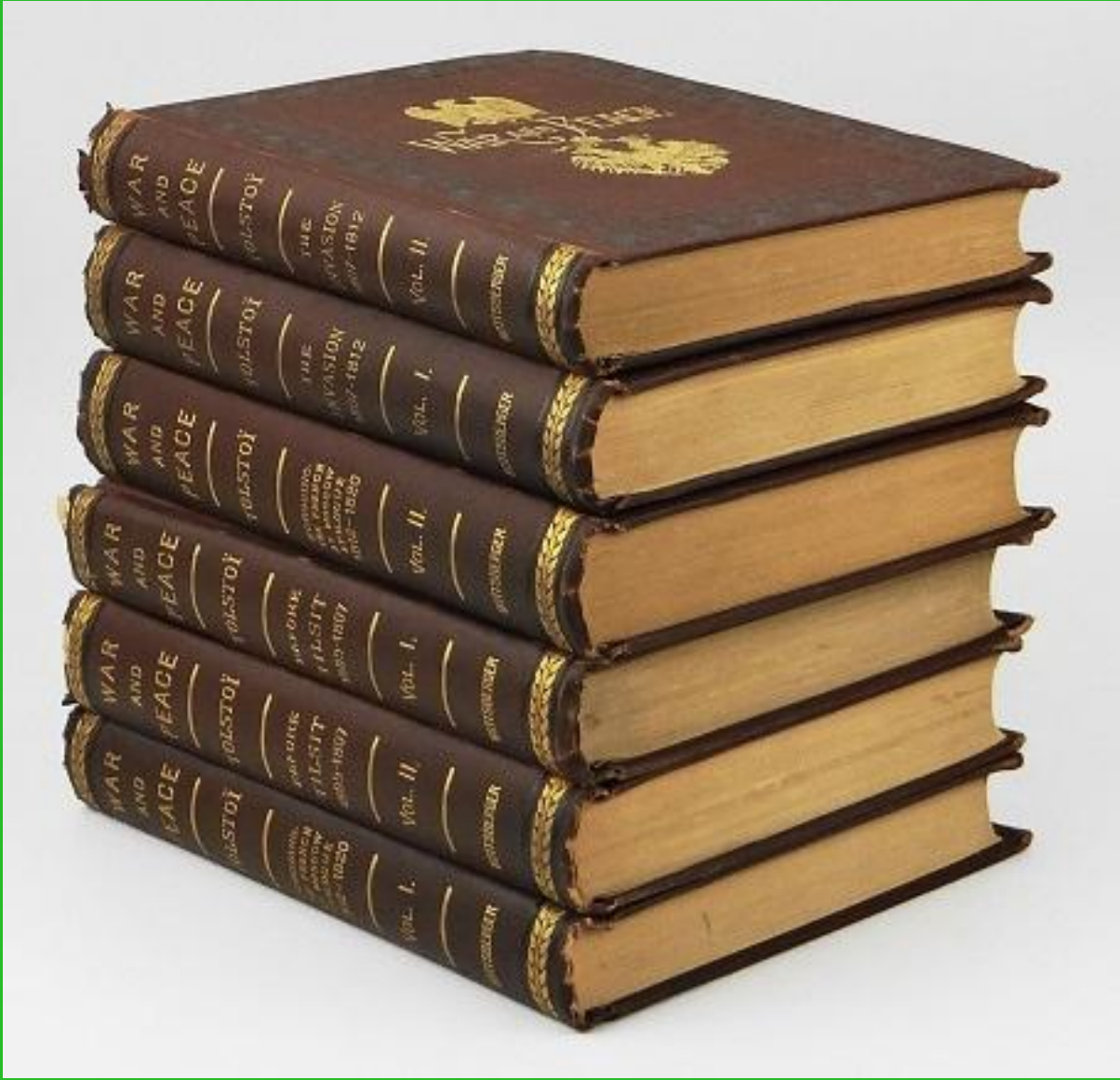


APPLICATION:

LIVE YOUR LIFE IN POOR TASTE.







“While imprisoned in the shed Pierre had learned not with his intellect but with his whole being, by life itself, that man is created for happiness, that happiness is within him, in the satisfaction of simple human needs, and that all unhappiness arises not from privation [poverty] but from superfluity [excess]. And now during these last three weeks of the march he had learned still another new,…”



“...consolatory truth – that nothing in this world is terrible. He had learned that as there is no condition in which man can be happy and entirely free, so there is no condition in which he need be unhappy and lack freedom. He learned that suffering and freedom have their limits and that those limits are very near together.”

(From Leo Tolstoy’s War and Peace, Book 14, Chapter 12)



Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 (ESV): “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. 11 When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? 12 Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.”



“I have lived through much, and now I think I have found what is needed for happiness. A quiet secluded life in the country, with the possibility of being useful to people to whom it is easy to do good, and who are not accustomed to have it done to them; then work which one hopes may be of some use; then rest, nature, books, music, love for one’s neighbor – such is my idea of happiness.”

(From Leo Tolstoy’s Family Happiness)



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