

# Church History Literacy

## St. Benedict - Part 2

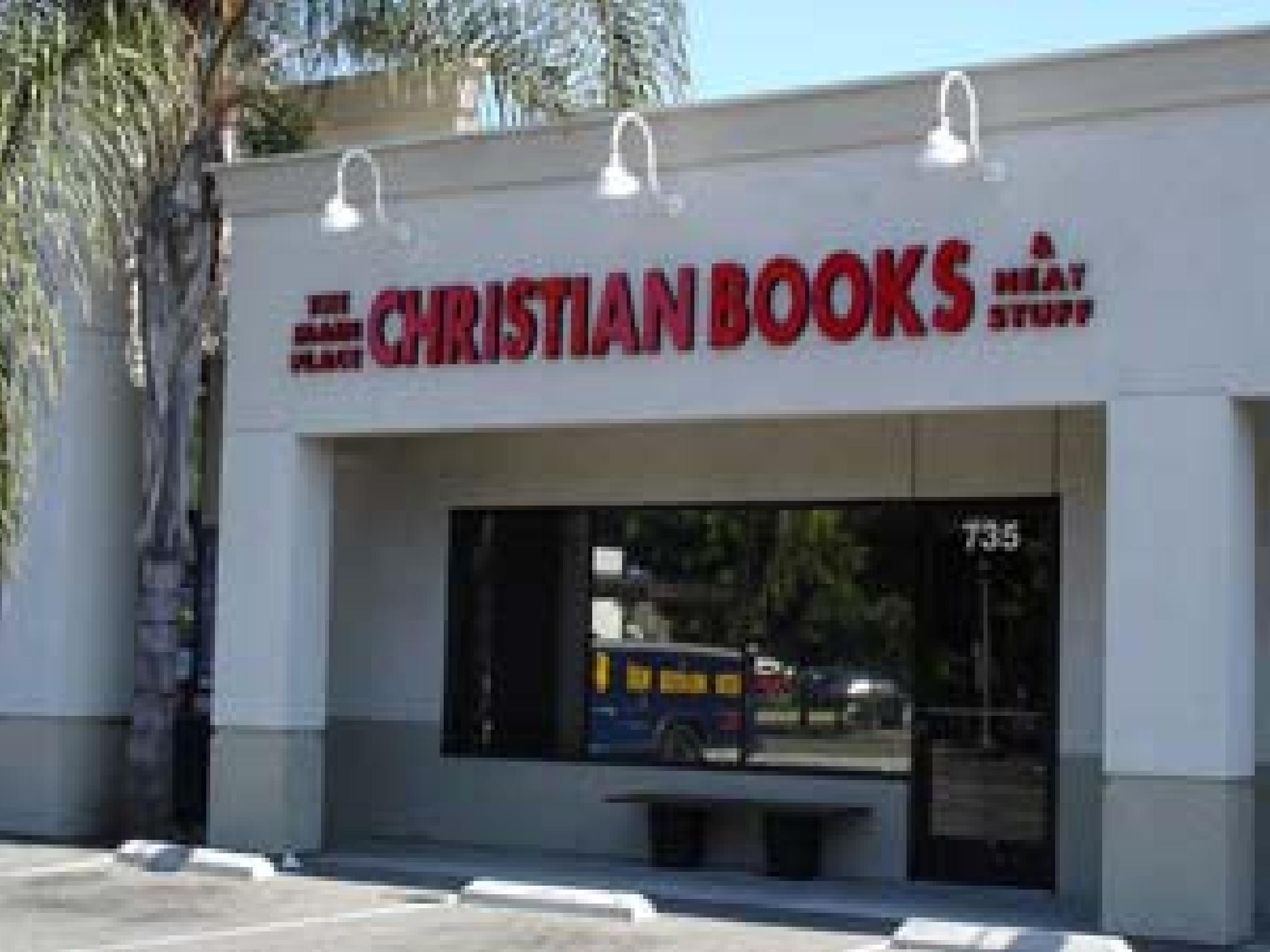
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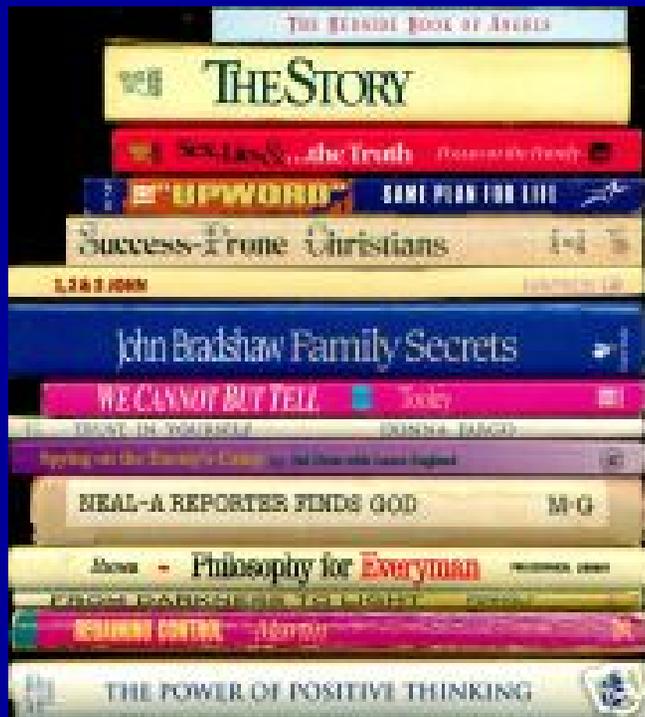
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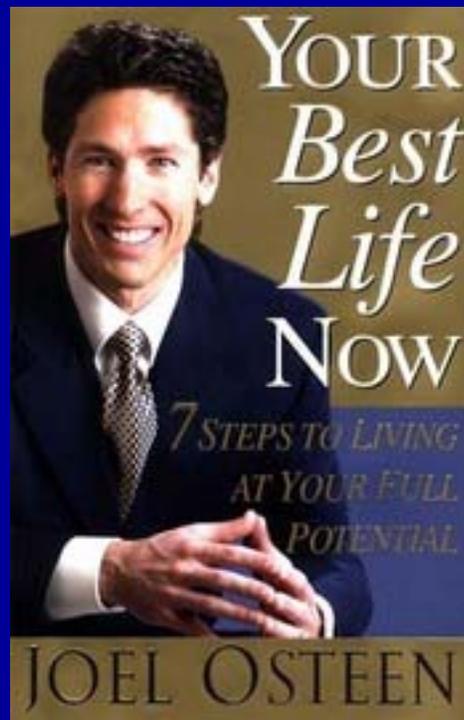
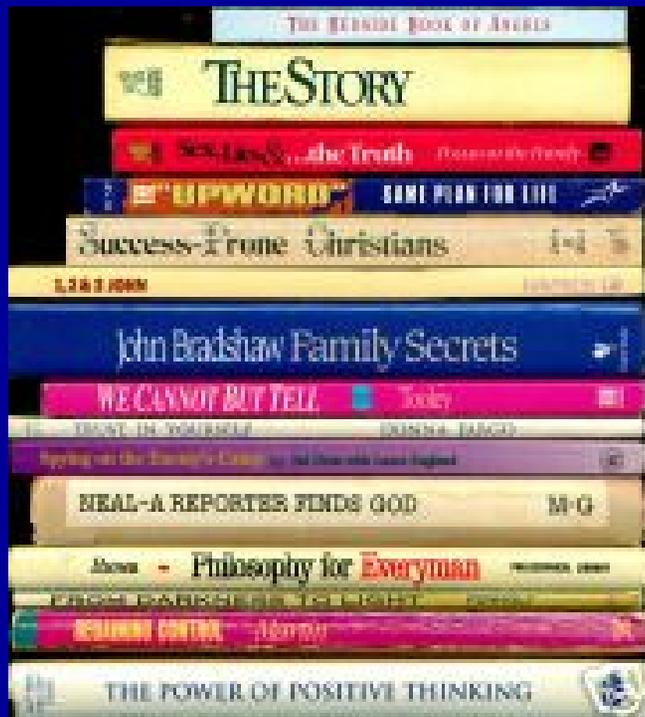
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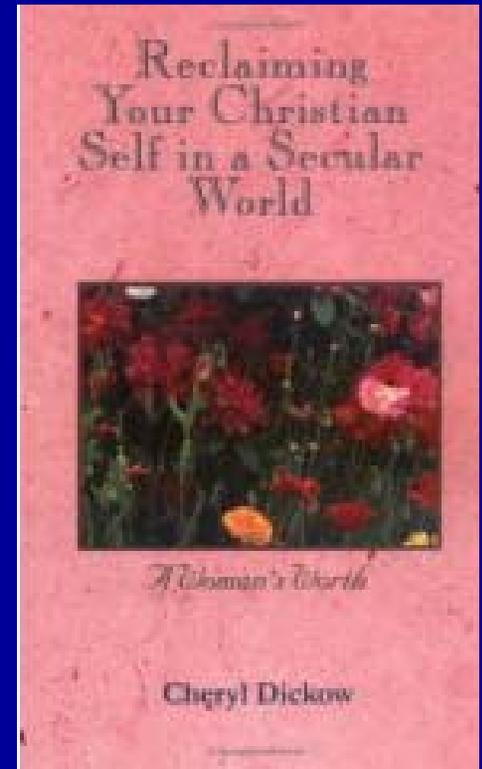
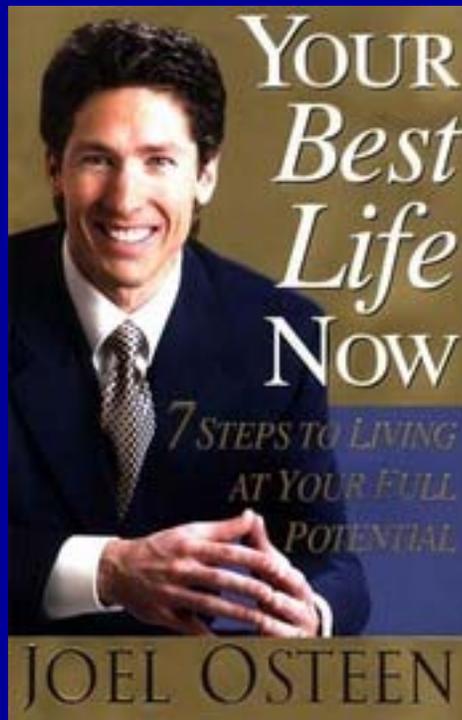
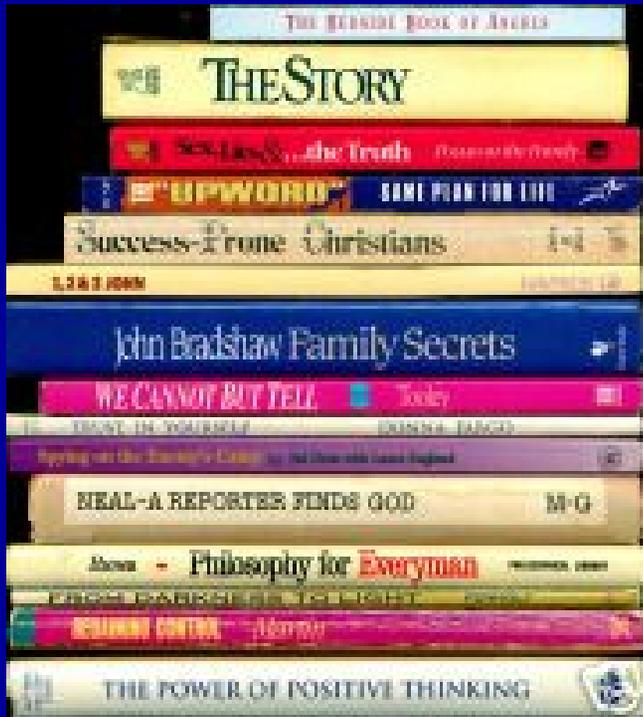
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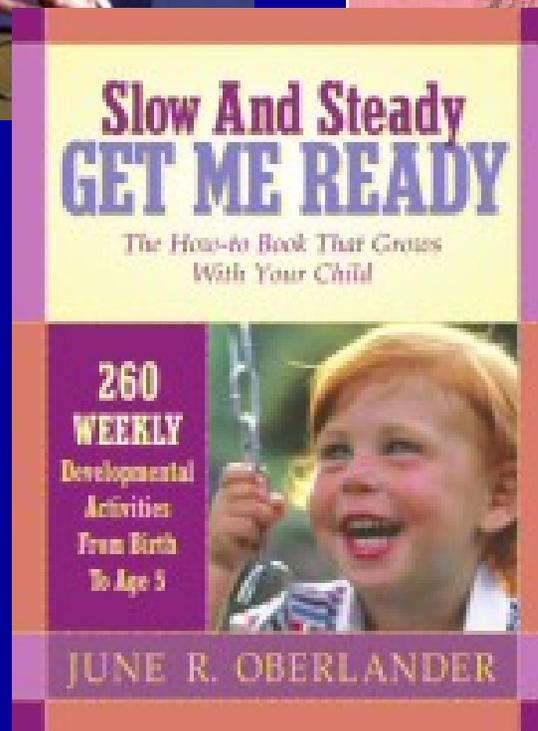
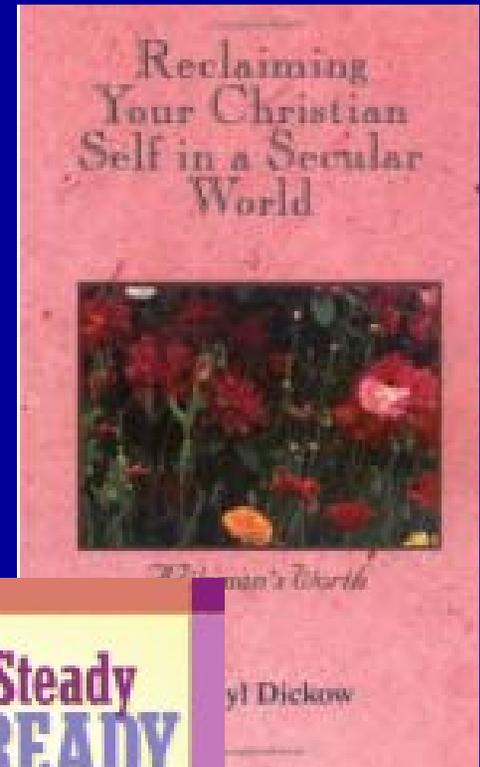
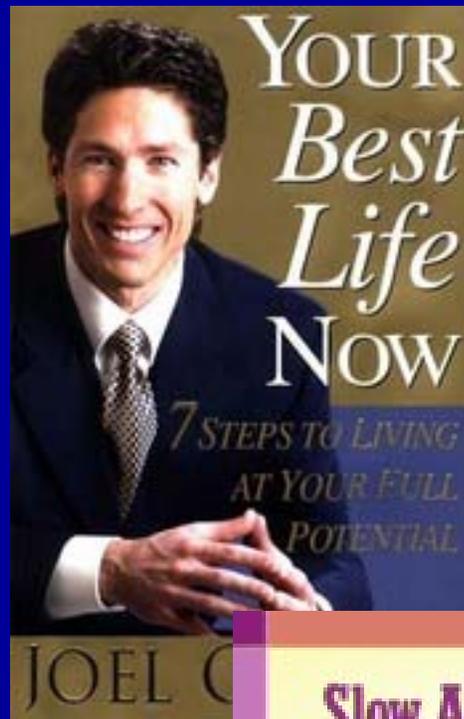
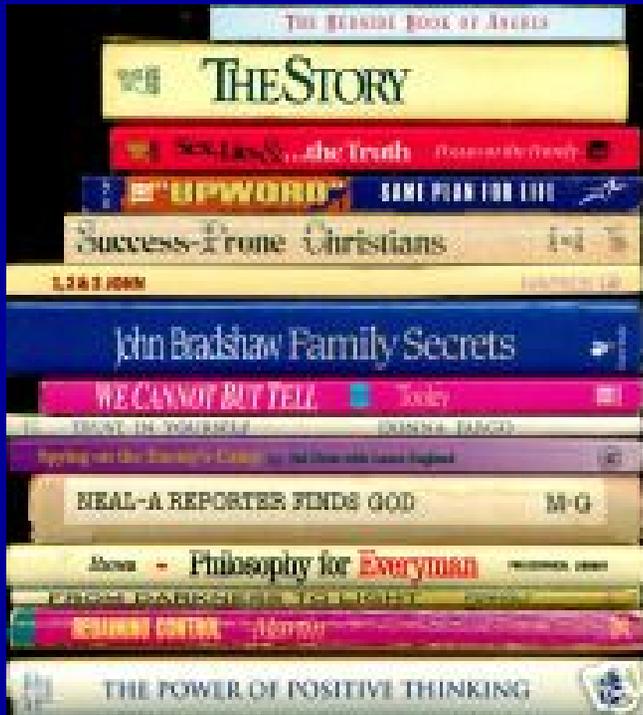
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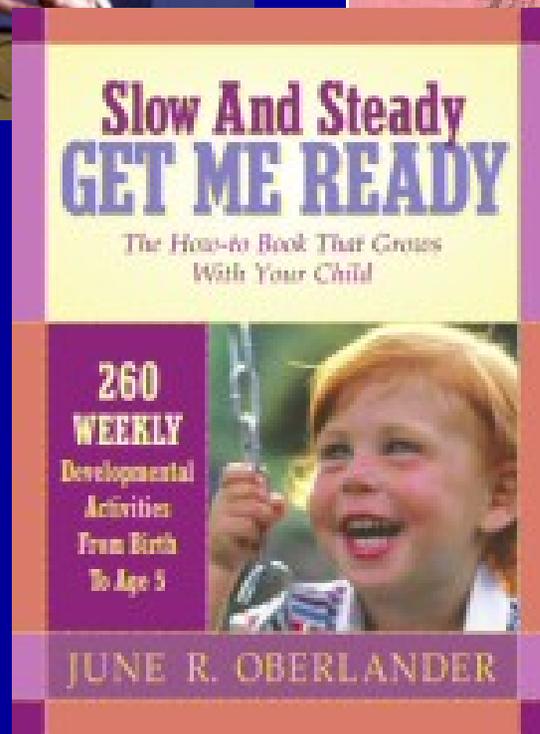
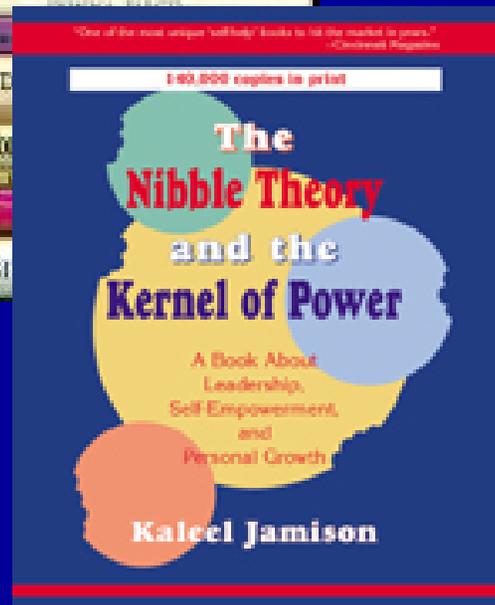
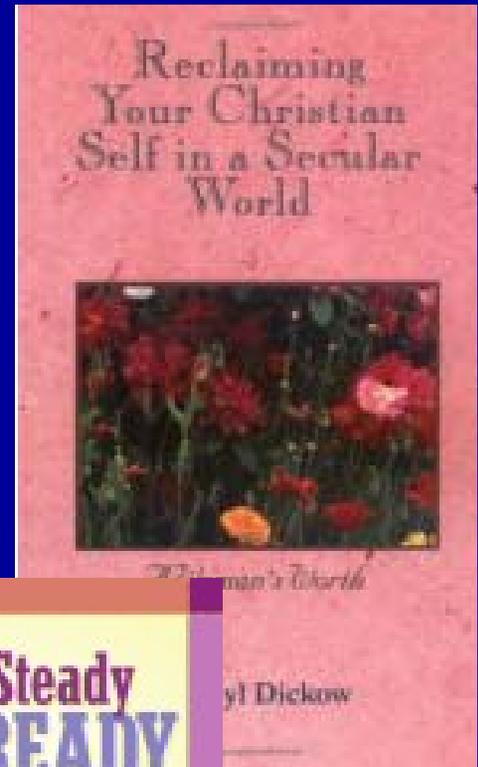
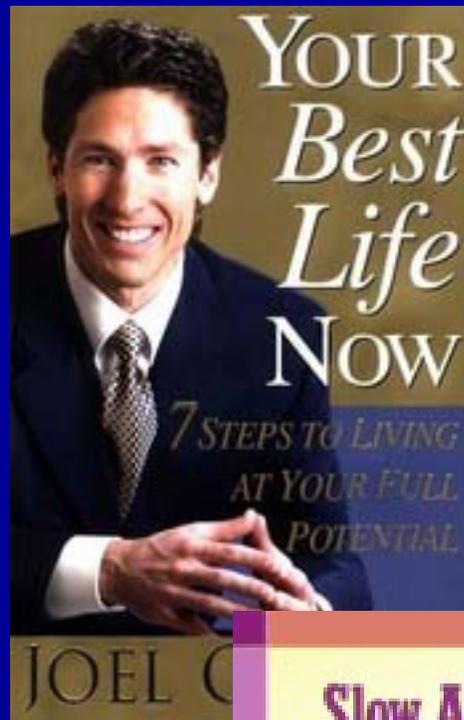
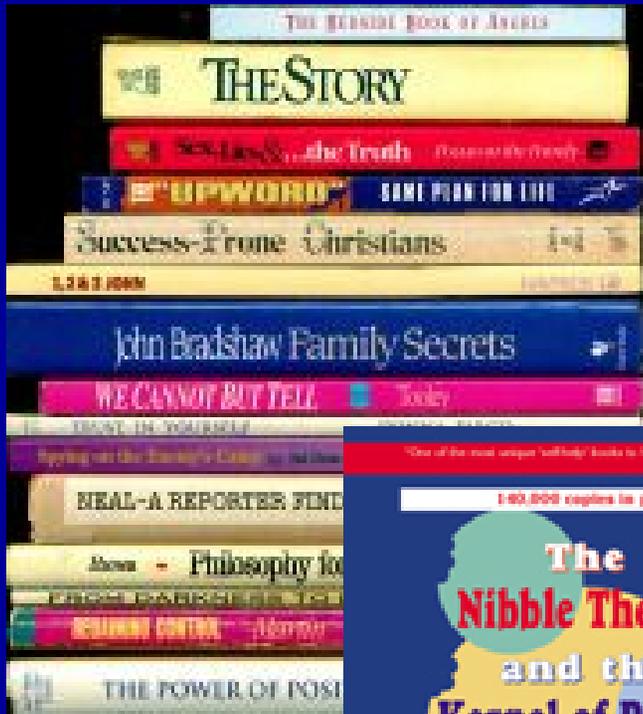












