



A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

# ORDER IN WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 14:26-40



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## WORSHIP

**A feeling or expression of reverence  
or adoration (particularly for a deity)**



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**“Worship is the believer’s response of all that they are – mind, emotions, will, body – to what God is and says and does.”**

Warren Wiersbe



WORSHIP

**Recognition of who God is and an  
appropriate response.**

Robert Cupp



### 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 <sup>NIV</sup>

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “**Jesus is Lord**,” except by the Holy Spirit.



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## 1 Corinthians 14:26a <sup>NIV</sup>

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## 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 <sup>NIV</sup>

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my **spirit**, but I will also pray with my **understanding**; I will sing with my **spirit**, but I will also sing with my **understanding**.





**HEART**



**MIND**





## 1 Corinthians 14:24-25 <sup>NIV</sup>

But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, <sup>25</sup> as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”





**"Church: if the world could see a snapshot of our worship today, would they perceive that we believe our God is worthy of praise?"**

Matt Papa

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# Chaos in Corinth



- Disordered use of tongues (14:27-28)
- Disordered use of prophecy (14:29-33)
- Disordered question-asking (14:34-35)







## 1 Corinthians 14:27-28 <sup>NIV</sup>

If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. <sup>28</sup> If there is no interpreter, the speaker should **keep quiet** in the church and speak to himself and to God.





## 1 Corinthians 14:29-31 <sup>NIV</sup>

Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.<sup>30</sup> And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker **should stop**.<sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.







## 1 Corinthians 14:32-33 <sup>NIV</sup>

The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.





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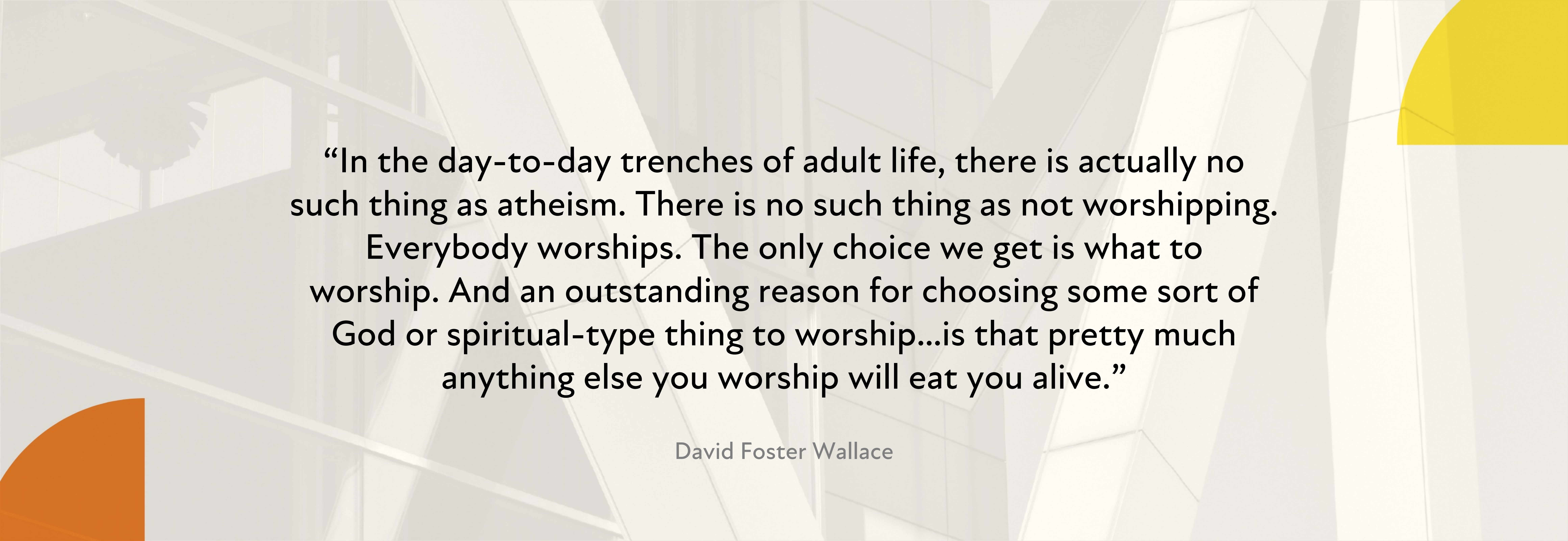


