

The background of the slide features a photograph of an ancient Egyptian temple interior. Several large, standing statues of pharaohs in traditional Egyptian attire, including headdresses and broad collars, are positioned between massive columns. The columns and the statues are covered in hieroglyphs. The lighting is warm, creating a golden-yellow hue across the entire scene.

# **Change & Challenges**

**(Part II of Genesis 41)**

# I. Conforming.



“That floating mass of thoughts, opinions, maxims, speculations, hopes, impulses, aims, aspirations, at any time current in the world, which it may be impossible to seize and accurately define, but which constitute a most real and effective power, being the moral, or immoral atmosphere which at every moment of our lives we inhale, again inevitably to exhale.”

- G. C. Trench

“This ultra-aristocratic wife left Joseph well-connected - and ominously in danger of Egyptianization. His clothing was Egyptian, his name was Egyptian, his language was Egyptian, his wife was Egyptian, and his father-in-law was the leading Egyptian sun worshipper. Joseph’s soul was in greater peril than at any other time in his short life. It is one thing to remain believing and God-centered and faithful in the pit; it is quite another to be faithful at the pinnacle. The pit instilled dependence upon God. There was only one way to look while in the pit, and that was up - to God. On the other hand, the pinnacle of Egyptian life inclined the soul toward pride and independence.”

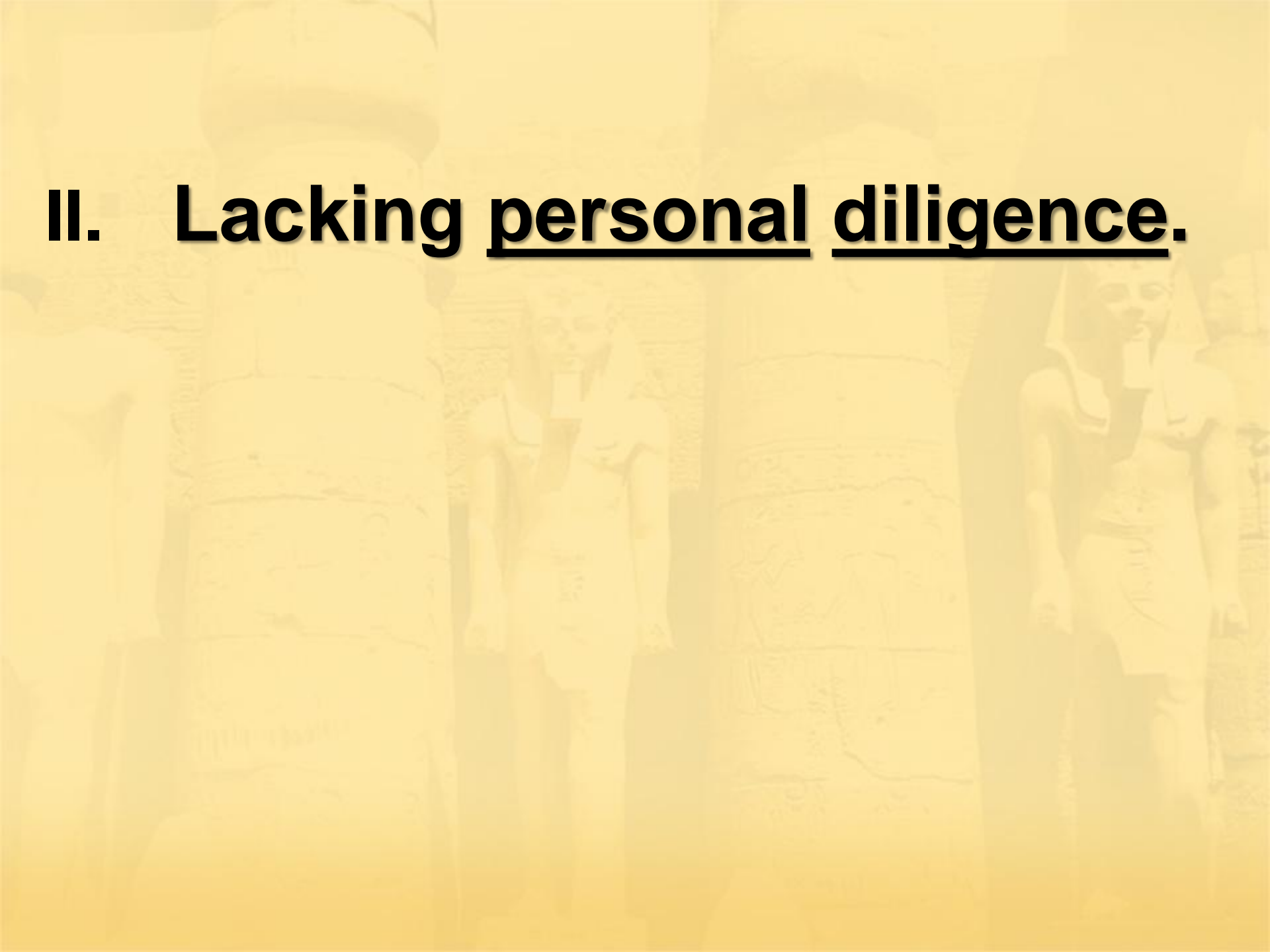
- K. Hughes



# **I. Conforming.**

**Allowing influence upon me  
that is inconsistent with what  
is within me.**

## **II. Lacking personal diligence.**



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**Challenge:** Wrong view of worship.

# III. Forgetting God.





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**Challenge:** Prosperity fuels  
independence from God.