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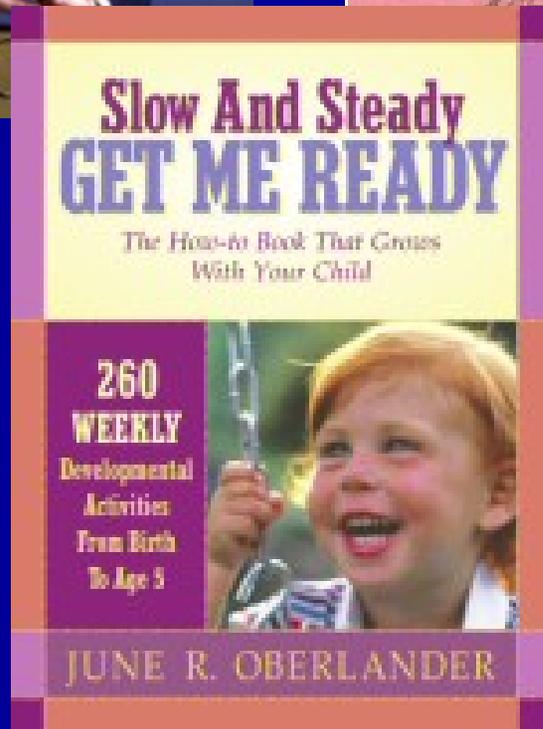
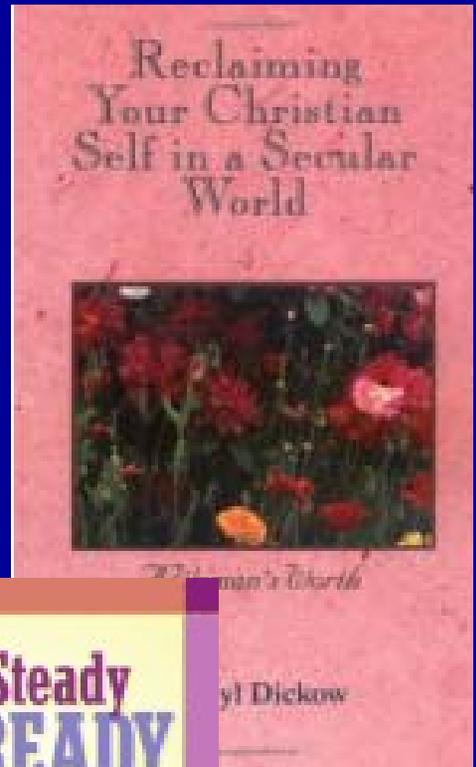
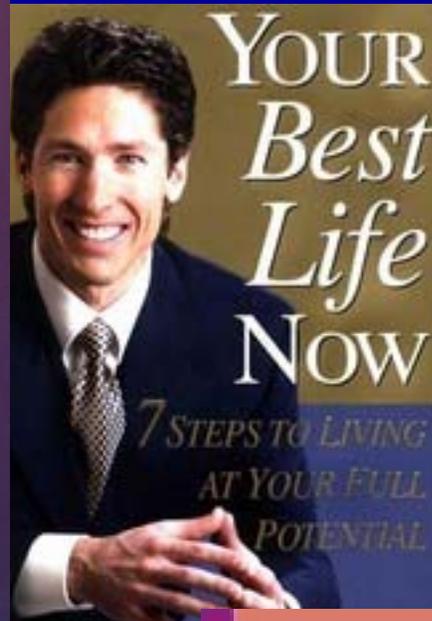
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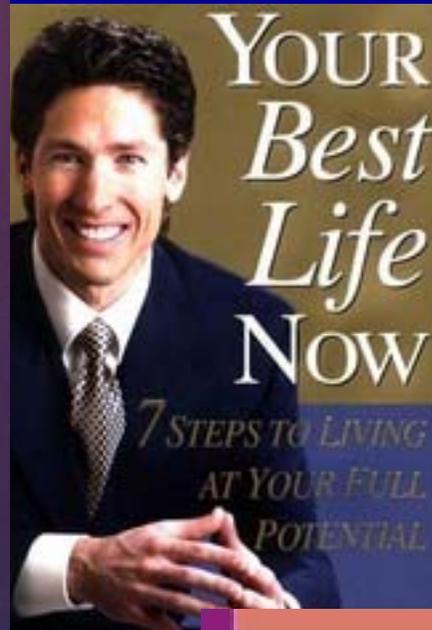


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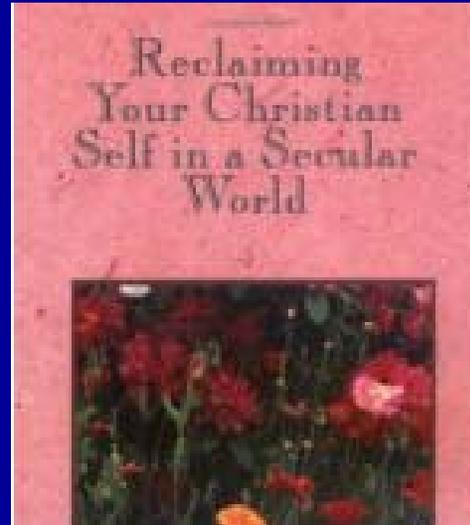
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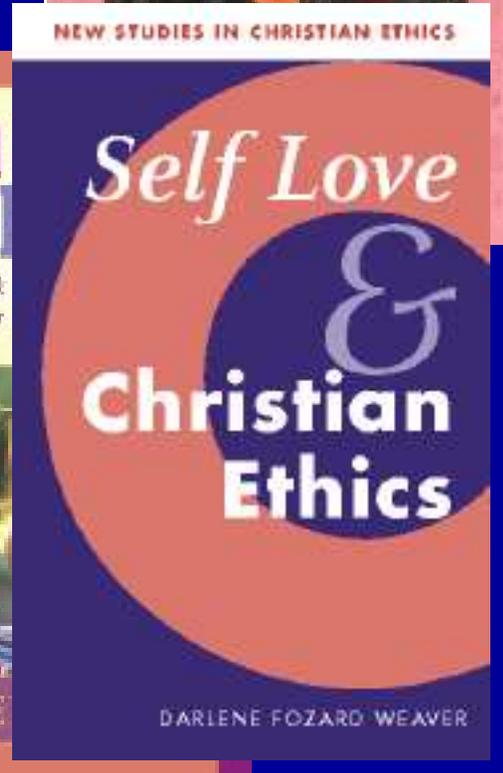


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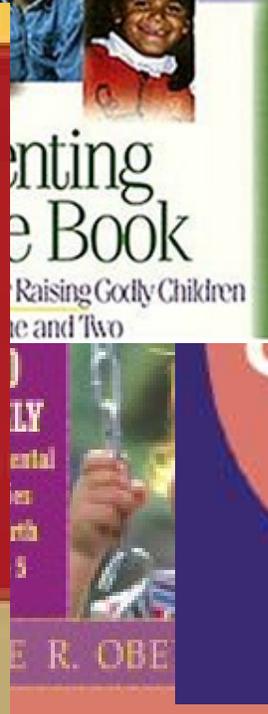
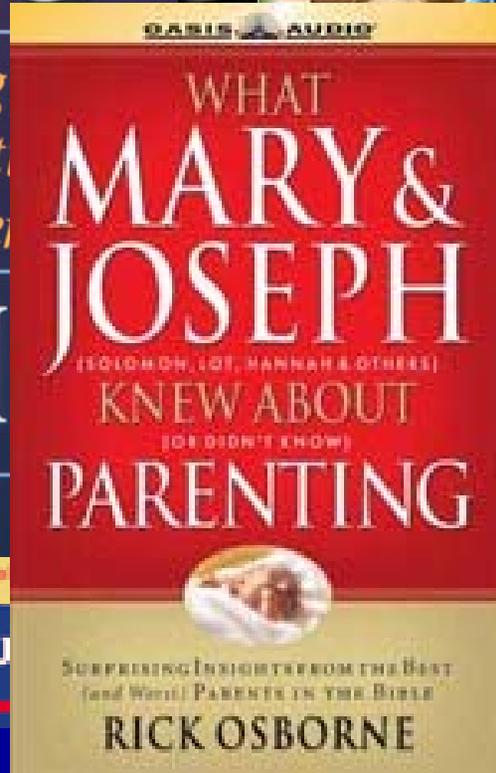
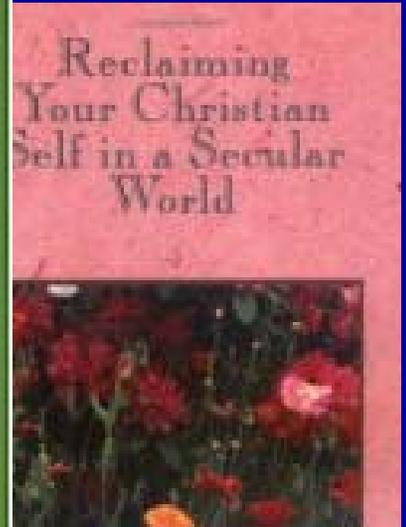
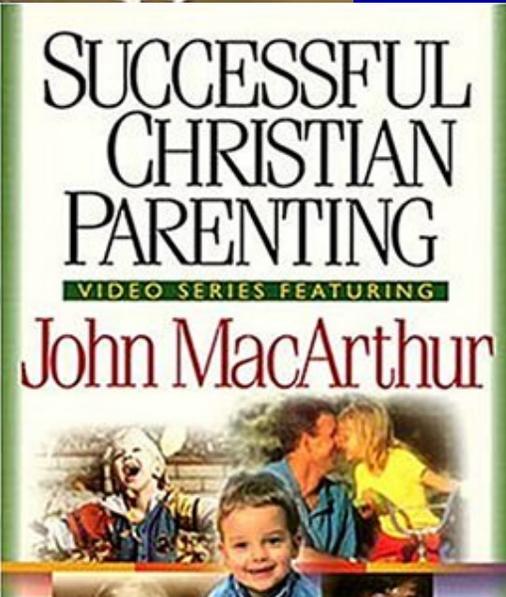
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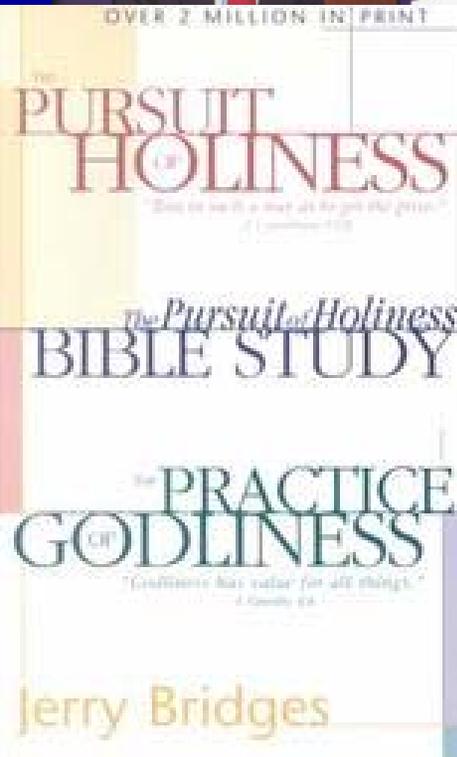
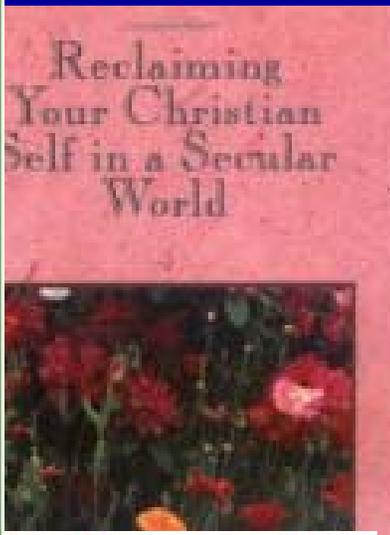
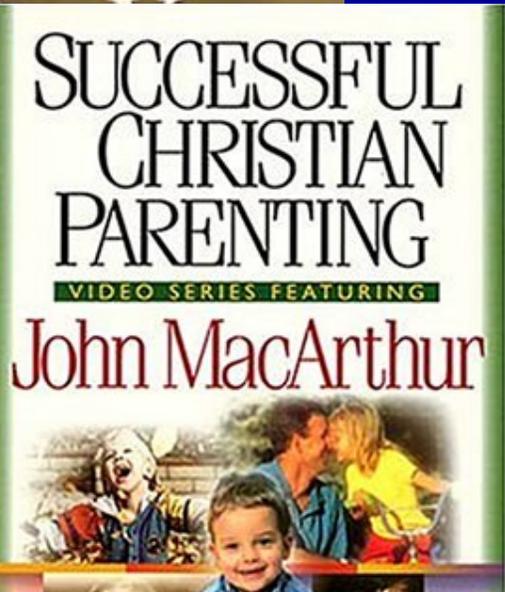


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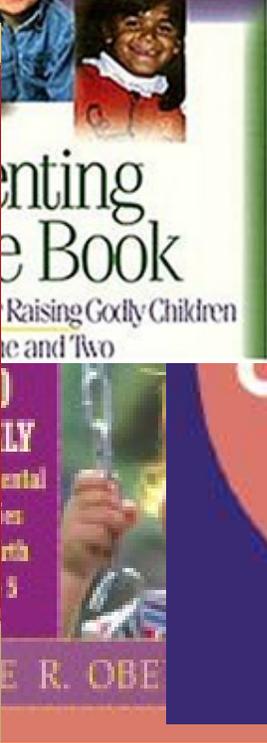
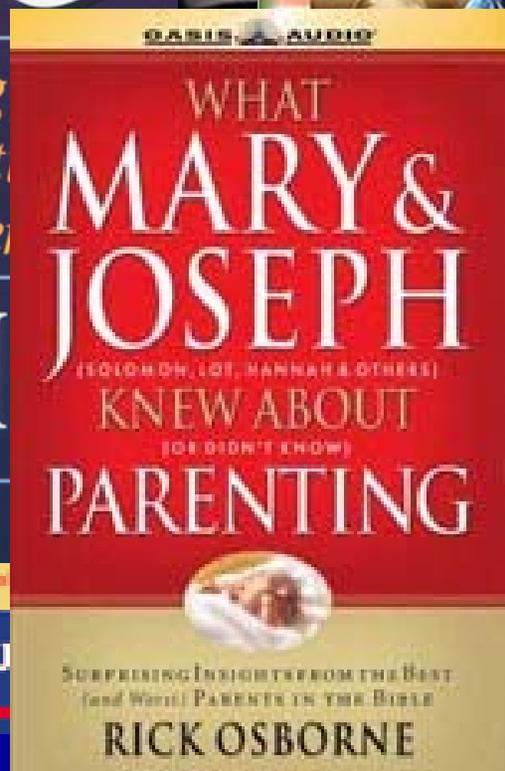


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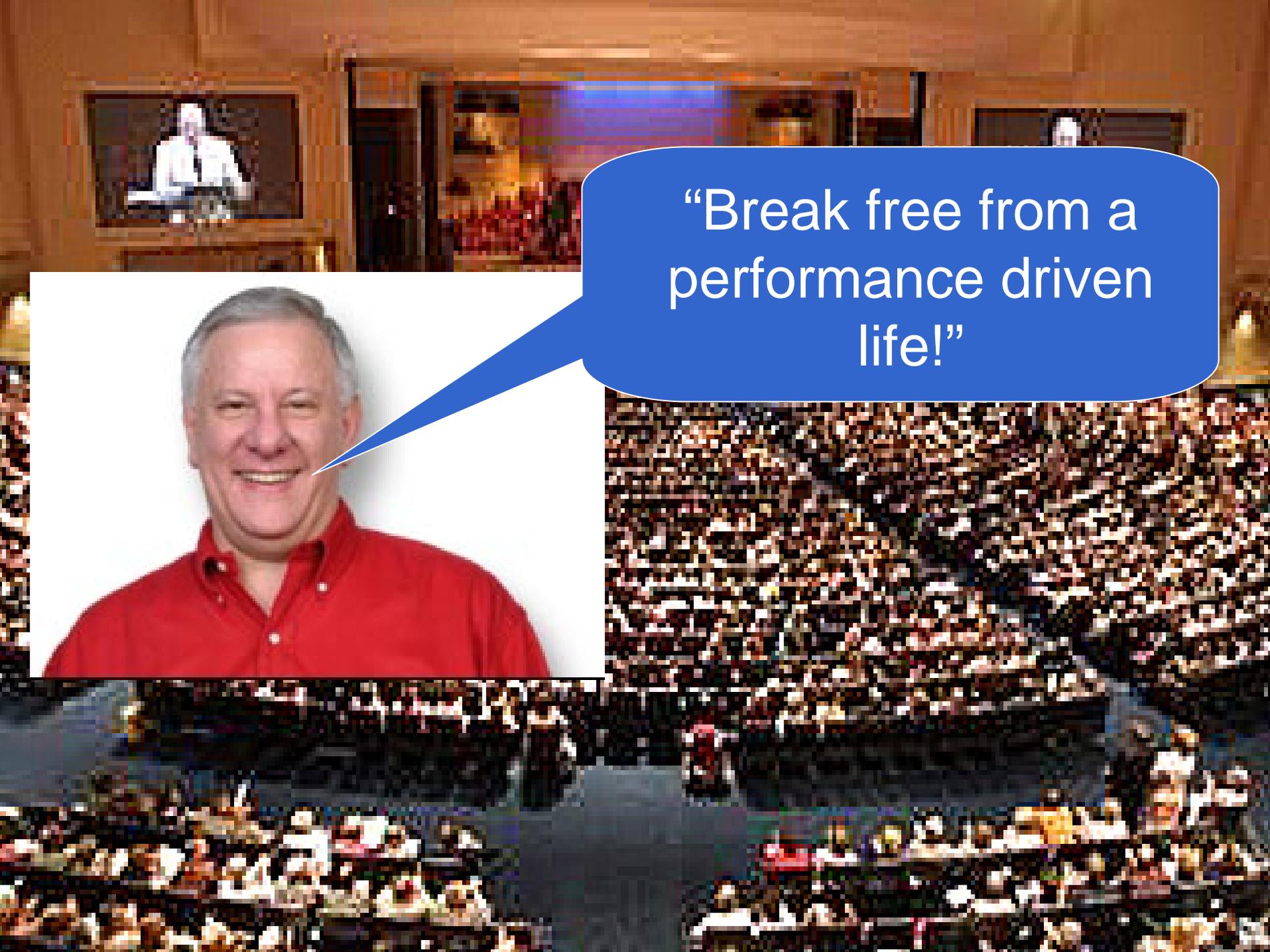




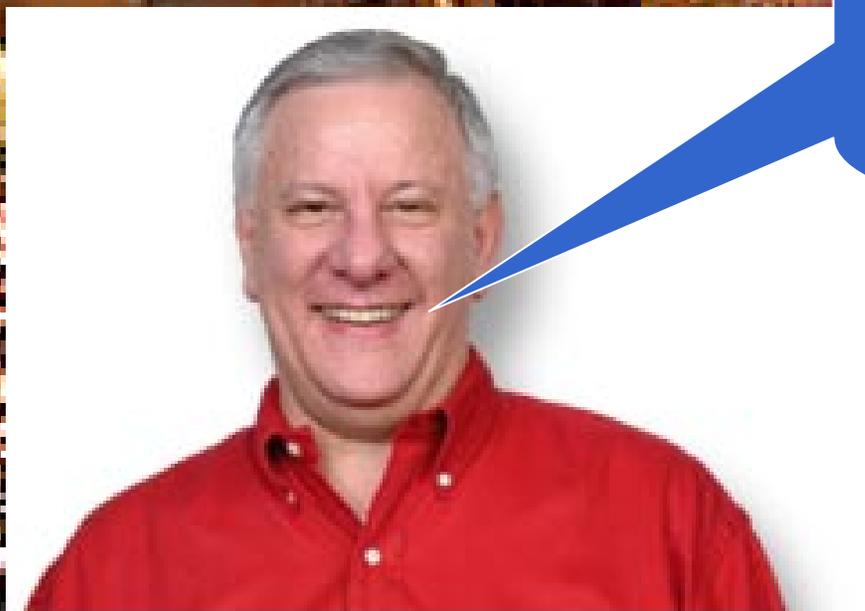








“Break free from a performance driven life!”