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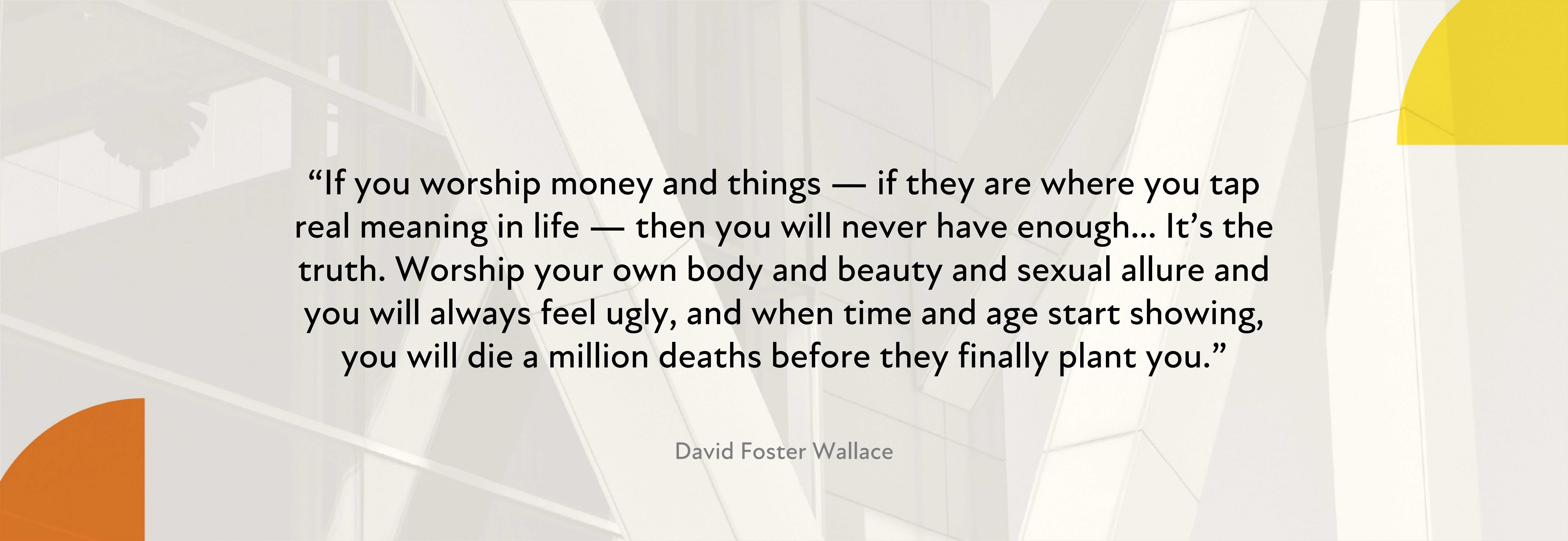




“In the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And an outstanding reason for choosing some sort of God or spiritual-type thing to worship...is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive.”

David Foster Wallace

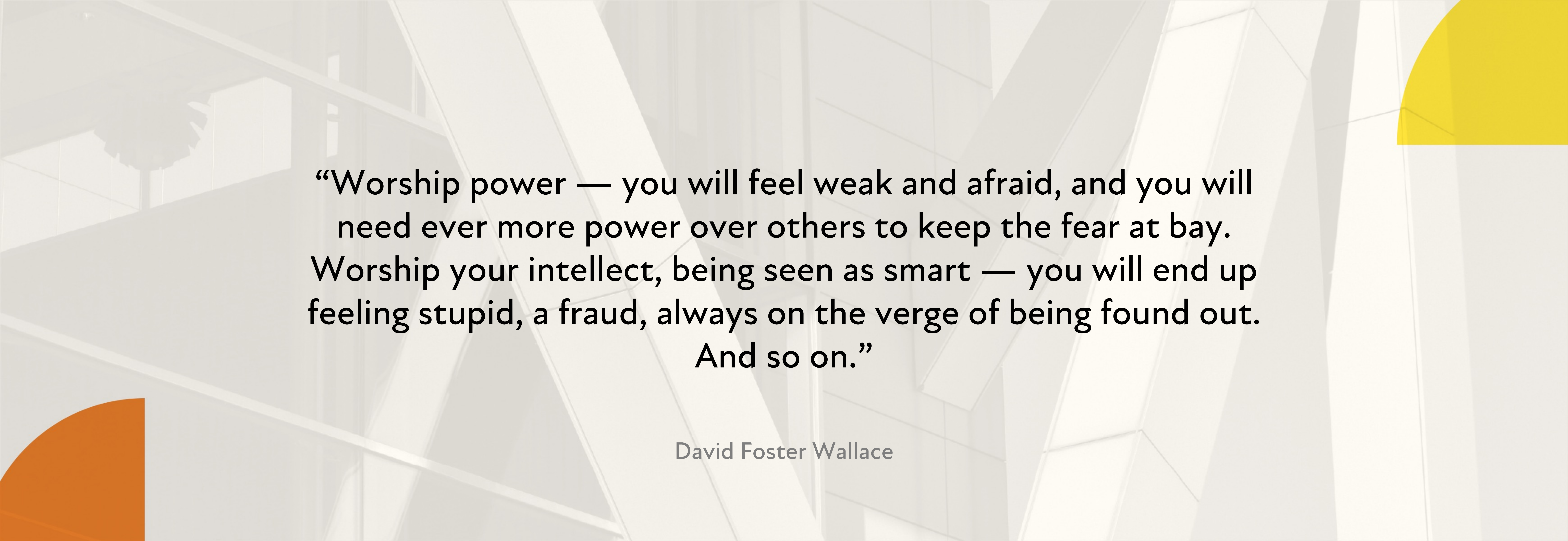


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“If you worship money and things — if they are where you tap real meaning in life — then you will never have enough... It’s the truth. Worship your own body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly, and when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally plant you.”

David Foster Wallace





**“Worship power — you will feel weak and afraid, and you will need ever more power over others to keep the fear at bay. Worship your intellect, being seen as smart — you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out. And so on.”**

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## 1 Corinthians 1:31 <sup>NIV</sup>

Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

