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**THEN =**

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the equation for blessing

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## Proverbs Are:

1. Kingdom Revelations
2. Words to Live By
3. Wisdom Given to Empower Us to Reign in Life

***Kingdom Advice given to grow our lives into victory and abundance.***

# Three Types of Proverbs

## 1. Contrastive

<sup>17</sup> *The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. - Proverbs 11:3 (NIV)*

## 2. Comparative

<sup>17</sup> *Better a small serving of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred. - Proverbs 15:17 (NIV)*

### 3. Completive

<sup>1</sup>My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. <sup>2</sup>If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. - Proverbs 3:1-2 (NLT)

If we put our faith in God's advice, then God will channel His power to bring about our blessing.

*If (Faith in God's Advice) + Then (God's Power)  
= Blessing*

*IF + THEN = BLESSING*

# GOD'S ADVICE IS KINGDOM REVELATION

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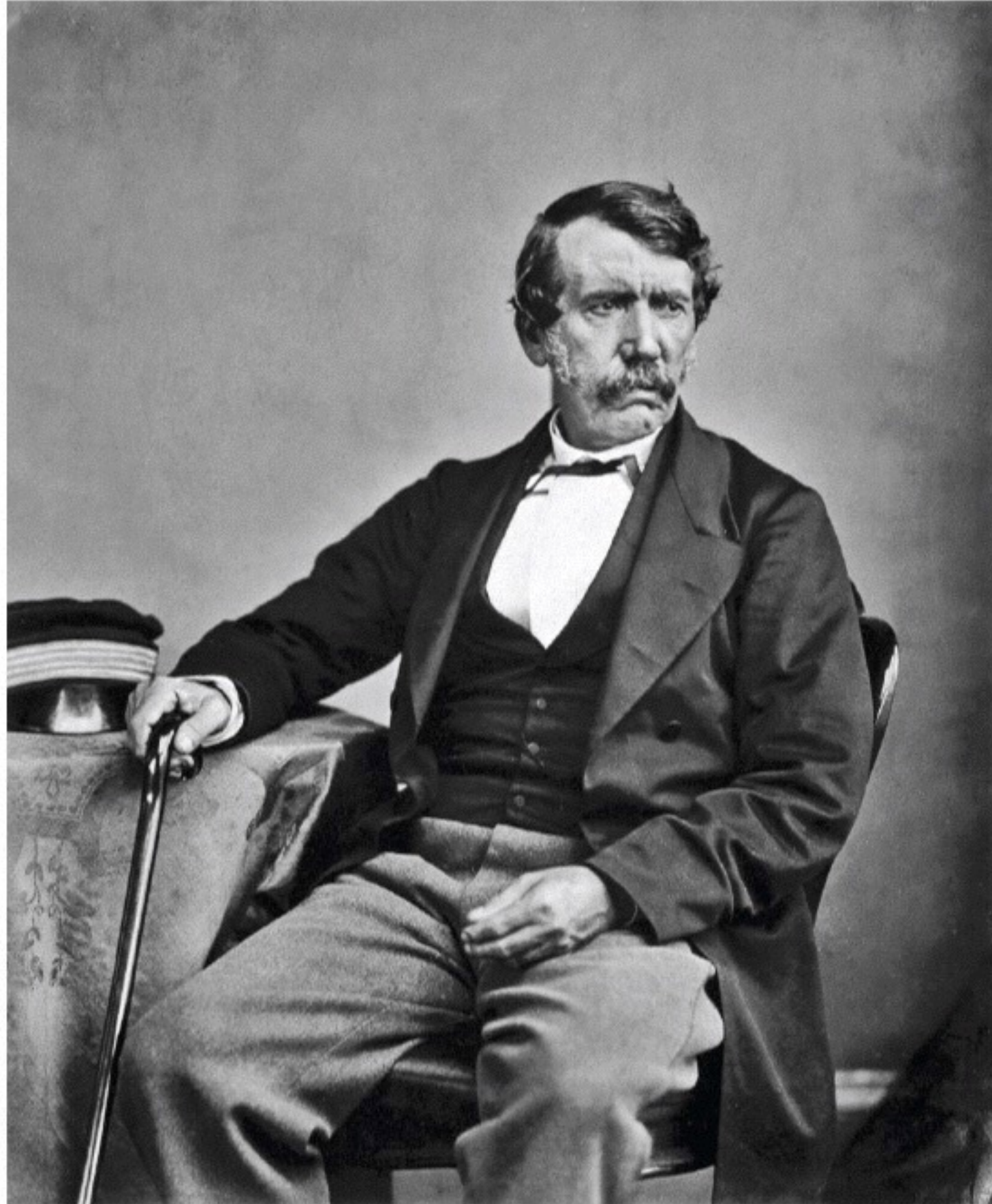


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# DAVID LIVINGSTONE

SCOTTISH MISSIONARY TO AFRICA



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In 1856, after 16 years in Africa, Livingstone was afraid for his life while being surrounded by hostile and infuriated natives. He was nearly resolved to leave his missionary post.

“...but I read that Jesus said: ‘All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.’”

“It is the word of a gentleman of the most strict and sacred honour, so there’s an end of it! I will not cross furtively tonight as I intended.”

- *F.W. Boreham, Life Verses*

# JOHN WESLEY



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That Wednesday morning, before he went out, he opened his Bible haphazard, and a text leapt out at him. “Thou art not very far from the kingdom of God!” It strangely reassured him. How far? He was so near that, that very evening, he entered it!