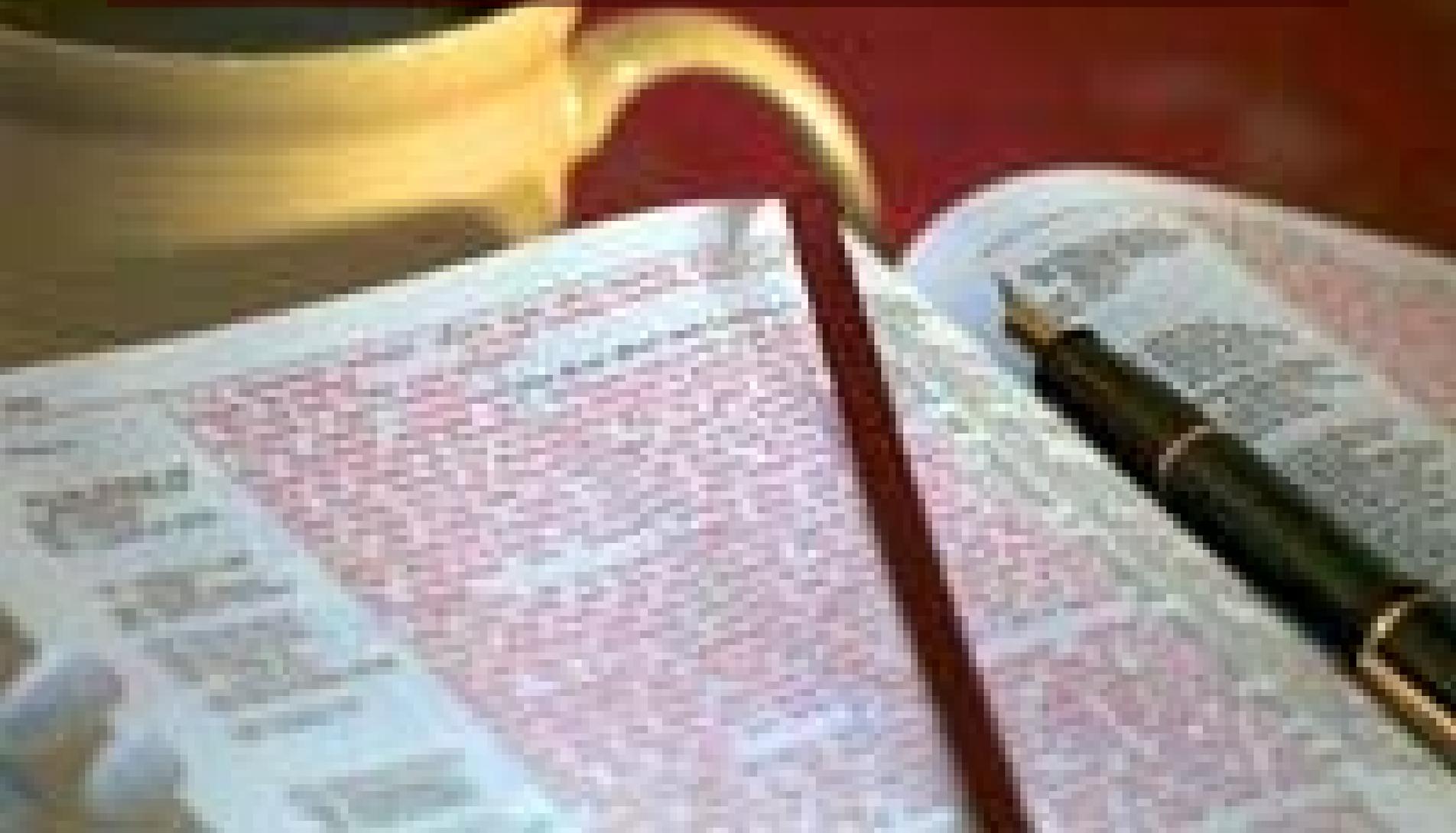






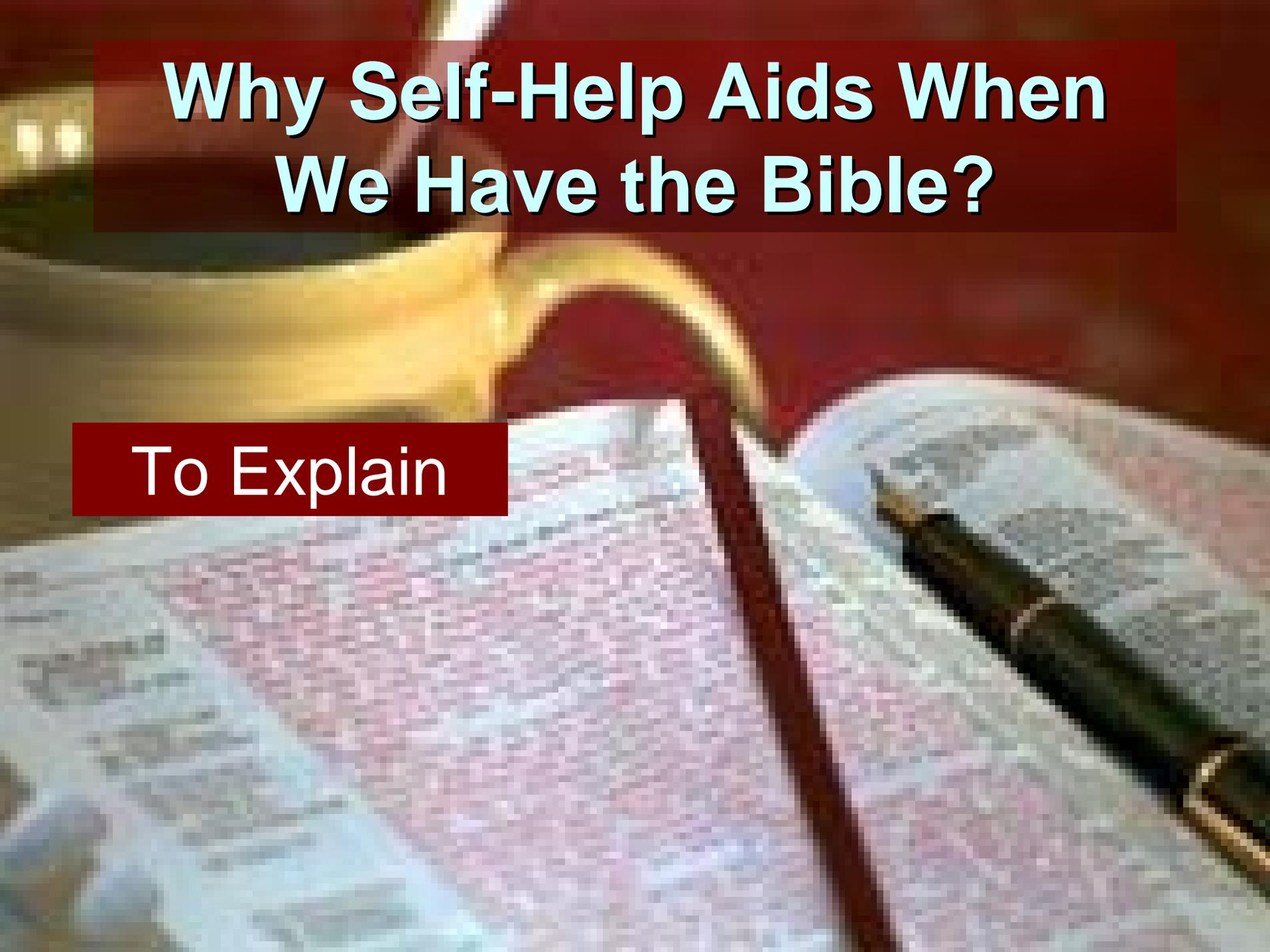


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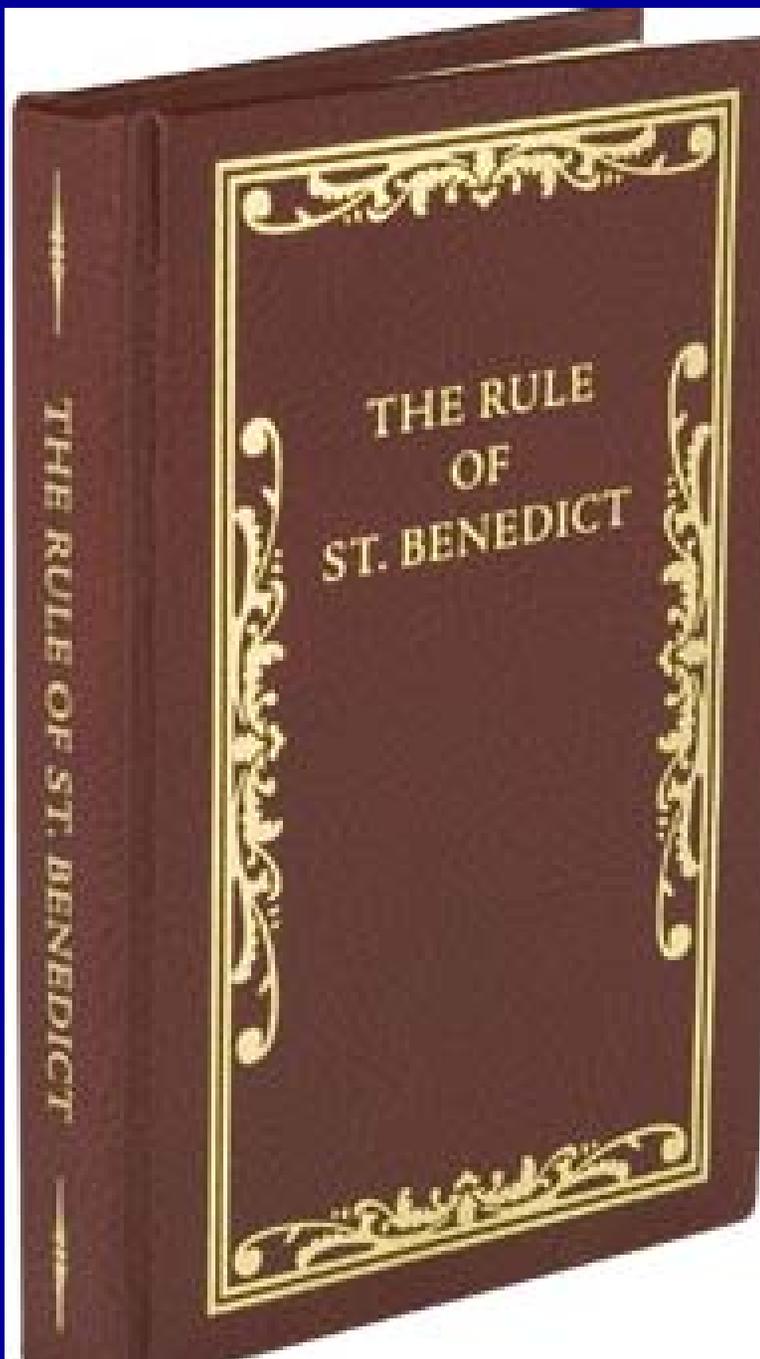
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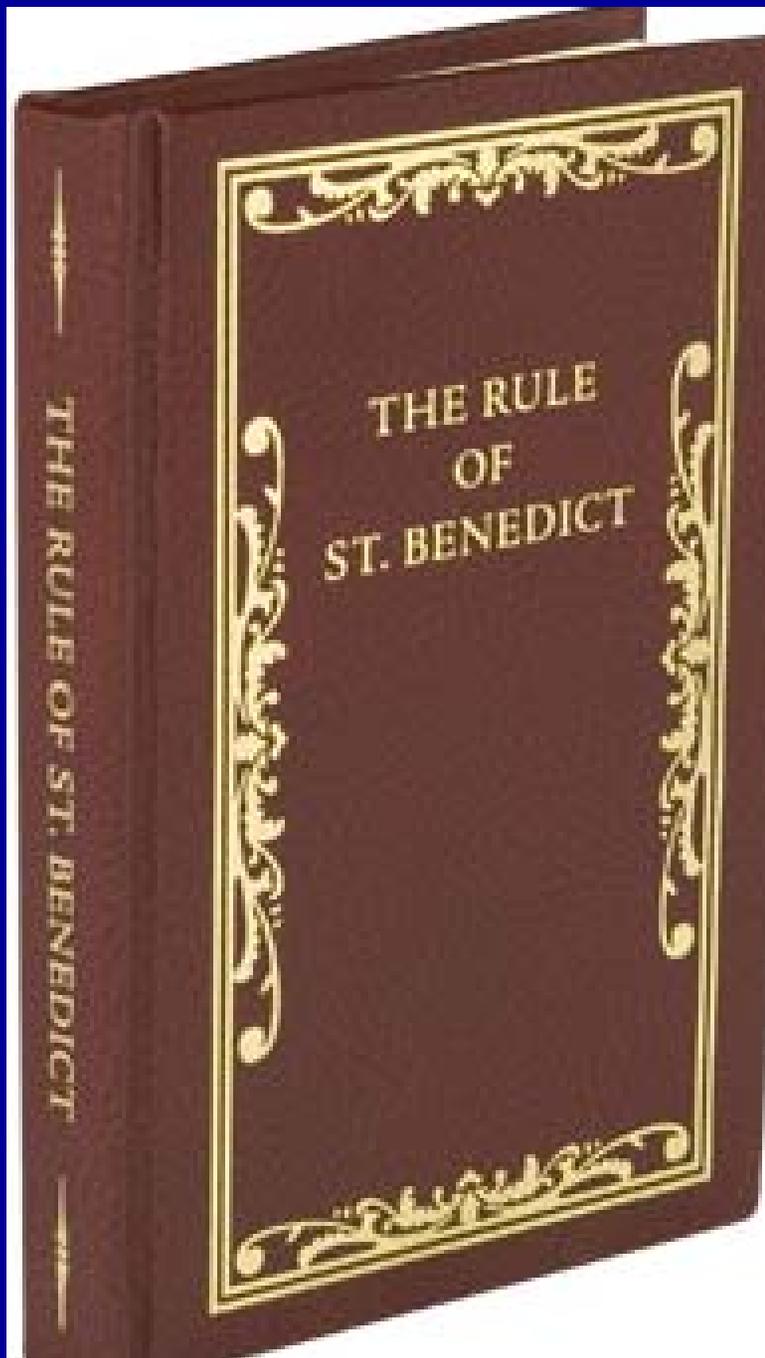
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“All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim. 3:16-17

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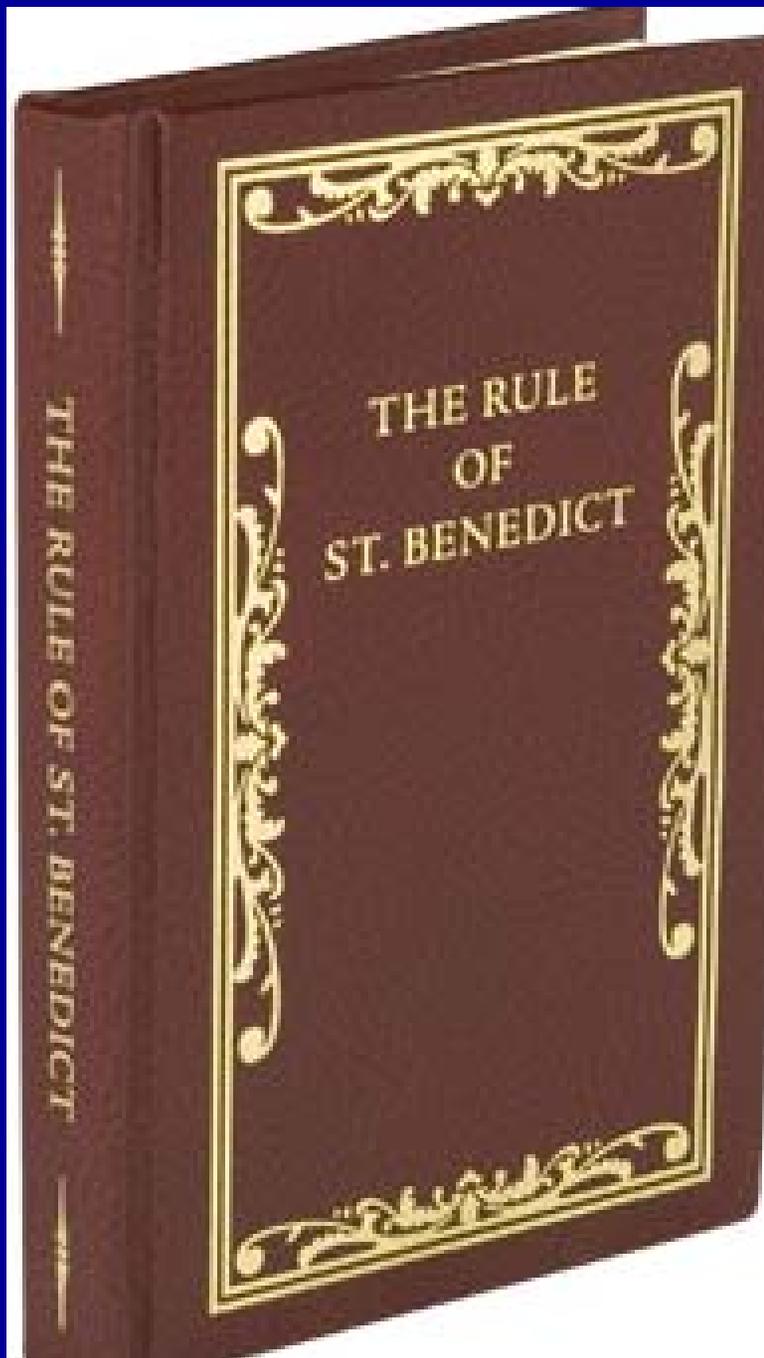


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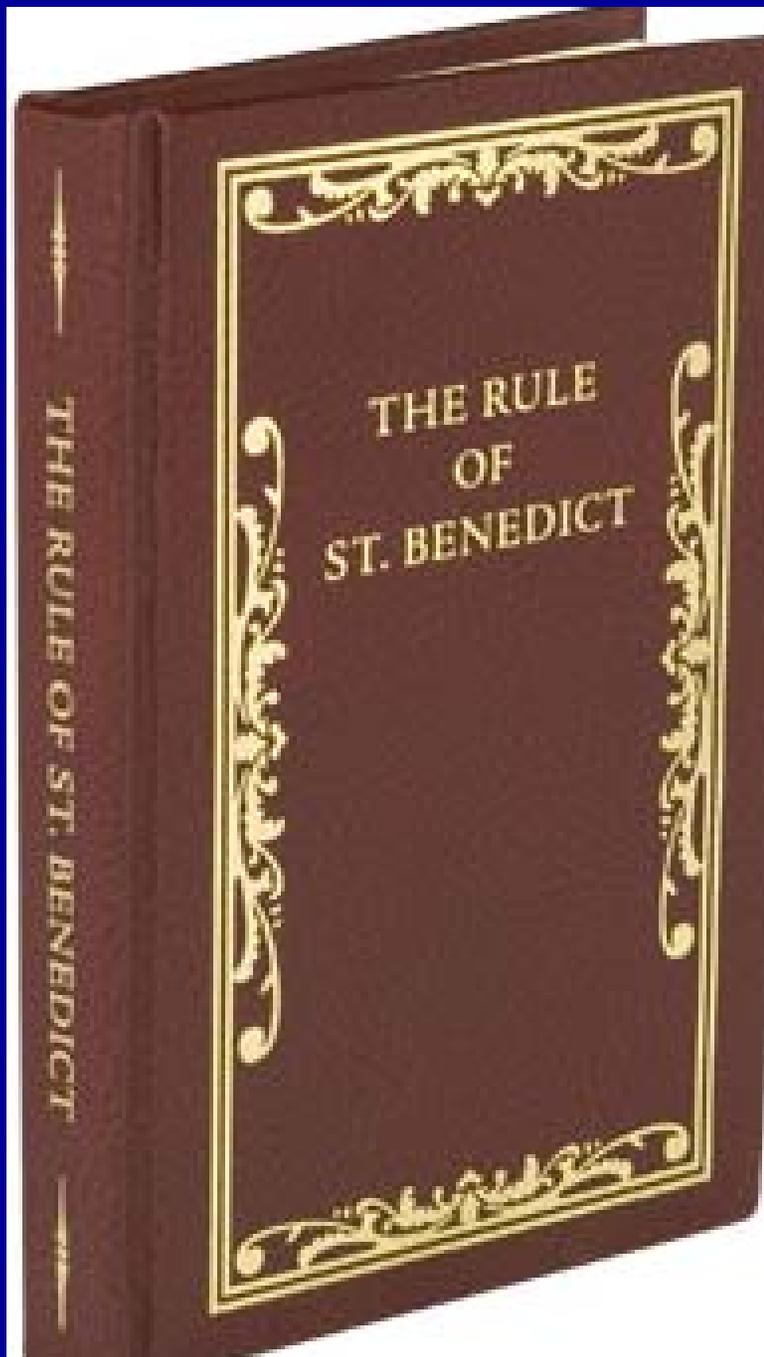


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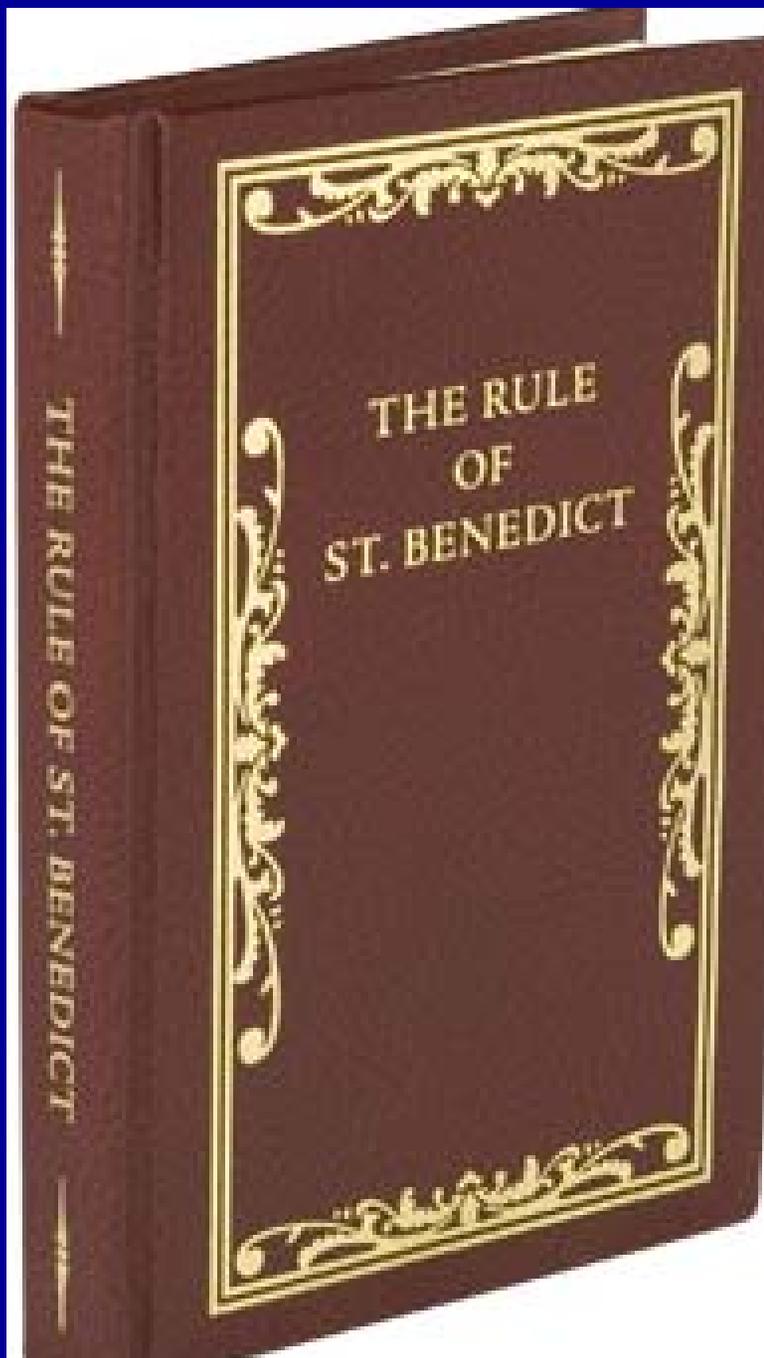


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Life of Benedict



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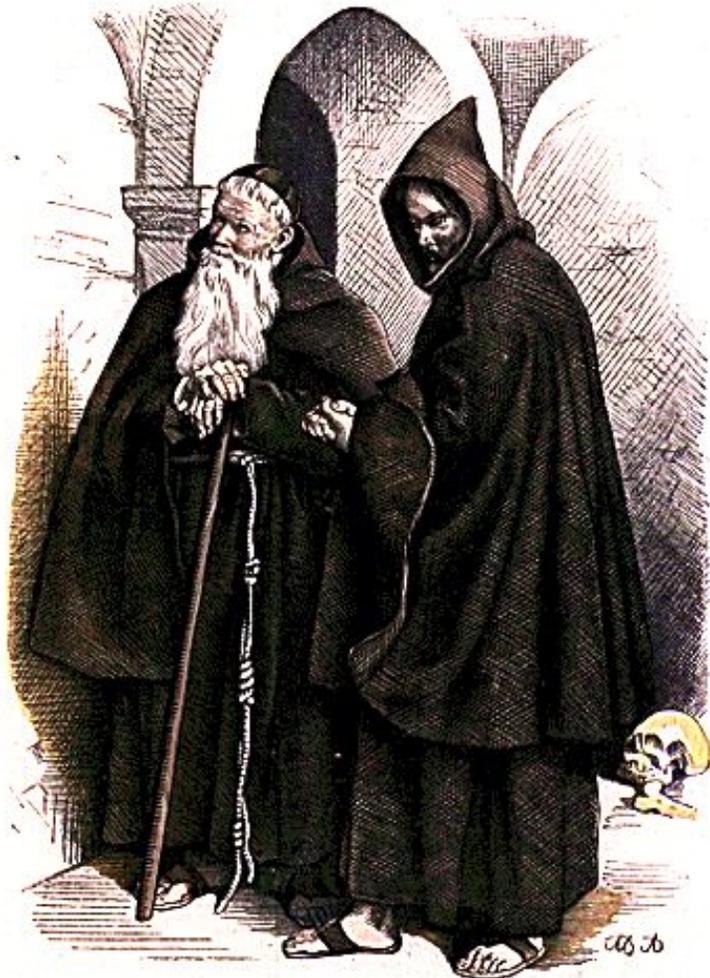
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- Monastic rules are set up

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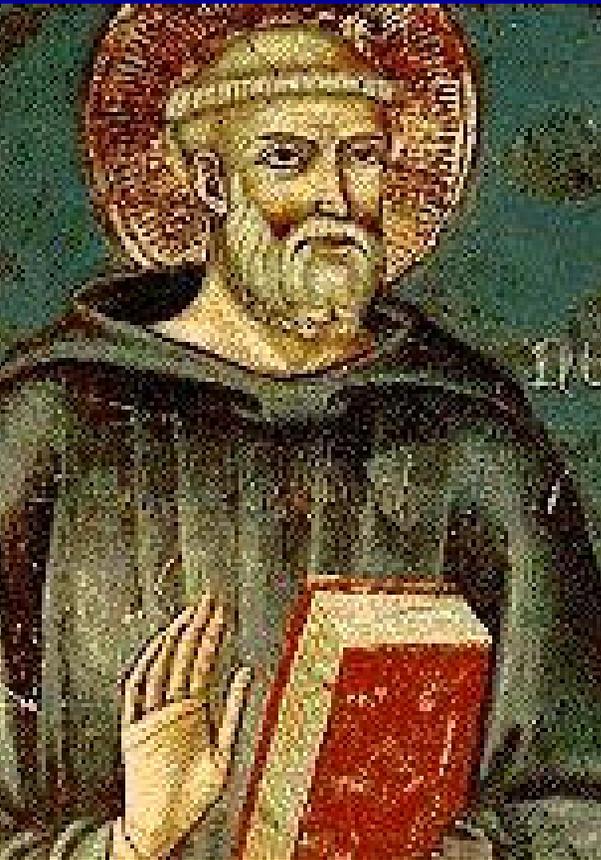
BOTTOM LINE:

After 535, Italy is beset by plague, misery, and desolation

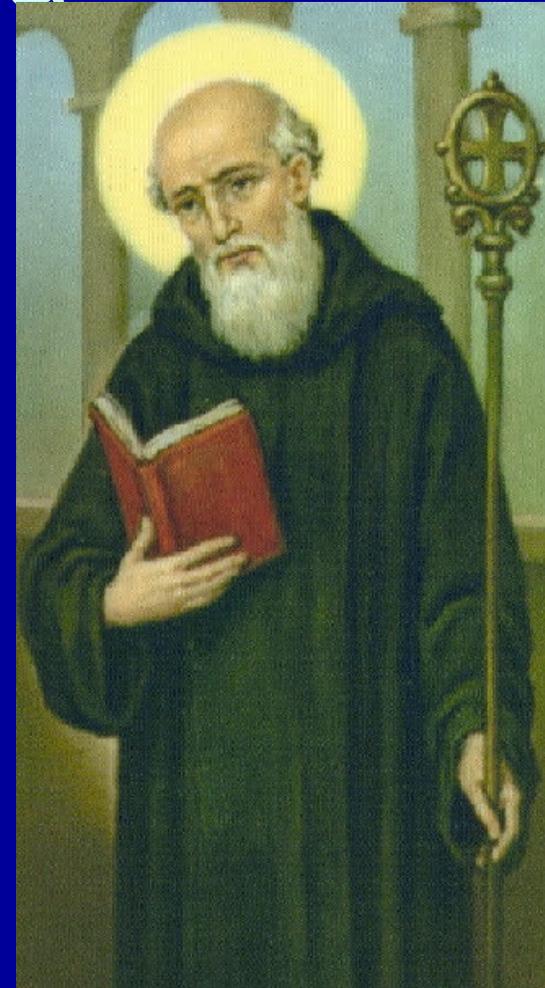
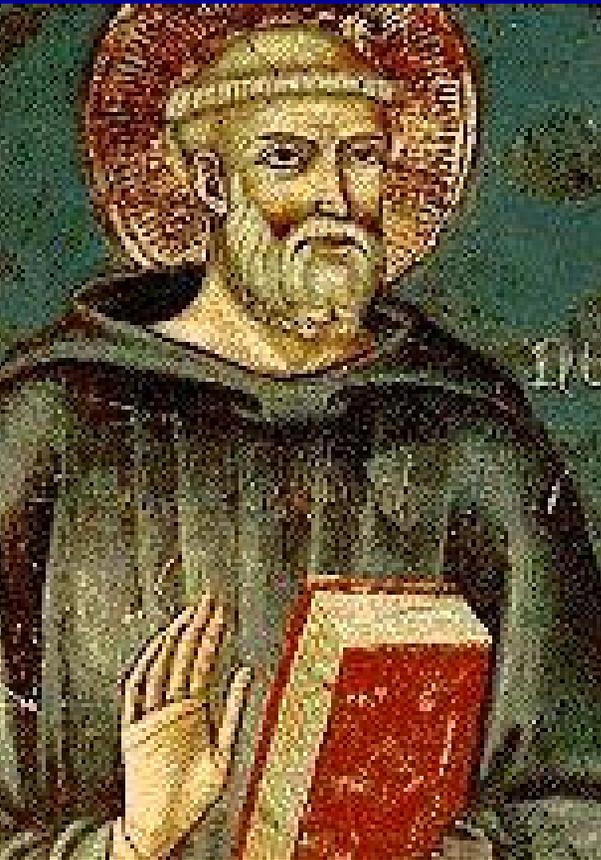


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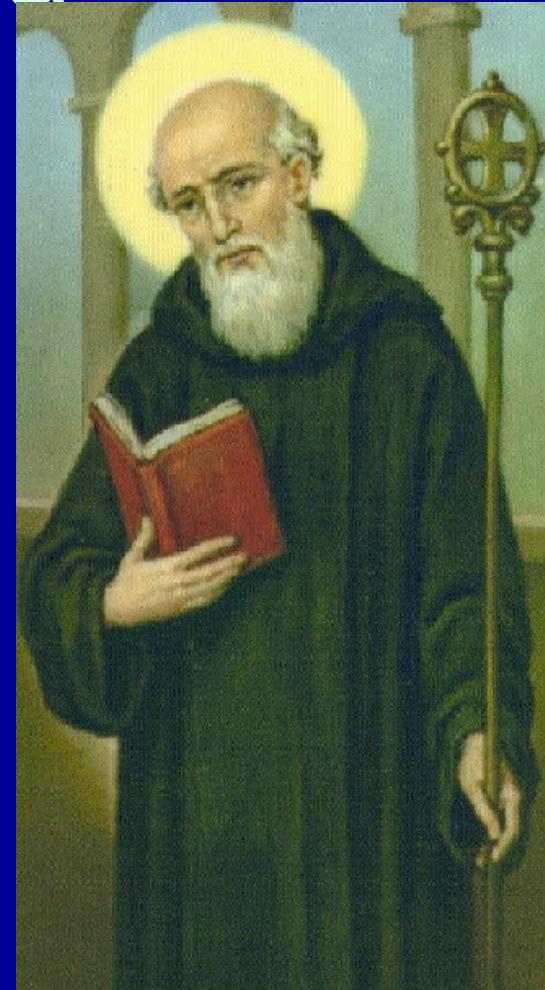
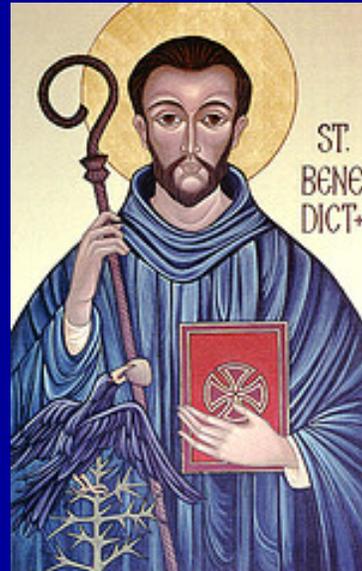
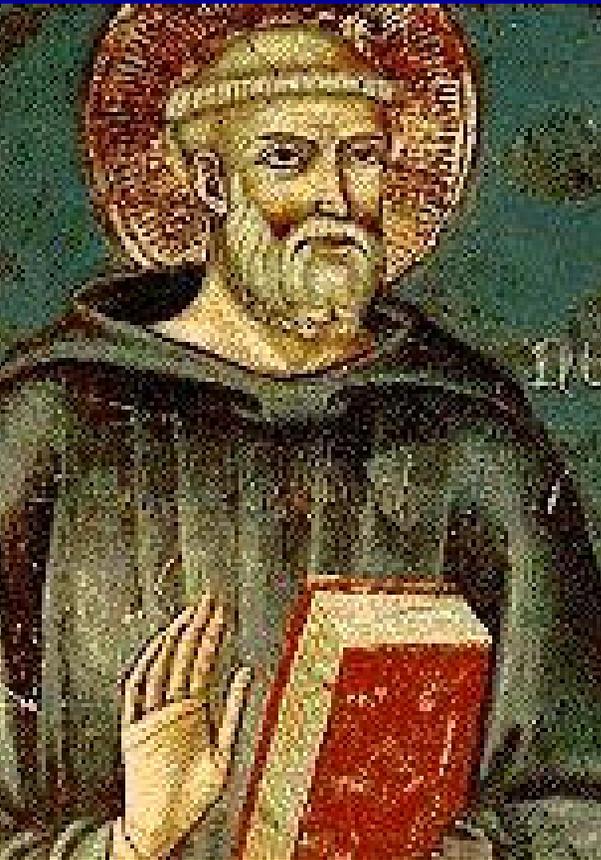
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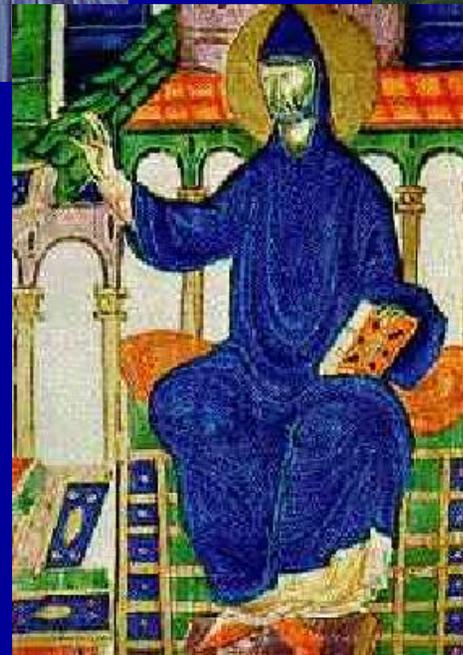
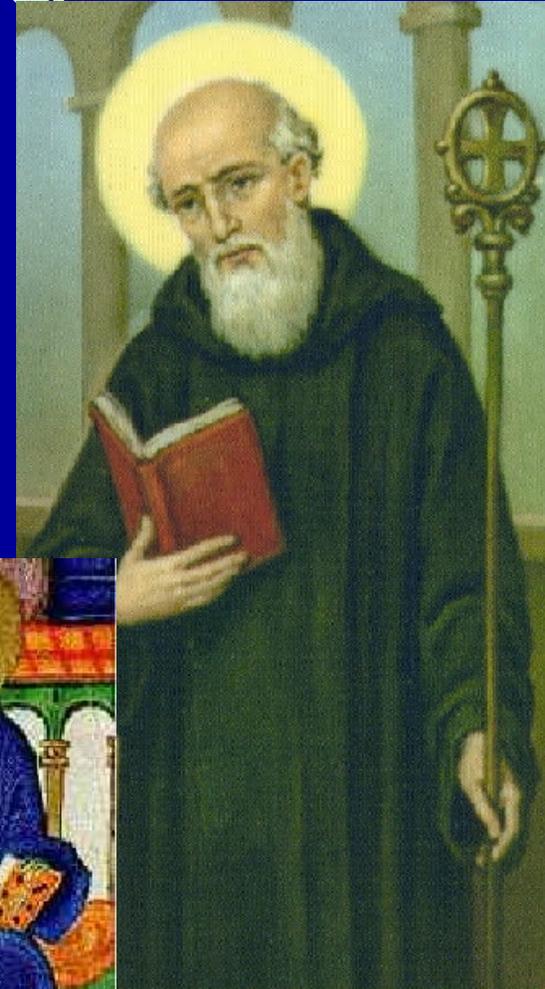
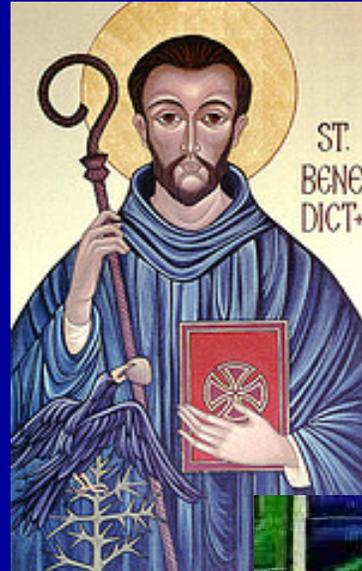
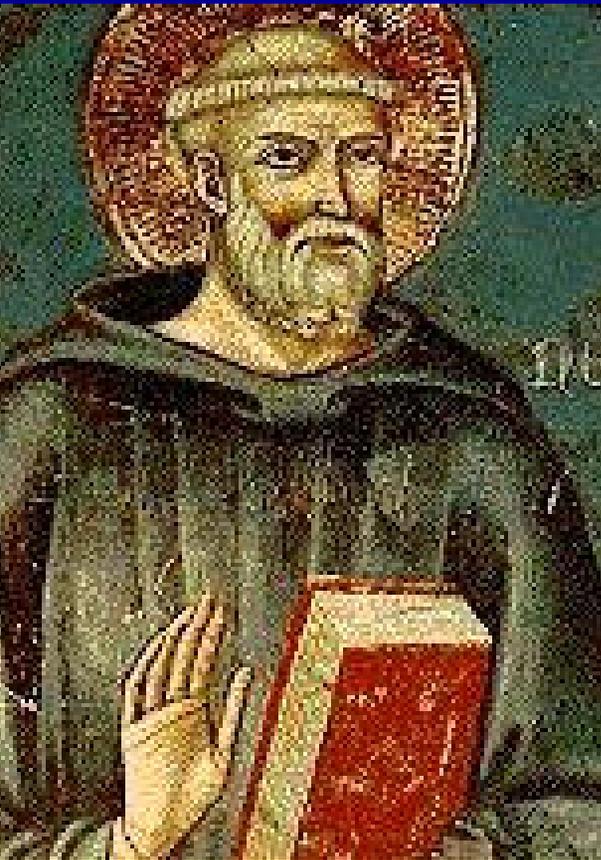
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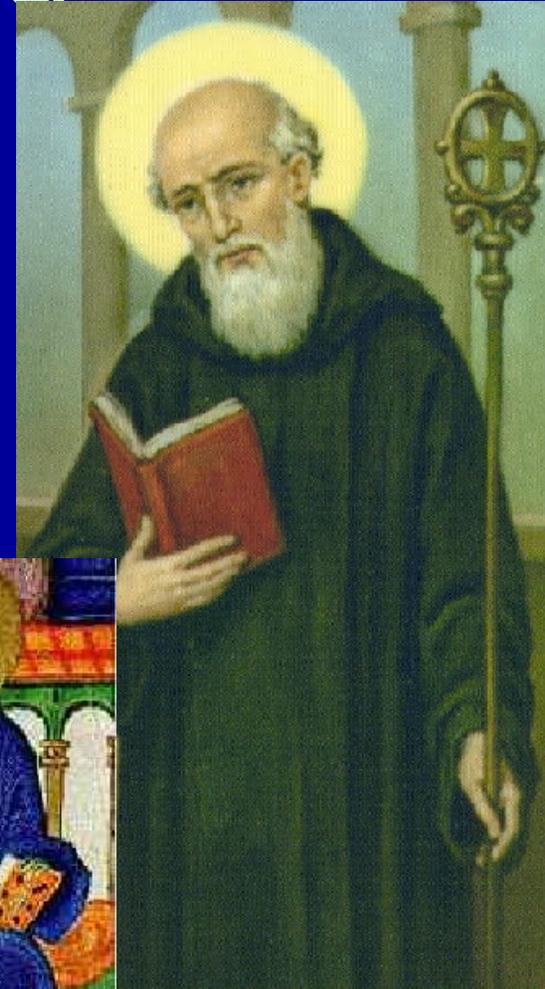
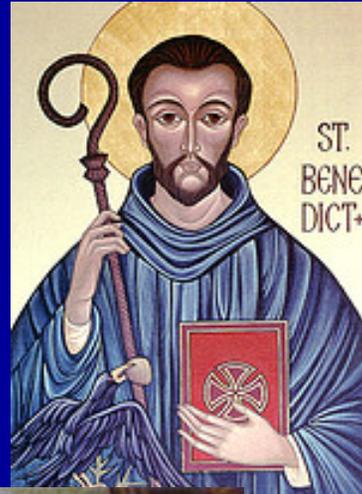
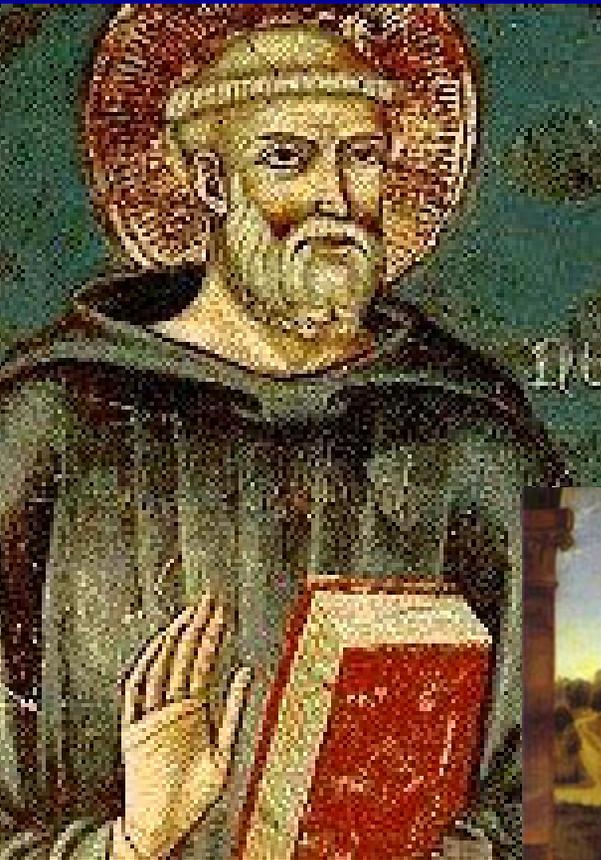
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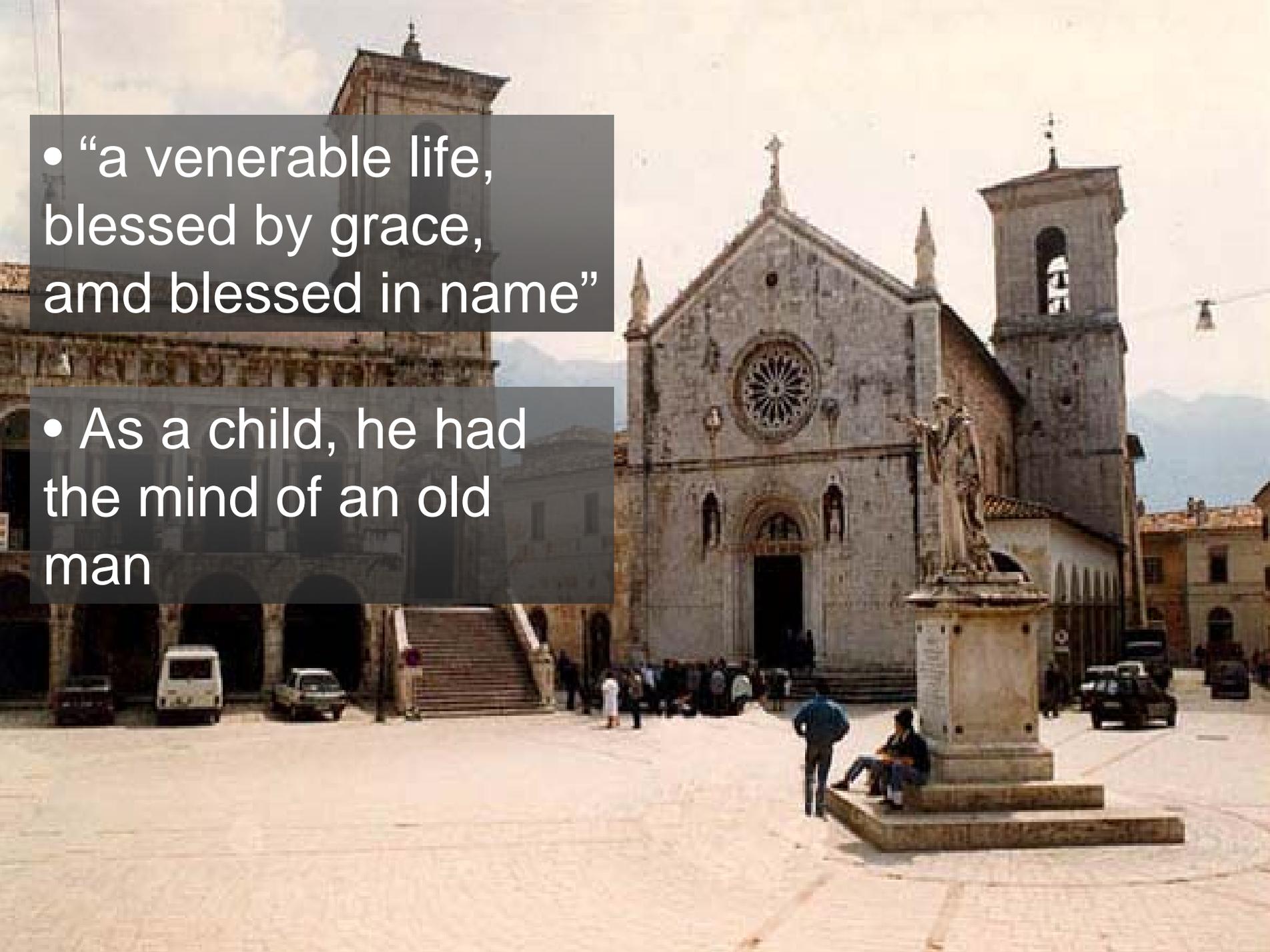