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# GOD'S ADVICE IS KINGDOM REVELATION

Kingdom Revelations are given to live a “blessed life” as opposed to a “successful life.”

Success has worldly or demonic sources.  
Blessing has God's hand as its source.

# GOD'S ADVICE IS SHOUTING EVERYDAY

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# THE COMPETING VOICES OF WISDOM

we are defined by  
our education  
and knowledge

we are defined by  
where we came from  
or our environment



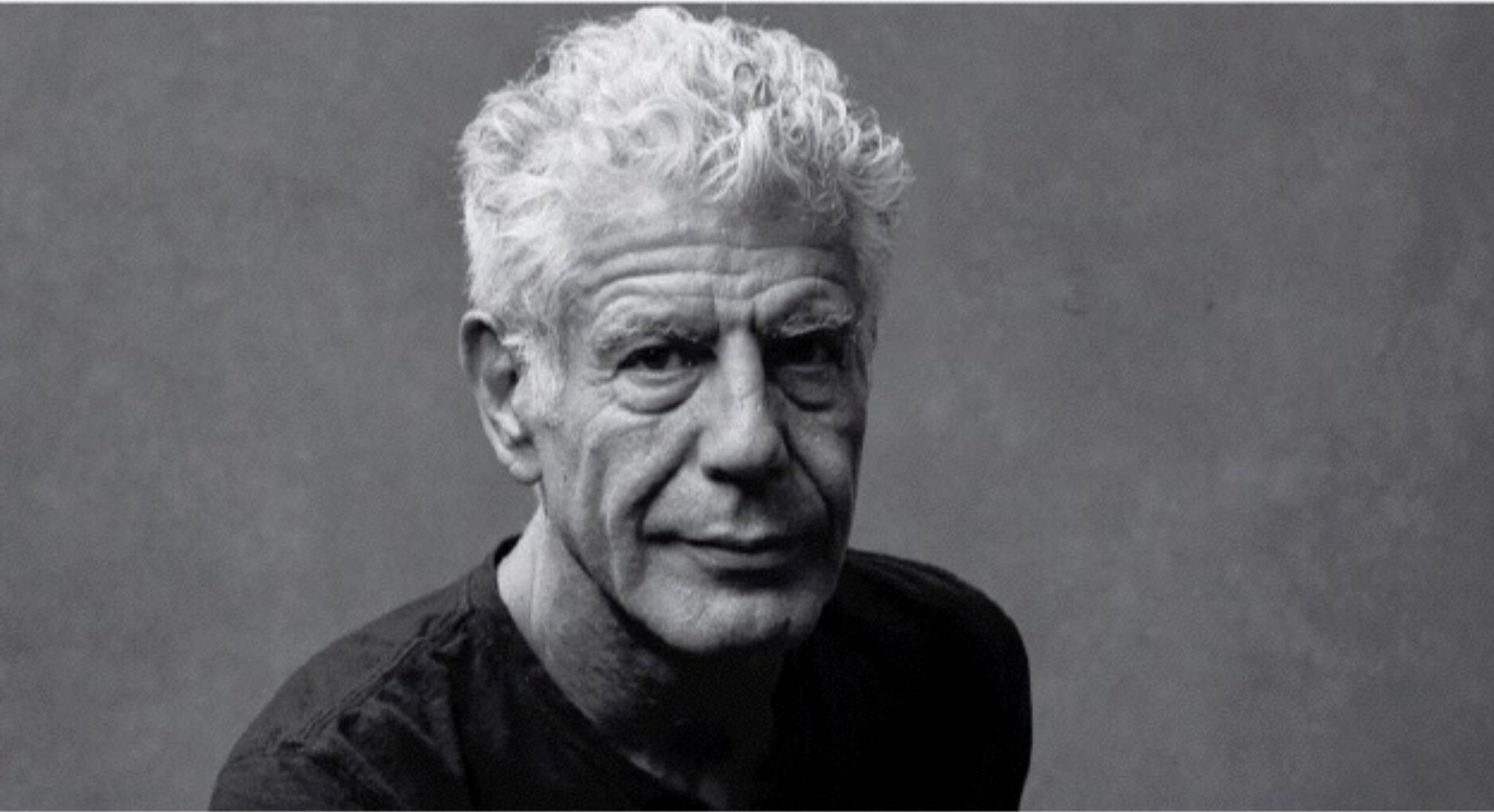
we are defined by  
our reason and ethics

we are defined by  
whatever we desire  
to be defined by

we are defined by  
our experiences or pleasure

# ANTHONY BOURDAIN

1956-2018



“Look, I understand that inside me there is a greedy, gluttonous, lazy, hippie...there’s a guy inside me who wants to lay in bed, and smoke weed all day, and watch cartoons, and old movies. I could easily do that. My whole life is a series of stratagems to avoid and outwit that guy. I’m aware of my appetites, and I don’t let them take charge.”

*Interview, Men’s Journal, 2014*

# MAC MILLER

1992-2018



“I had this assistant and part of what he did was wipe the coke – and sometimes blood – off my rolled-up bills. And I had this moment when I looked at my phone and saw that I had him [listed] in there as ‘Intern.’ I asked him what he had me in his phone as. He said ‘My hero.’” - Mac Miller



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# GOD'S ADVICE HAS A PROMISE AND A WARNING

**Wisdom is more available than we give God credit for!**

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5 (NIV)