- “a venerable life, blessed by grace, and blessed in name”



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- As a child, he had the mind of an old man





- Studies humanities



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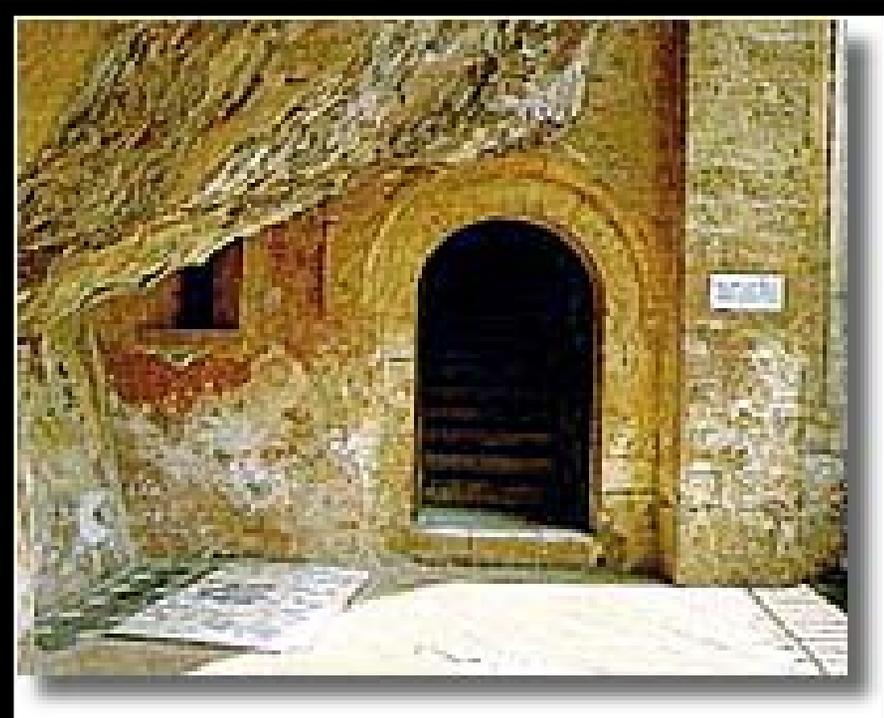
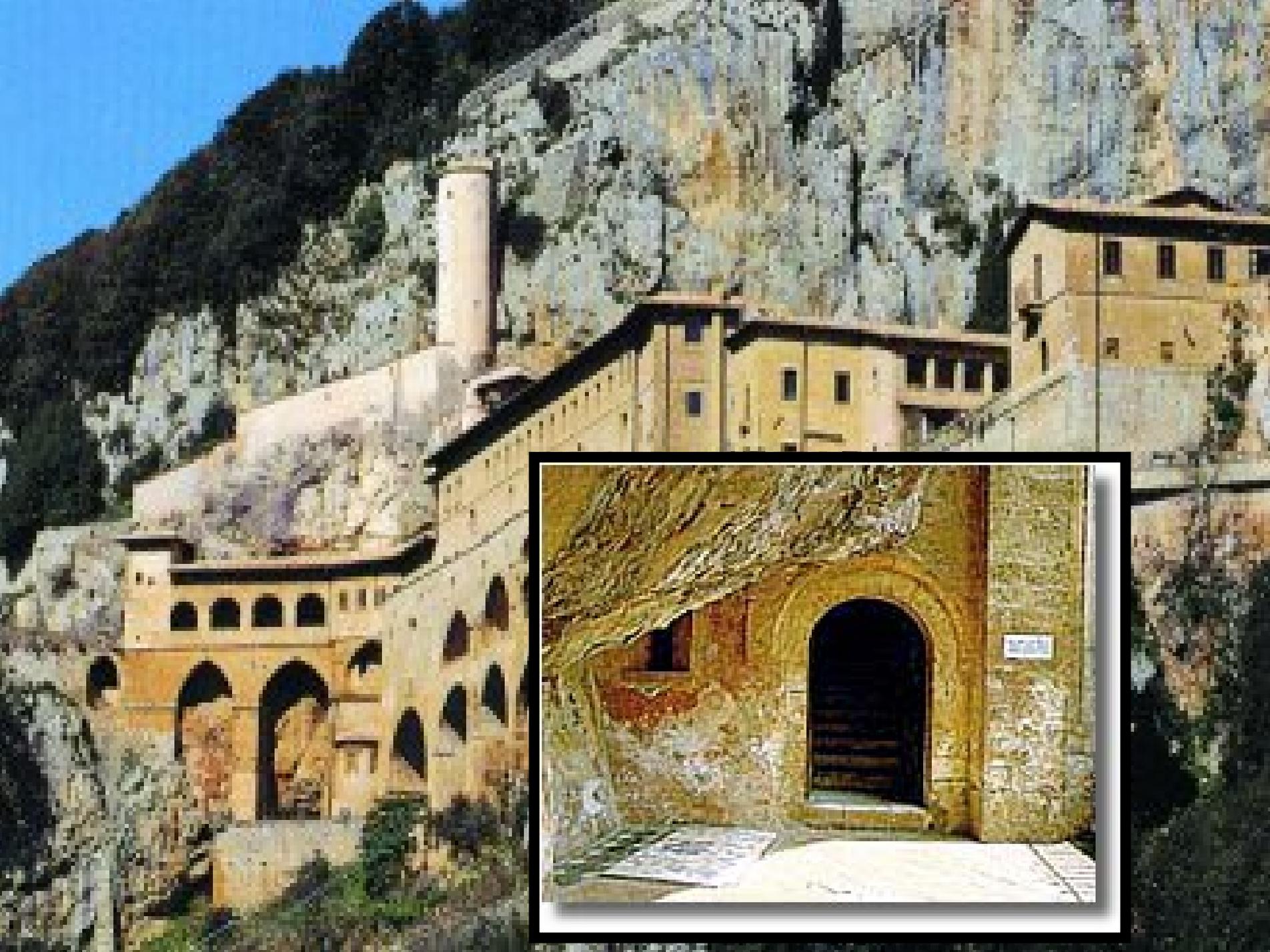
- Leaves school concerned over sin





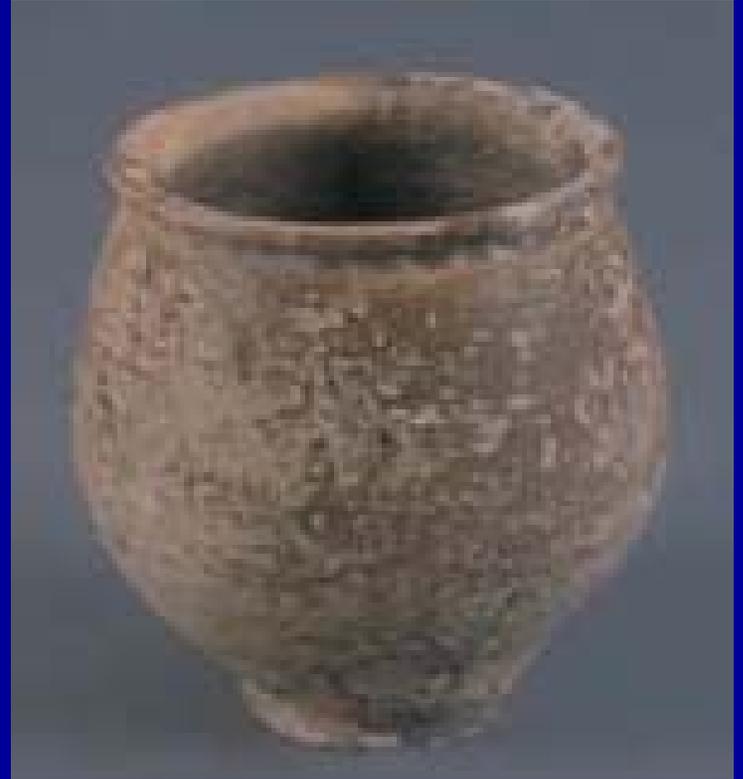






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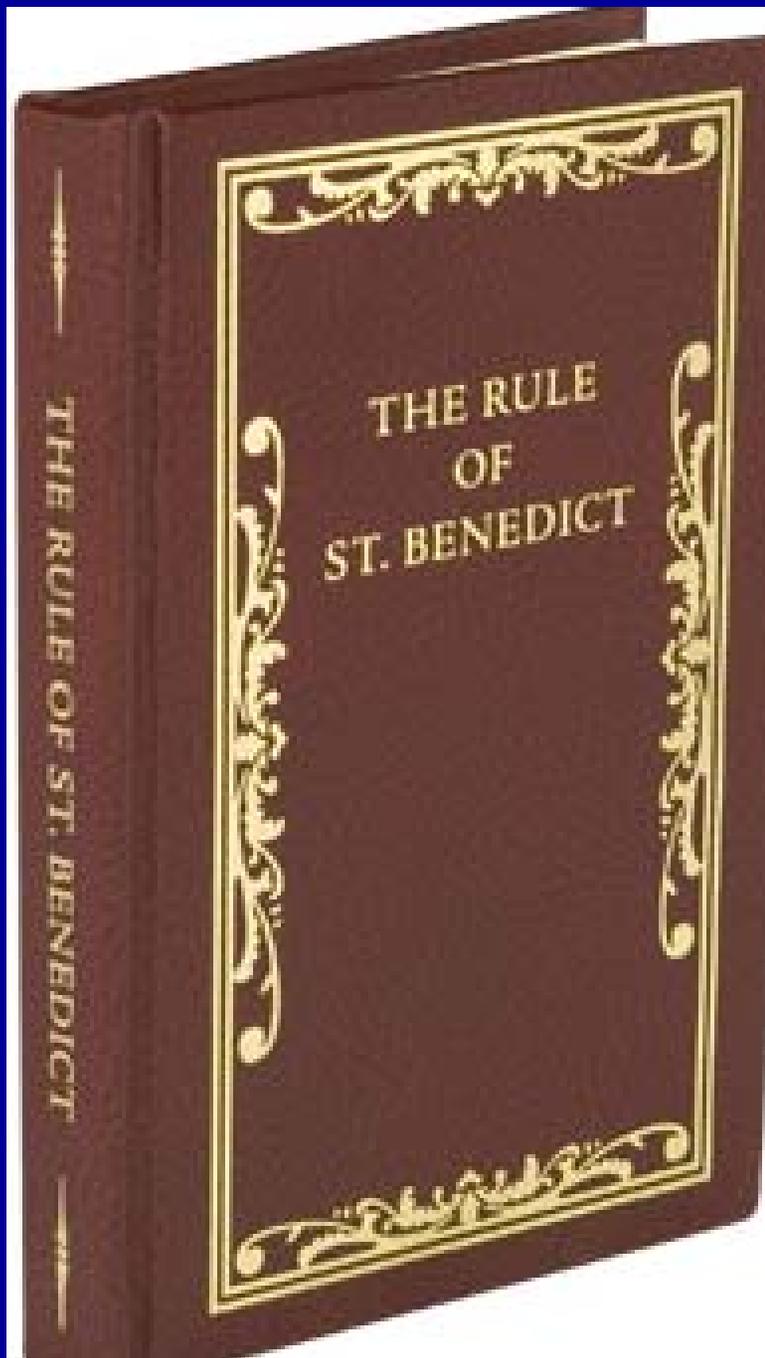
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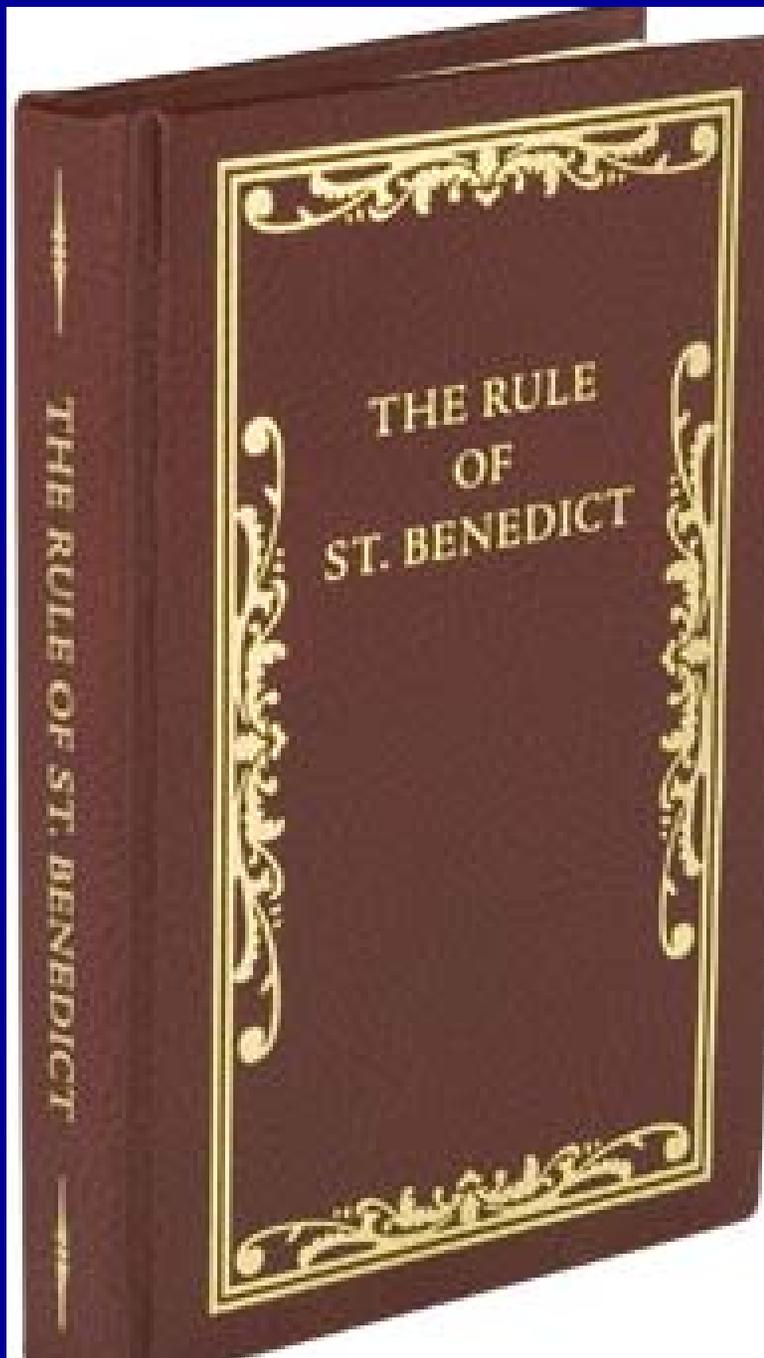




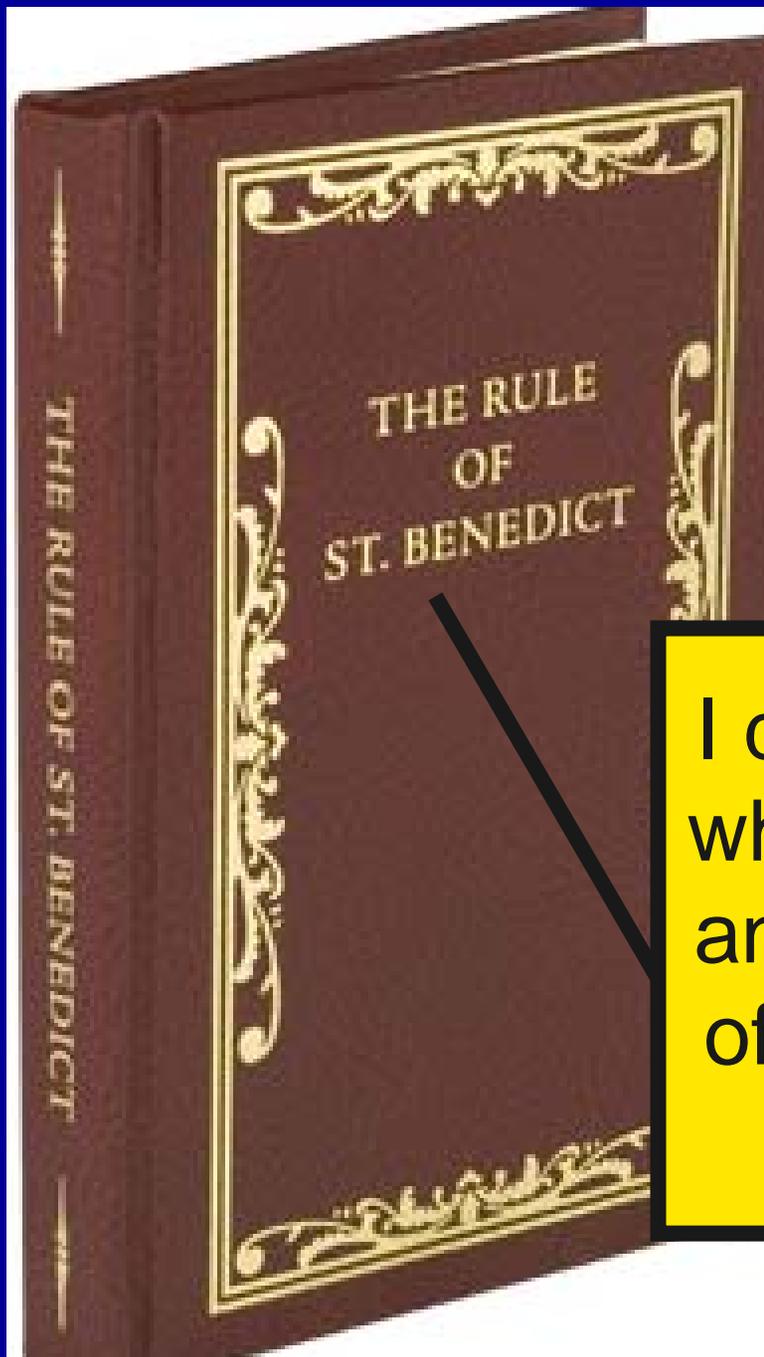


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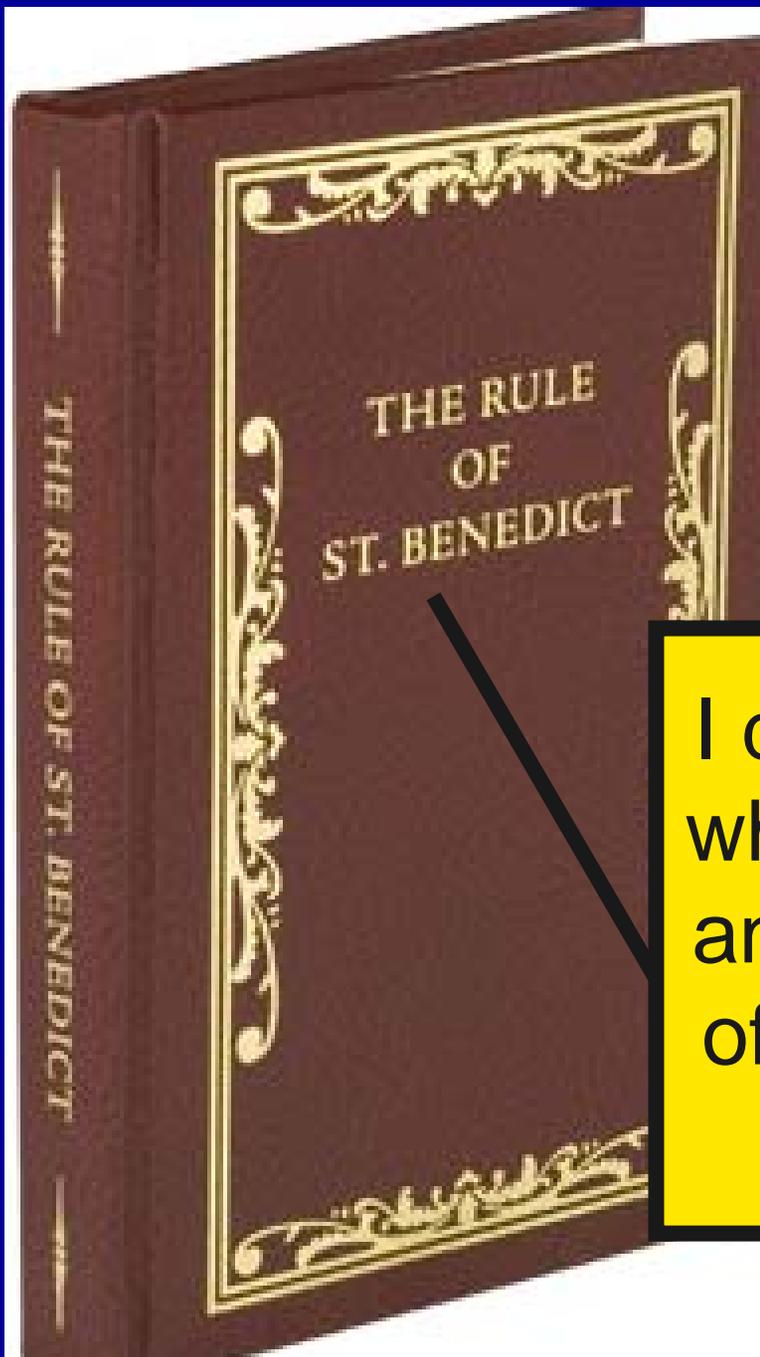
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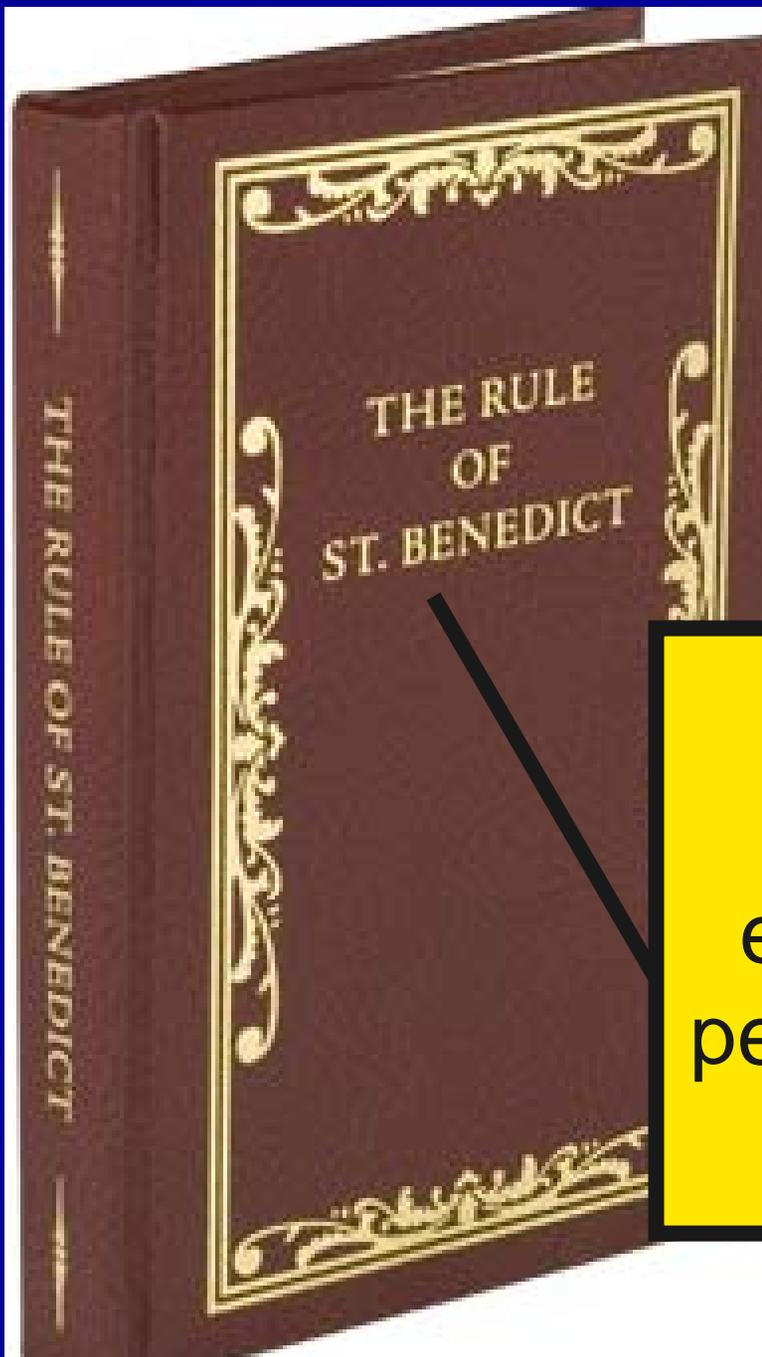
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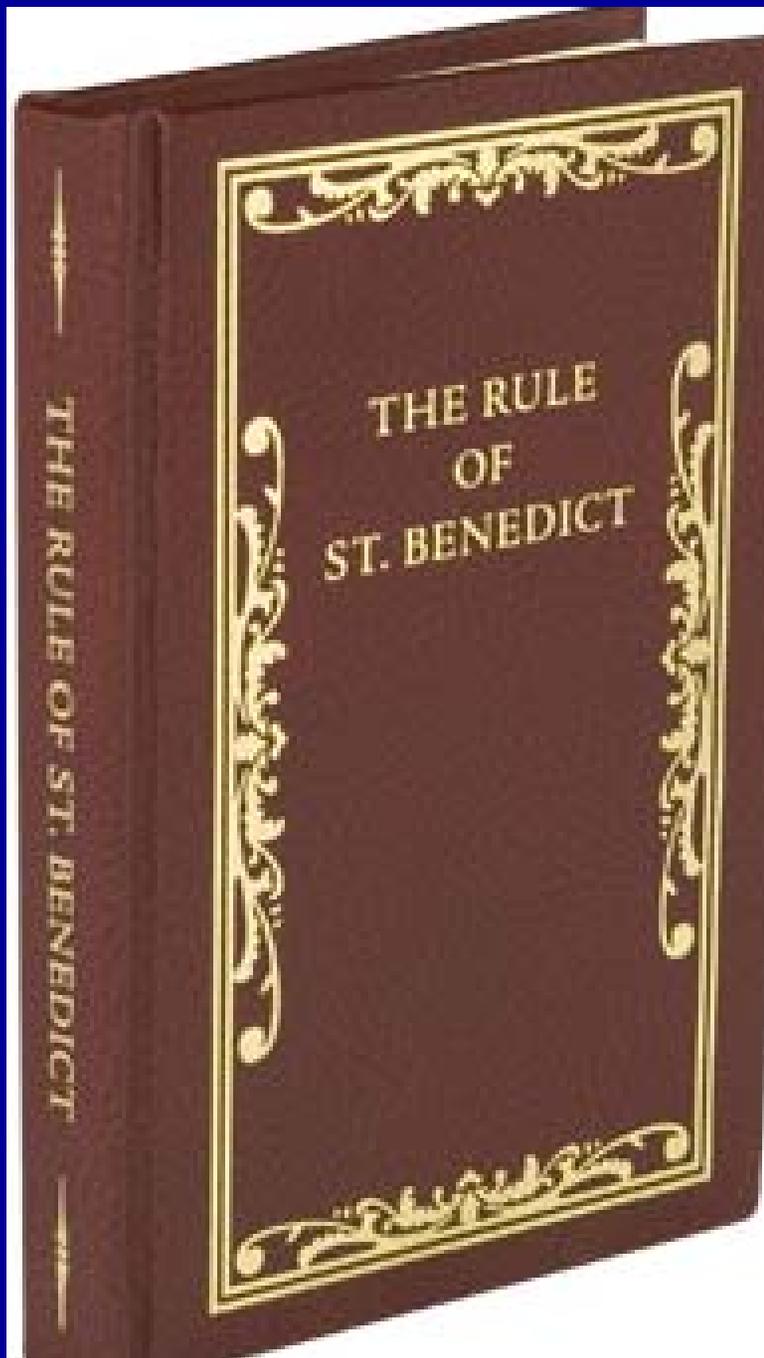
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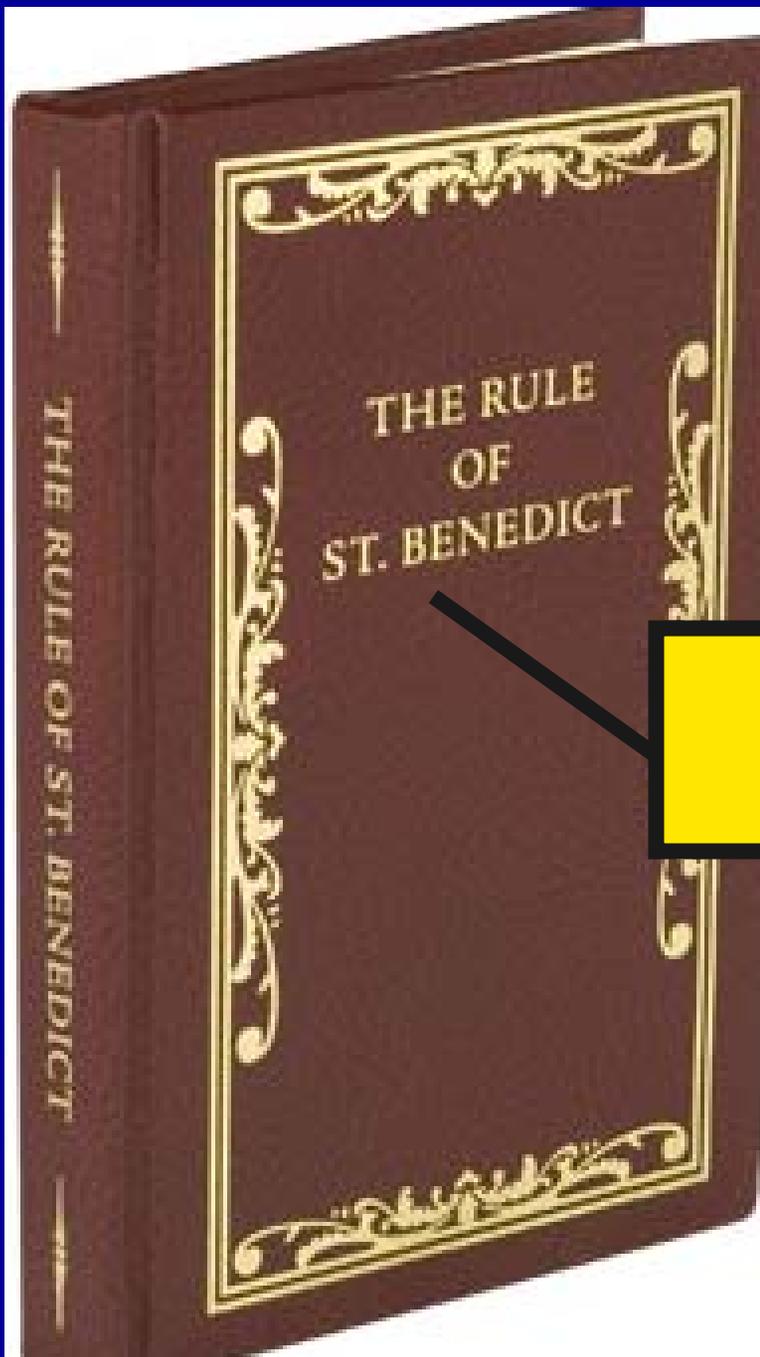
“Listen...”

Beg of God “by most earnest prayer, that he perfect whatever god you begin”



# General Traits

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The list of 73!

Give it a Try!

# Give it a Try!

1

2

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73

# Give it a Try!

1 Love the Lord God with the whole heart,  
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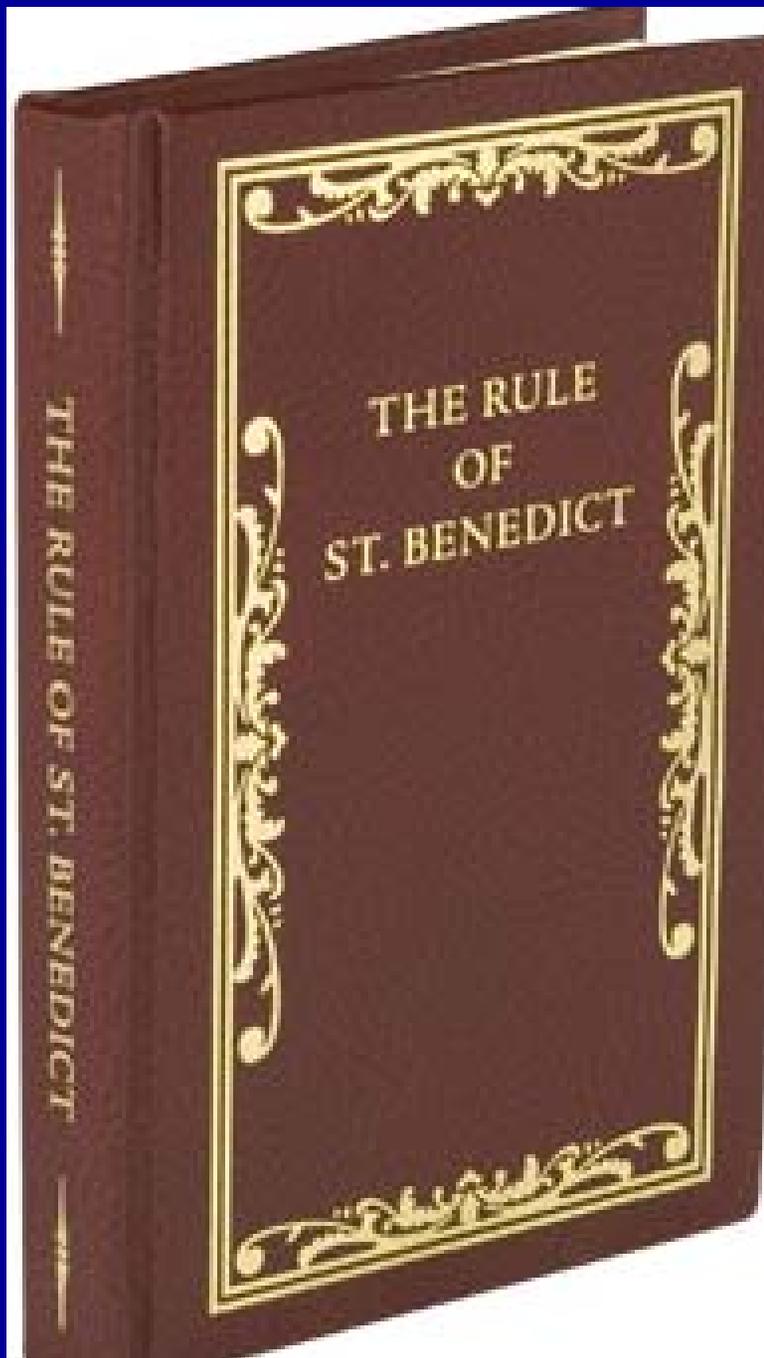
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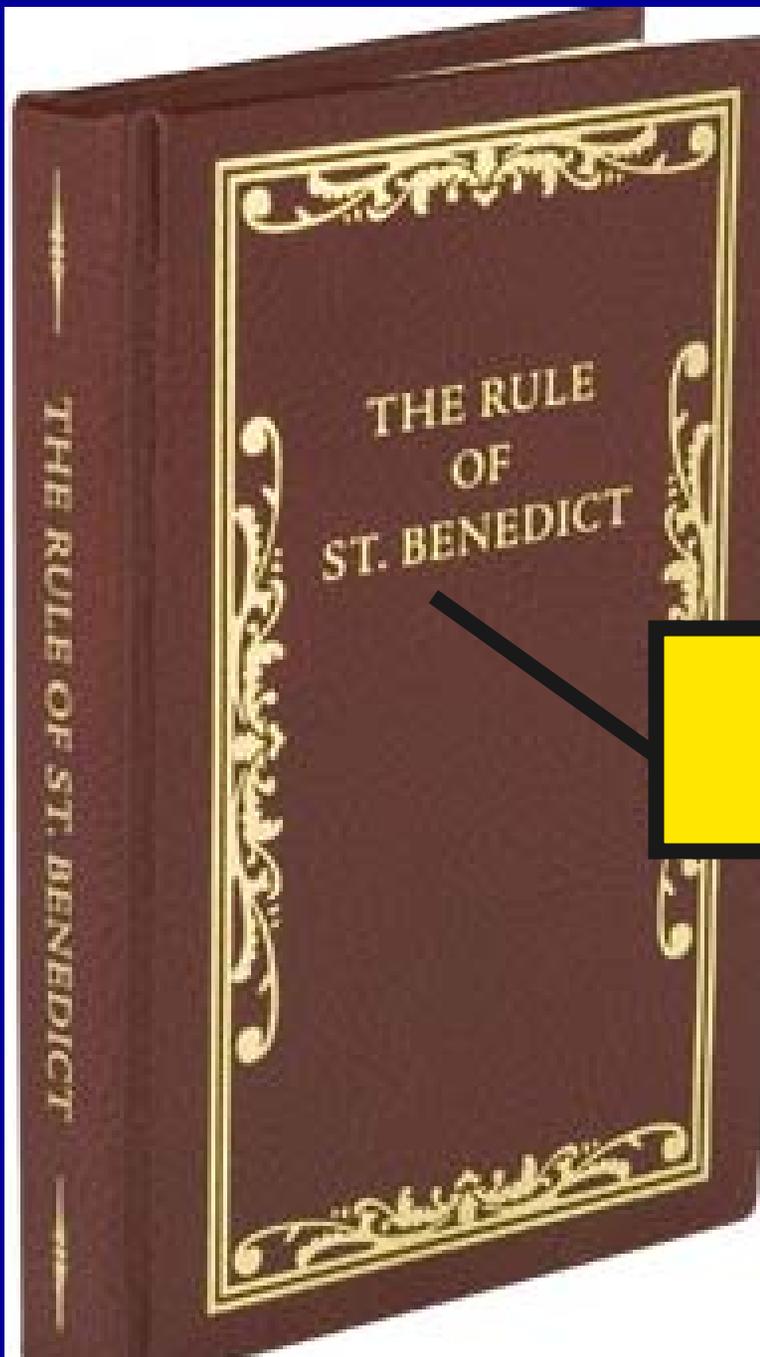
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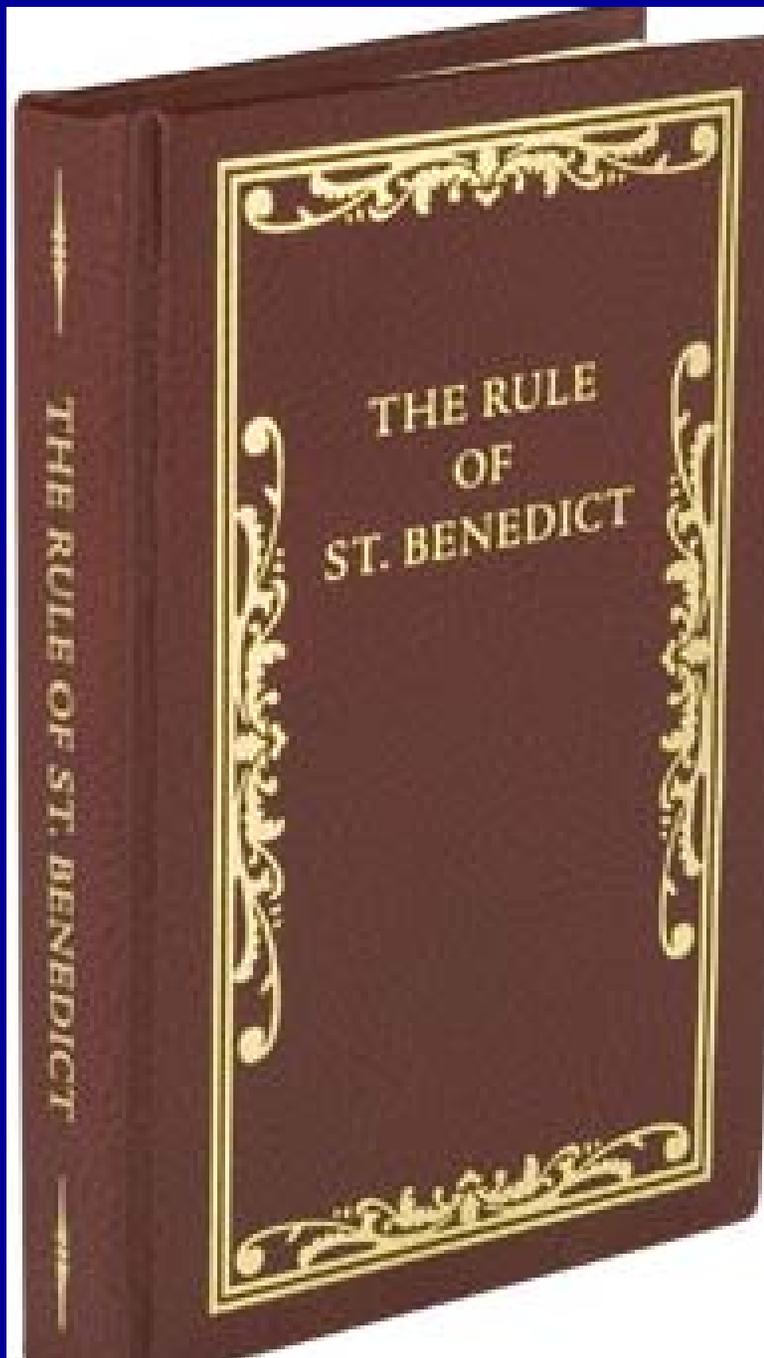


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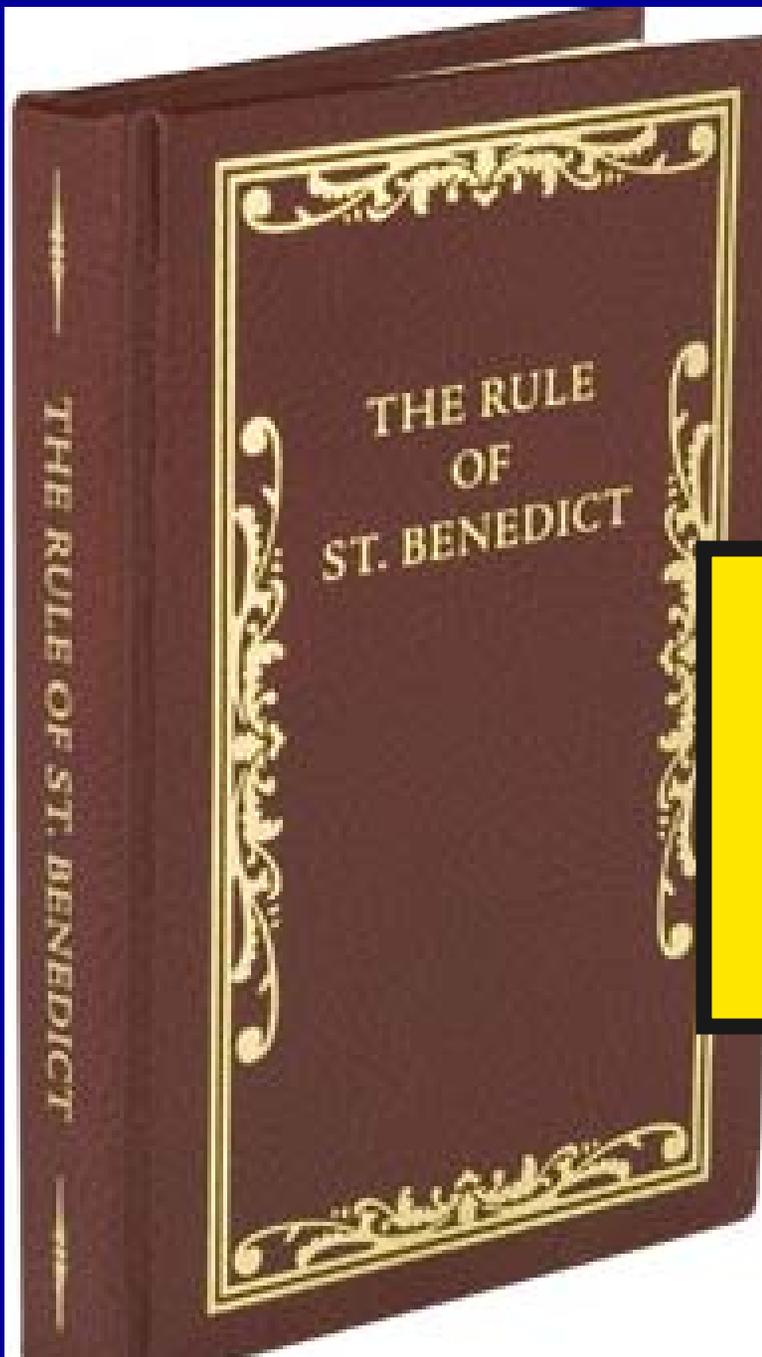
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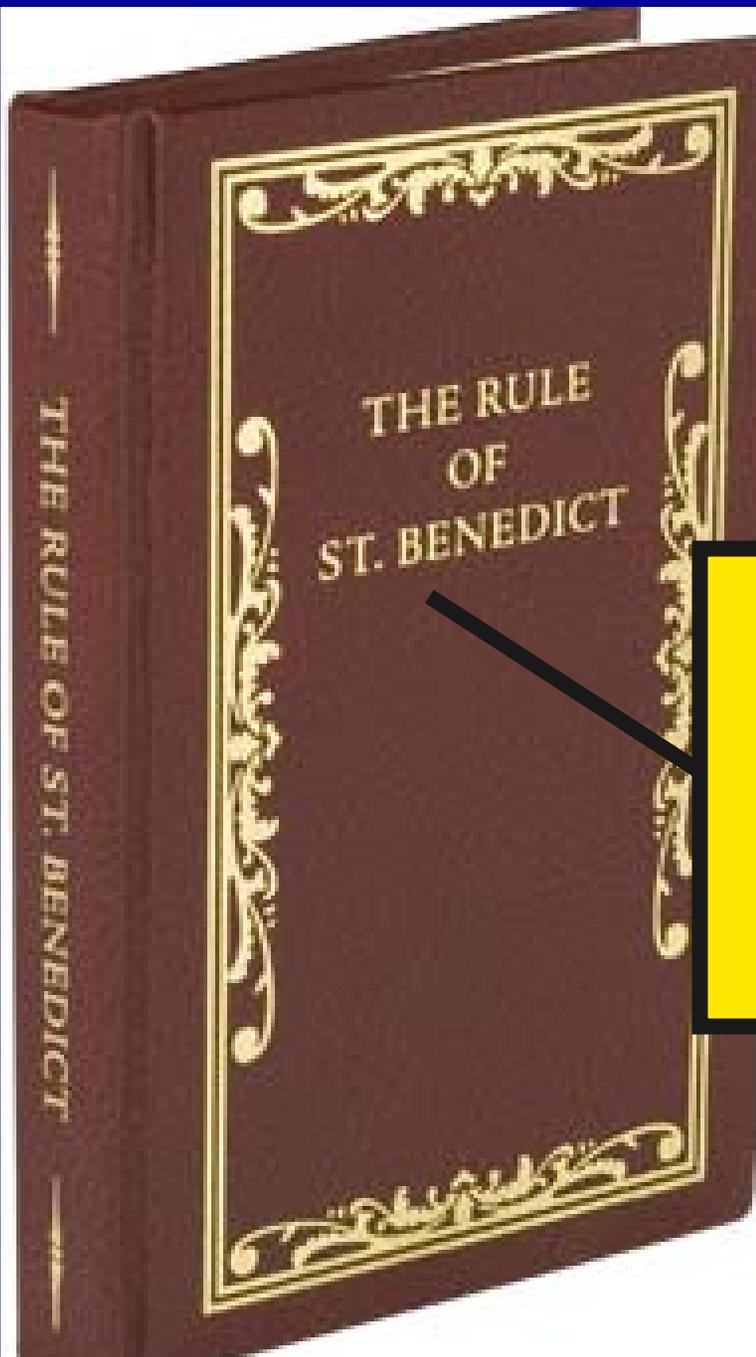


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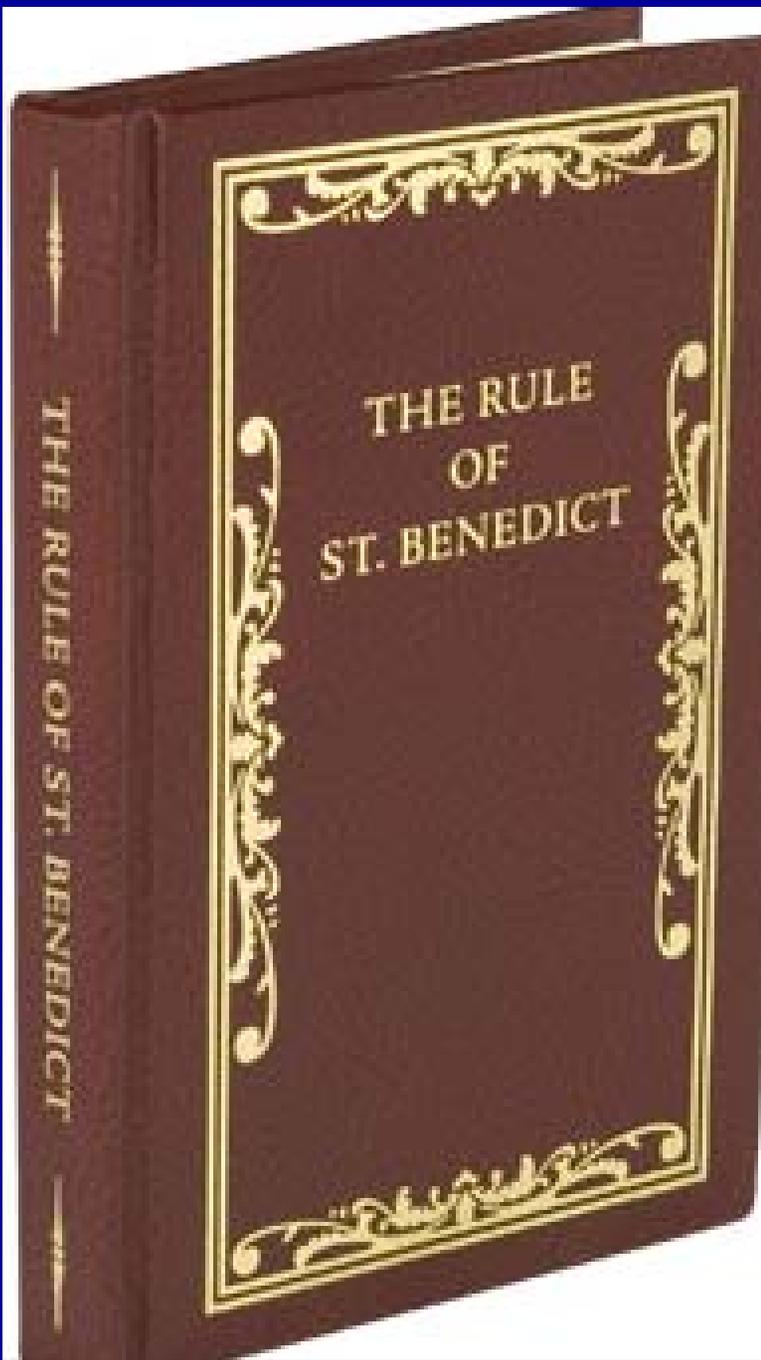
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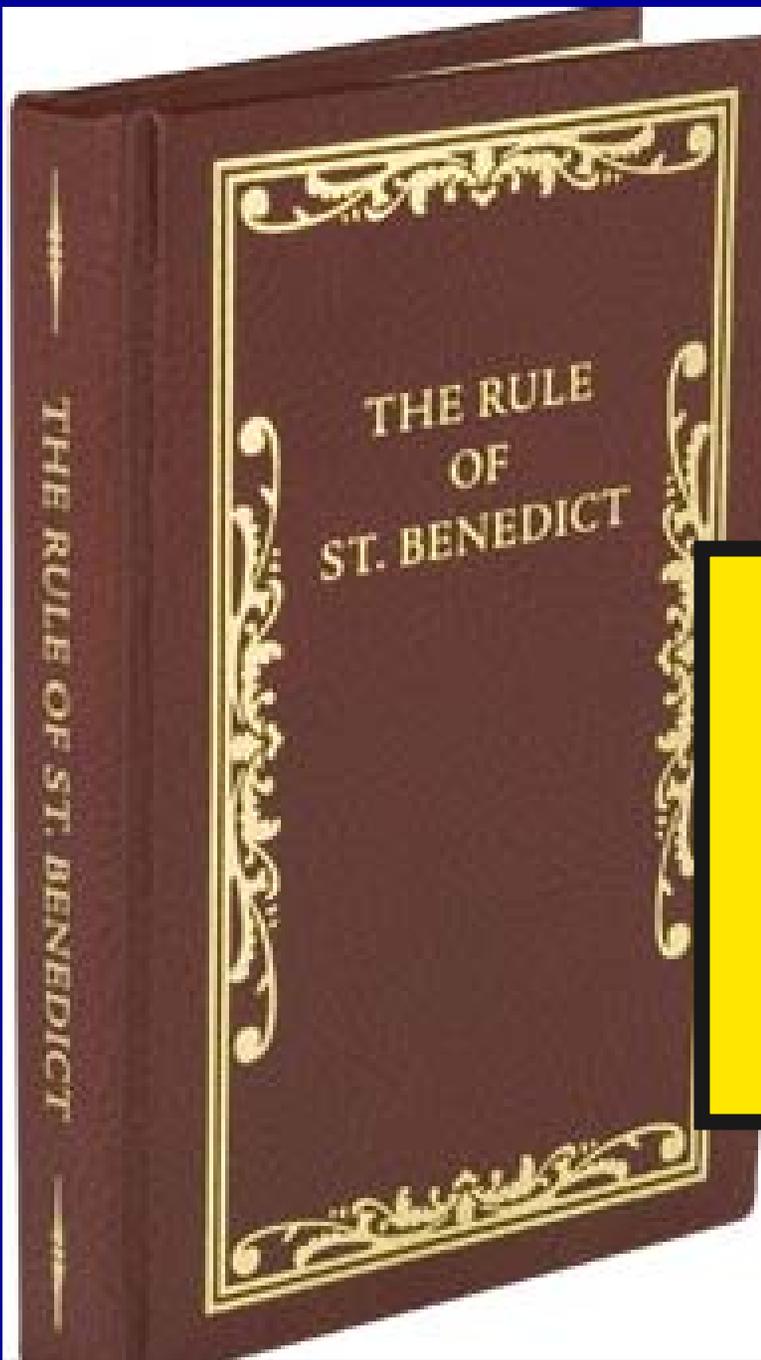
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6 - 8 hours sleep  
1/3 working  
1/3 worshipping  
1/3 studying



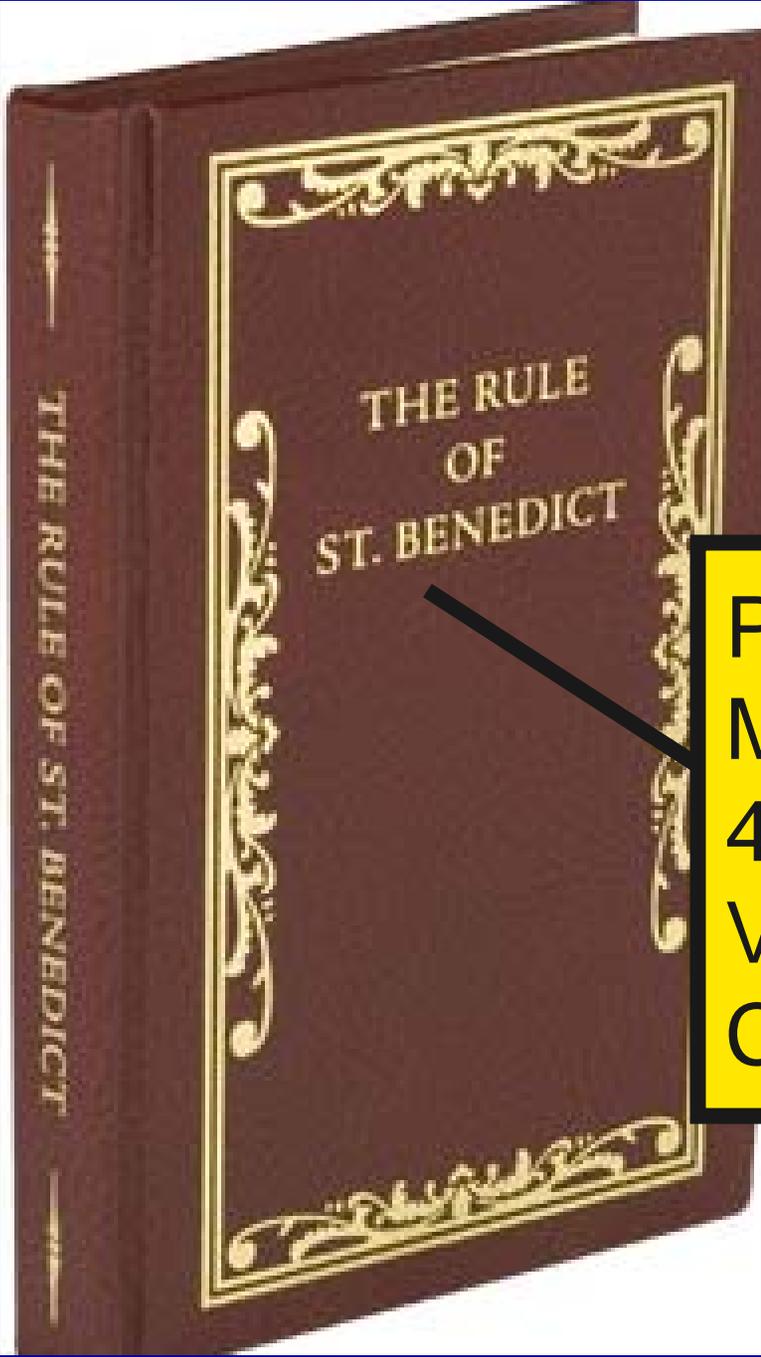
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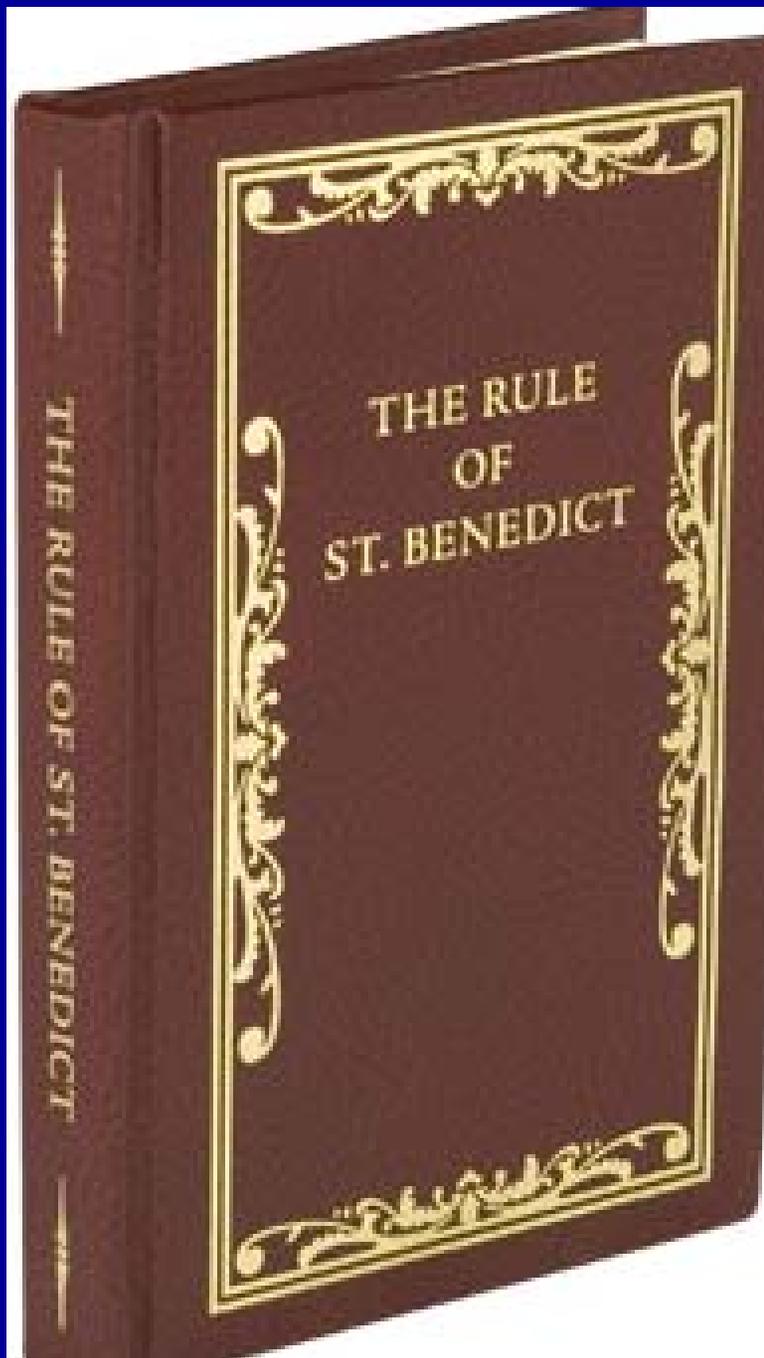
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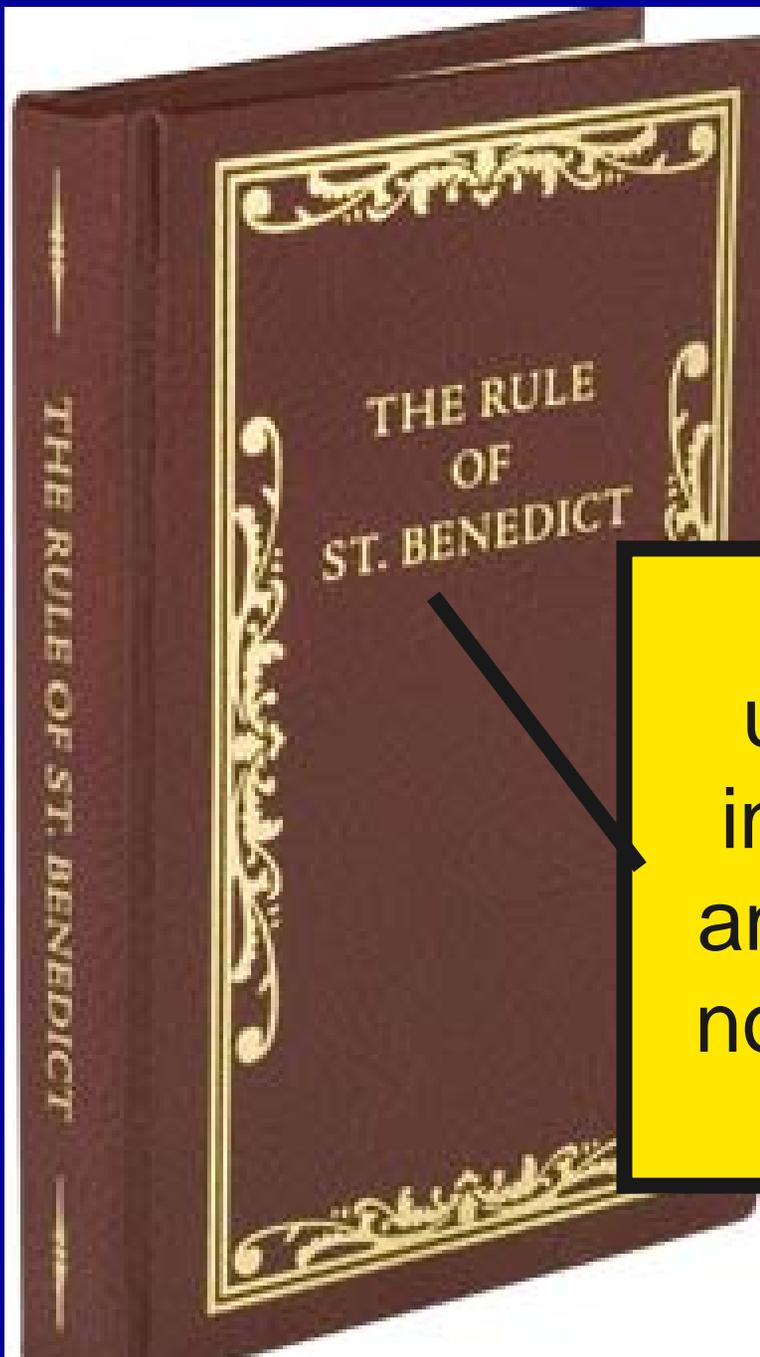


Pre-dawn Vigils  
Matins (lauds) pre-sunrise  
4 Day Hours of worship  
Vespers at sunset  
Compline at day's end

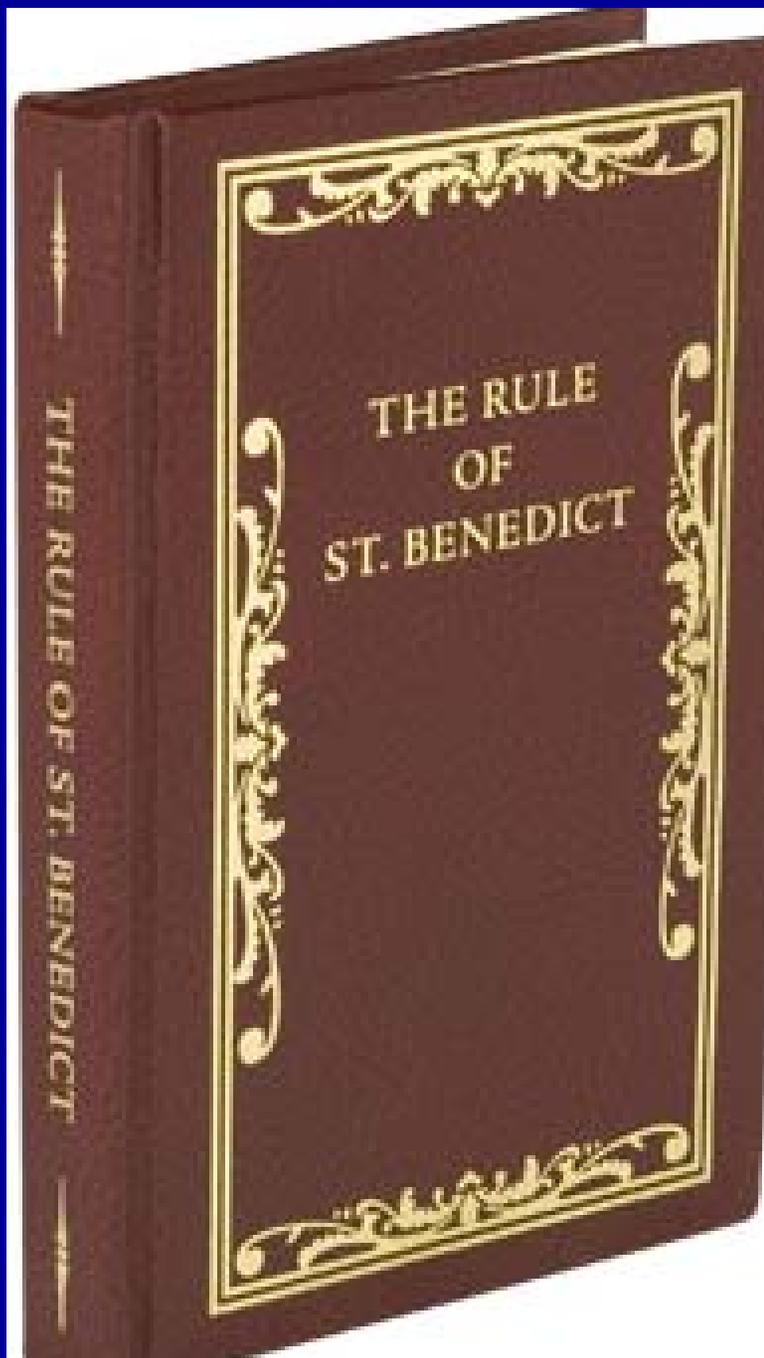


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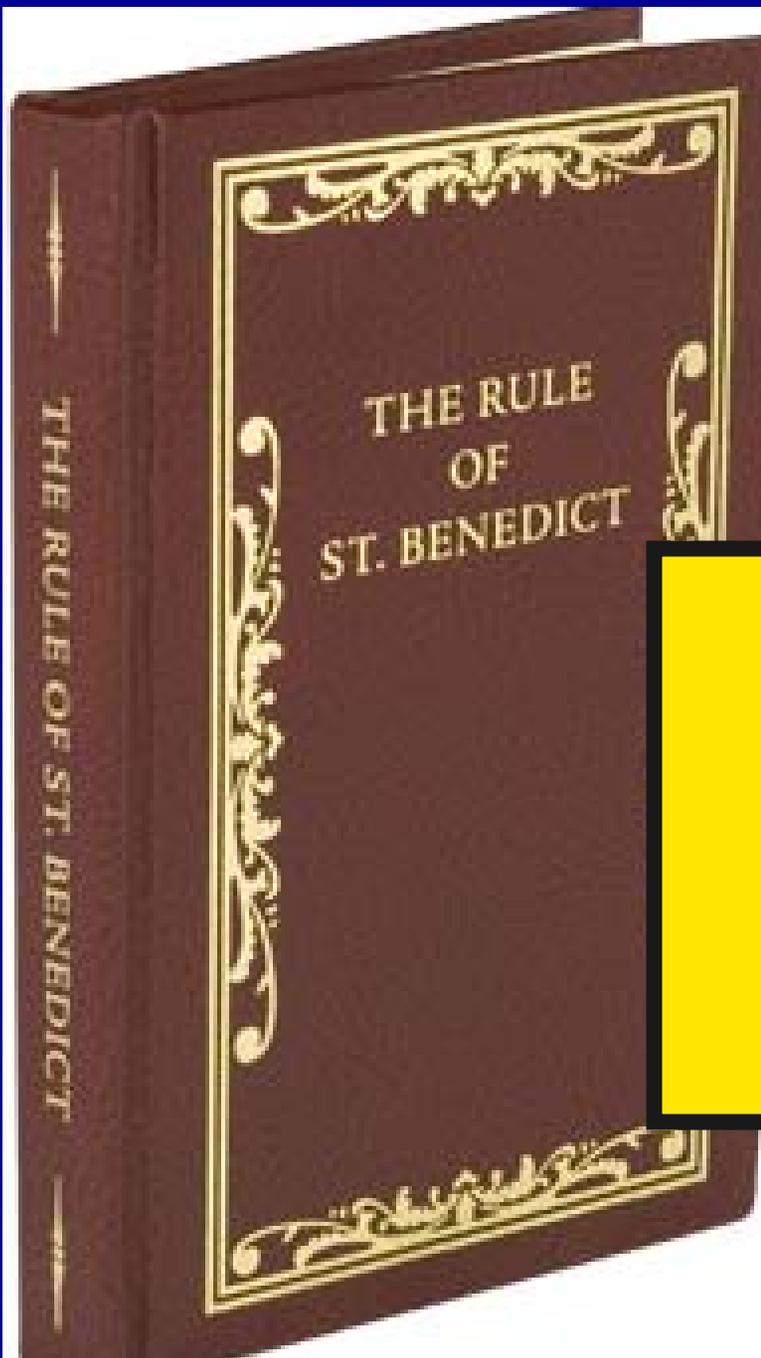
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“What page or what utterance of the divinely inspired books of the Old and the New Testament is not a most unerring rule of human life?”



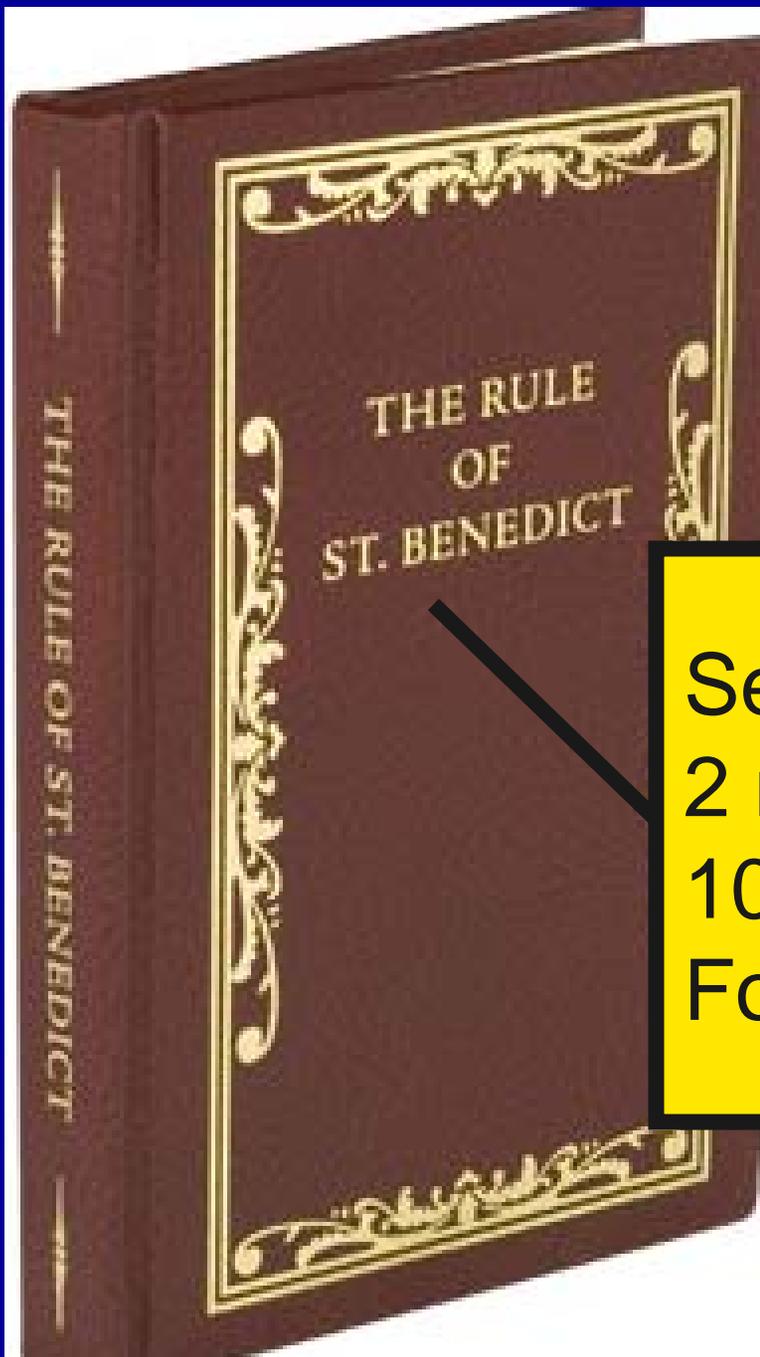
# Initiation



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Several days in guest house  
2 months in novice cells  
10 month novitiate  
Formal profession

# Points for Home

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- Our works and holiness are not our salvation. “By grace you have been saved through faith, not by works lest any man should boast.” (Eph2:8-9)

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- But our works are important. “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good.” Gal. 6:7ff

# Points for Home

- Care for the church. “The body is a unit, though made up of many parts. Its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” 1 Cor. 12:12ff

# Points for Home

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Mt 5:12-16).